

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
PARKS, WELLNESS & RECREATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**February 9, 2021
ZOOM MEETING STREAMED ON YOUTUBE**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PARKS, WELLNESS & RECREATION COMMISSION. VIDEO AND AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING AT: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityOfSanFernando>.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Sandie Richards called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and conducted the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Chair Sandie Richards
Vice Chair Joe Ponce
Commissioner Jason Hayes

ABSENT: Commissioner Nina Herrera
Commissioner Saydith Navarro

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Recreation and Community
Services Department, Julian Venegas
Admin. Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner J. Ponce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner J. Hayes motioned to approve the agenda for the February 9, 2021 Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting. Commissioner J. Ponce seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: S. Richards, J. Hayes, J. Ponce

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Herrera, S. Navarro

ABSTAIN:

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None.

CULTURAL ARTS LIASON REPORT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner J. Hayes motioned to table the minutes for the January 12, 2021, Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in March. Commissioner J. Ponce seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: S. Richards, J. Ponce, J. Hayes,

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Herrera, S. Navarro,

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF ART MURALS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

J. Venegas presented an agenda report to the Commission with the recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Committee composed of two Commissioners and the Cultural Arts Liaisons for reviewing of art mural permit applications.

Commissioner S. Richards recommended to table this item to next month as tonight’s meeting is a smaller cohort. Commissioner J. Hayes and Commissioner J. Ponce concurred given the potential for restructuring of the Commission.

Commissioner J. Ponce motioned to table the item on creating an Ad Hoc Committee for the the Approval of Art Murals to next month. Commissioner J. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: S. Richards, J. Ponce, J. Hayes,

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Herrera, S. Navarro,

ABSTAIN:

2. SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECRUITMENT

J. Venegas presented the Commission an agenda report recommending that the recruitment of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board membership be tabled until in-person senior programming is brought back and facilities are open to the public.

Commissioner J. Hayes moved to table the item on Senior Citizen Advisory Board Recruitment until senior programming is brought back and centers are open to actively recruit from senior program participants.

AYES: S. Richards, J. Ponce, J. Hayes

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Herrera, S. Navarro

ABSTAIN:

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION SPP GRANT –

J. Venegas reported that staff is continuing to gather feedback from stakeholders, partners, and residents on their park needs to incorporate into the three applications for the SPP Grant due March 12, 2021.

2. VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING –J. Venegas provided an update on virtual programming the Department continues to offer such as senior craft activities, senior bingo, senior loteria and much more. In addition, a Pen Pal Program continues to connect seniors and a virtual Parent & Me Painting class is planned for the end of the month. Registration and additional program information is available online or by calling Las Palmas Park at (818) 898-7340.

Additional virtual programs such as Senior Zumba, health and wellness videos, and the MMAP classes are continuing via Zoom. All information and registration for programs and activities are available on the City Website.

3. COMMUNITY THEATRE PROGRAM – J. Venegas reported that applications to serve on the board were sent out to invite interested parties. The response has been slow. Staff will put out a press release in the local paper and the Department’s social media page to open recruitment for the board. Commissioner J. Hayes suggested reaching out to the mailing list to schedule a meeting, to encourage participation, and to offer the opportunity to nominate someone. Anyone interested can email J. Venegas at jvenegas@sfcity.org or Commissioner J. Hayes at jhayes@sfcity.org .

4. DEPARTMENT’S REPONSE TO COVID-19–J. Venegas reported that Round 4 of the Residential Food Program will be tentatively held on February 20th. This program provides non-perishable food items and PPE to San Fernando households. Registration is required.

Staff continues to work with LAFD in hosting a Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination hub at

Recreation Park. Individuals must register online. Information can be found on the City website at www.sfcity.org.

5. **LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**—J. Venegas reported that Council has selected *MIG* as the consulting firm to design this project. Staff is working to select an NGO to assist with the community engagement phase.

6. **YOUTH REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM (TUTCINT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM)** – Per J. Venegas, this program is working on its third cohort with enrollment of 28 youths. The program consists of tutoring, cultural programming, workshops, and case management. Approximately 135 families were served in the month of January. Anyone interested in this program can gather more information on the City website.

STAFF COMMUNICATON

Staff informed the Commission that MEND is offering to deliver essentials such as food and PPE kits to those who are in isolation or quarantine due to Covid. See flyer for details.

Staff also informed the Commission about the *Parent and Me Painting* virtual activity. There are a few spaces left for registration. Please visit the City website or call (818) 898-7340 for information.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner J. Hayes thanked everyone for participating in tonight’s meeting. He also addressed a request to remove a virtual background he has used at Commission meetings since June of 2020. Commissioner Hayes wanted to clarify that he proudly serves all of the City of San Fernando. The image he selected back in June was a concerted effort to show all the community, especially underrepresented residents, they are seen, heard and represented. Anyone who has any questions or concerns may contact Commissioner Hayes directly at jhayes@sfcity.org.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner J. Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Commissioner J. Ponce seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

- AYES: S. Richards, J. Hayes, J. Ponce
- NOES:
- ABSENT: N. Herrera, S. Navarro
- ABSTAIN: