



MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, November 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Live Webcast

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

Commissioners Absent: Chair Joseph Feola, Citywide - Ward 4
Becky Whatley, Ward 1

Department Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Randy McDaniel, Deputy Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Noemi Lopez, Recreation Superintendent
Ronald Profeta, Special Transit Manager
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst
Alisa Sramala-Dawson, Trails Coordinator
Stephanie Gallegos, Recreation Supervisor

City Staff Present: Robert Filiar, Urban Forester

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mitchell called meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: OCTOBER 19, 2020

No discussion, motion made to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2020, meeting.

Motion: Cardullo

Second: Rounds

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 2020

Vice Chair Mitchell inquired about the water shut off on Victoria Ave during the month of August and inquired about the state of the plants.

Urban Forester Filiar confirmed that water was shut off due to several stolen backflows during the summer; as weather permits, plants and roses are being replanted.

After discussion, the Commission received and approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Rounds
Second: Johnson

PRESENTATIONS

4. TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Deputy Director McDaniel presented Trails Coordinator, Alisa Sramala-Dawson; and Consultant, James Powell, from Alta Planning + Design. Deputy Director McDaniel emphasized the month of March was supposed to be the month of public meetings and input; the pandemic caused a complete shift in public interactions. Astonishingly, the virtual platform provided access to a larger population and permitted for larger input. Deputy Director McDaniel also stated that Trails is Top 3 of the Park Master Plan.

Trails Coordinator Sramala-Dawson introduced the PowerPoint presentation and PACT (**P**edestrian Target Safeguarding, **A**ctive Transportation, **C**omplete Street Ordinance, **T**rails Master Plan).

Consultant Powell emphasized the overwhelming public response was great feedback and completed the PowerPoint presentation.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Rounds

5. RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Deputy Director McDaniel presented Riverside Community Services Foundation (Foundation) President, Deborah Macias.

President Macias provided a verbal update; indicating the Foundation is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) whose main goal is to help raise money so the Department can carry out their mission and goals. President Macias' goal is to have the Commission and Foundation work together to assist the Department.

Information regarding the Foundation can be found at www.riversidecommunityservicesfoundation.org

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

Motion: Cardullo

Second: Johnson

6. 2020 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS AND COVID RESPONSE PRESENTATION

Director Cruz presented Recreation Superintendent Noemi Lopez and Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Gallegos to present the update and video.

Vice Chair Mitchell thanked the Department for their continuous dedication and innovative ways in being engaged with the communities.

Director Cruz stated he's very proud of all the work Staff has done.

Vice Chair Mitchell inquired about the Department's staffing levels and status.

Director Cruz confirmed all benefitted Staff have returned to work. Currently, about 30 part-time employees are working due to the limited in-person programming the Department is offering.

Commissioner Rounds praised Staff on their jobs well done.

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

Motion: Rounds

Second: Fairfax

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

Vice Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The next virtual Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020.