City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, March 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present:	Cardullo, Johnson, Fairfax, Whatley, Elliot, Humphreys and Rounds
Commissioner Absent:	Feola
Staff Present:	Robin Metz, Deputy Director Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner/Project Manager Tim Pagano, Recreation Supervisor Anthony Zamora, Community Services Supervisor Fabiola Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nikki Randolph, George Deleon and Terry Boykins, from Women Wonder Writers, extended an invitation to an event, “Halt the Assault” on April 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverside Library. The objective of this event is to bring sexual assault awareness to women and men.

La Sierra Little League President Will Barajas expressed his concerns with La Sierra Park and lack of special funding and grants. He inquired about available funds for La Sierra Park.

2. CITY CLERK TO SWEAR-IN NEWLY APPOINTED PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Newly appointed Park and Recreation Commission member for Ward 2, Cecelia Fairfax, was sworn in on March 5, 2019.

Chair Cardullo welcomed her to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Jaime Reppond withdrew from the Park and Recreation Commission; Ward 6 will be filled soon.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the January 30, 2019, meeting as presented.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Humphreys
Ayes: All except Whatley
Abstain: Whatley

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT, OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

The Commission received and approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Rounds
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

PRESENTATIONS

5. UPDATE ON THE 2018 WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT

Deputy Director Metz introduced Recreation Supervisor Tim Pagano to present the item.

Recreation Supervisor Pagano presented the 2018 Winter Wonderland Event PowerPoint. He also presented a recognition to Arlington Business Partnership for their contributions to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

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

Motion: Humphreys
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

6. UPDATE ON THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FRIENDLY STARS PROGRAM

Deputy Director Metz introduced Community Services Supervisor Anthony Zamora to present the item.

Community Services Supervisor Zamora presented the Friendly Stars Program PowerPoint.

Commissioner Whatley mentioned her gratitude to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for all the work.

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Elliot
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

After discussion, Commissioners requested to move item to the April 15 Commission meeting due to Commissioner Feola being absent.

8. UPDATE ON THE PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Principal Park Planner McDaniel confirmed that consultants from RJM have provided an updated draft and executive summary of the entire master plan, a total of 600 pages. When plan is completed a staff report will be presented to Commission.

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

Motion: Rounds
Second: Elliot
Ayes: All

9. UPDATE ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

Principal Park Planner McDaniel confirmed that construction has been delayed due to the rain; however, they are still looking to open by the end of summer 2019. Contractor is working hard to put project back to a workable stage.

Deputy Director Metz presented on the programming end. Recreation Supervisor Noemi Lopez has been working with vendors, groups, and non-profits on the curriculum programming section of the Youth Innovation Center. She has also met with the City Manager's Office to secure additional funding for the Youth Innovation Center. The Youth Innovation Center has the URL up and running, www.youthinnovationcenter.org. The website will contain construction progress, future programs, instructor/volunteer recruitment, facility layout and equipment. The logo for the Youth Innovation Center has been designed, however there are mixed feelings on the way, redesign of the logo is in the works.

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

Motion: Johnson
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

10. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER REBECCA WHATLEY'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 30, 2019, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commissioner Rebecca Whatley's absence.

Motion: Humphreys
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

11. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER LUZ NEGRON'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 30, 2019, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commissioner Luz Negron's absence.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Humphreys
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commissioner Johnson mentioned his gratitude for Park Superintendent Andy Emery and how great his retirement celebration was.

Chair Cardullo mentioned she attended the groundbreaking of the Main Library.

Deputy Director Metz announced the release of the Activity Guide during the first week of April.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel extended an invitation to all Commissioners to attend any Proposition 68 grant community meeting. He mentioned he will have all notifications sent directly to each Commissioner.

Deputy Director Metz presented an award to former Commissioner, Luz Negron, for her 6 years of service to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Former Commissioner Luz Negron gave thanks to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for all the good memories.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cardullo adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:14 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.