



MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, December 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Live Webcast

Commissioners Present: Chair Joseph Feola, Citywide - Ward 4
(current vacancies in Wards 5 & 6) Vice Chair Maureen Mitchell, Citywide - Ward 3
Barry Johnson, Ward 7
Amy Cardullo, Ward 3
Todd Rounds, Ward 4
Cecelia Fairfax, Ward 2

Commissioners Absent: Becky Whatley, Ward 1

Department Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Noemi Lopez, Recreation Superintendent
Gabriella Garcia, Administrative Services Manager
Ronald Profeta, Special Transit Manager
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst
Alisa Sramala Dawson, Trails Coordinator
Jordan Maus, Project Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feola called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: NOVEMBER 16, 2020

No discussion, motion made to approve the minutes for the November 16, 2020, meeting.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

Commissioners Mitchell and Fairfax joined the meeting at this point; 6:33 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

3. VERBAL UPDATES FROM DIVISION LEADS REGARDING THEIR LATEST PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMING

Director Cruz presented his Division Leads to provide an update on their respective programs and activities: Gabby Garcia, Administrative Services Manager; Noemi Lopez, Recreation Superintendent; Kyle Raphael, Parks Superintendent; Ron Profeta, Special Transit Manager; and on behalf of Randy McDaniel, he presented Jordan Maus, Project Manager and Alisa Sramala Dawson, Trails Coordinator.

Chair Mitchell asked that Commissioners be able to visit the site of the Fairmount Park improvements; let them be a voice for the community.

Trails Coordinator Sramala Dawson agreed with her suggestion.

Commissioner Rounds recommended the Department provide classes or programs to educate people on how to better their immune system; alongside the great work they are doing with blood drives and the Curative COVID testing sites.

Director Cruz confirmed they'd try to find a nutritionist to do a virtual class.

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

Motion: Johnson
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

4. ASSIGN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021, AS THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING COMBINING THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS

After discussion, motion was made to accept February 10, 2021, as the next regular meeting.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

5. COMMISSIONER BECKY WHATLEY'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020

After discussion, motion was made to excuse Commissioner Whatley from the November 16, 2020, meeting.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

Chair Feola recused himself from the next agenda item; Vice Chair Mitchell chaired Item #6.

6. CHAIR JOSEPH FEOLA'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020

After discussion, motion was made to excuse Chair Feola from the November 16, 2020, meeting.

Motion: Rounds
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Vice Chair Mitchell requested we present an item regarding Fairmount Park's current issues.

Chair Feola adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. The next virtual Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.