



**MINUTES**  
**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, October 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall  
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522  
Virtual Meeting – Live Webcast

Commissioners Present: Chair Joseph Feola, Citywide - Ward 4  
Vice-Chair Nathan Iverson, Ward 5  
Matt Friedlander, Ward 4  
Rakel Engles, Ward 7  
Daniel Jester, Ward 1  
Cecelia Fairfax, Ward 2  
Patrick Taber, Citywide - Ward 4  
Amy Cardullo, Ward 3  
Arthur Santore, Ward 6

Department Staff Present: Noemi Lopez, Interim Deputy Director  
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent  
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst  
Jordan Maus, Project Manager

City Staff Present: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA OR ANY MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CAN BE SUBMITTED BY eCOMMENT AT [WWW.RIVERSIDECA.GOV/MEETING](http://WWW.RIVERSIDECA.GOV/MEETING) OR VIA EMAIL [PARKS@RIVERSIDECA.GOV](mailto:PARKS@RIVERSIDECA.GOV) UNTIL TWO HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING.**

Resident Kevin Dawson, with Friends of Riverside Hills, informed the Commission about the gifted land to City of Riverside residents, which isn't being used appropriately. There is currently a new warehouse construction project near Columbia and Michigan that is blocking access to the trails and open space.

*Vice-Chair Iverson entered the meeting at this point, at 6:33 p.m.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: JULY 19, 2021**

No discussion, a motion was made to approve the minutes for the July 19, 2021, meeting.

Motion: Friedlander  
Second: Fairfax  
Ayes: All

**PRESENTATION****3. BROWN ACT PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

City Attorney Norton gave a presentation regarding the Brown Act Law.

Commissioner Jester asked for clarification regarding the criminal violation section.

City Attorney Norton clarified that criminal violations must be done with intent. She asked that Commissioners think about their actions from the point of view of the residents.

Commissioner Jester requested clarification on a commissioner's request to have items be agendized.

City Attorney Norton confirmed that items can be requested at any time to be agendized; no dialogue can be made at the time of the request.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept City Attorney's report as presented with a full understanding of the Brown Act Law.

Motion: Jester  
Second: Cardullo  
Ayes: All

**4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: STATUS FROM JANUARY 2021 THROUGH CURRENT**

Interim Deputy Director Lopez presented Project Manager Jordan Maus to present a PowerPoint.

Commissioner Santore asked if the project would adjust the current water flows.

Project Manager Maus clarified that the FEMA project won't necessarily fix and re-direct all water flows, but it will make the current directions flow better.

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

Motion: Cardullo  
Second: Engles

Ayes: All

## **DISCUSSION**

### **5. UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION (WEED ABATEMENT) PROGRAM**

Interim Deputy Director Lopez presented Park Superintendent Raphael to discuss the fire prevention program.

Commissioner Jester asked if CalFIRE would resume its services soon.

Park Superintendent Raphael confirmed he received an email from Fire Battalion Chief Wright, and he confirmed that their crews went from four down to two; he anticipates the program will be eliminated.

Commissioner Friedlander inquired about the private landowners and their expectations to contain the weeds.

Park Superintendent Raphael confirmed that communication is constant with the landowners; if ever there are concerns then Code Enforcement Division gets involved.

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

Motion: Jester  
Second: Cardullo  
Ayes: All

### **6. BOURNS FAMILY YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER UPDATE**

Interim Deputy Director Lopez gave a brief update on the Youth Innovation Center.

Commissioner Cardullo mentioned she attended the Grand Opening and was especially impressed with the equipment.

Commissioner Friedlander mentioned he attended the Grand Opening and was wowed by the entire event.

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

Motion: Cardullo  
Second: Jester  
Ayes: All

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

Chair Feola adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.