



MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Feola, Fairfax, Mitchell, Cardullo and Whatley

Commissioners Absent: Johnson and Rounds

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Randy McDaniel, Interim Deputy Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Noemi Lopez, Recreation Superintendent
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Supervisor
Stephanie Gallegos, Recreation Supervisor
Ebony Perkins, Recreation Services Coordinator
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Feola called meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Resident, Scott Andrews, requested a visit to the Arlanza Garden for two trees that may need to be replaced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: DECEMBER 16, 2019

After discussion, Commission approved the minutes for the December 16, 2019, meeting as presented; except Commission Cardullo who was not present during the December meeting.

Motion: Fairfax
Second: Mitchell
Ayes: All except Cardullo
Abstain: Cardullo

Commission Whatley entered the meeting at this point, 6:35 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Commission received and approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Mitchell
Ayes: All

PRESENTATIONS

4. 2019 WINTER WONDERLAND AND EASTSIDE SNOW DAY EVENT

Director Cruz presented Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Gallegos to present the item.

Recreation Supervisor Gallegos presented the PowerPoint; and presented an Award of Recognition to Bordwell Advisory Committee and the MLK Senior Club for their partnership.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Cardullo
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

5. YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

Director Cruz presented newly promoted Recreation Superintendent Noemi Lopez to the Commissioners. She presented Recreation Supervisor Jessica Ochoa who will now lead the Youth Innovation Center; with her 20 years of recreation experience and first-hand knowledge in opening new centers and parks for the City of Riverside, Jessica was the perfect choice to lead the Youth Innovation Center. Recreation Supervisor Ochoa provided an update on personnel, partnerships and programming being finalized for the Youth Innovation Center.

Grand Opening will be Saturday, April 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Interim Deputy Director Randy McDaniel confirmed that construction is substantially complete; access, and security cameras were just completed, and furniture is coming in a few weeks.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

6. COMMISSIONER AMY CARDULLO'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2019

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commission Cardullo from the December 16, 2019, meeting since she gave plenty of notice.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

7. COMMISSIONER JENNIFER HUMPHREYS ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2019

Commissioner Jennifer Humphreys resigned from the Park and Recreation Commission on January 27, 2020, and therefore no action is required on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Feola adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.: at the Art Pick Council Chambers, located at 3900 Main street Riverside, CA 92522.