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PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 – 6:30 PM

TELECONFERENCE – PER GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that the San Fernando Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission will participate in meetings telephonically.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- 1. WATCH THE MEETING:** Pursuant to the Executive Order and given the current health concerns, members of the public can access meetings live on-line, with audio and video via YouTube Live, at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityOfSanFernando>
- 2. SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT VIA EMAIL:** Members of the public may submit comments by email to LMoreno@sfcity.org no later than **4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting**, to ensure distribution to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission prior to consideration of the agenda. Comments received via email will be distributed to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission, read into the record, limited to three minutes, and made part of the official public record of the meeting.
- 3. CALL-IN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT LIVE AT THE MEETING:** Members of the Public may **call-in between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.** Comments will be heard in the order received, and limited to three minutes. If necessary, the call-in period may be extended by the Chair.

Call-in Telephone Number: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 986 1620 1615

Passcode: 988843

When connecting to the Zoom meeting to speak, you will be placed in a virtual “waiting area,” with your audio disabled, until it is your turn to speak and limited to three minutes.
Note: This is audio only and no video.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Jason Hayes
Vice-Chair Vacant
Commissioner Nina Herrera
Commissioner Joe Ponce
Commissioner Vacant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Jason Hayes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECORUM AND ORDER

City Commissioners are appointed by City Council and must be free to discuss issues confronting the city in an orderly environment. Public members attending City Commission meetings shall observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to the City Council ([SF Procedural Manual](#)). Any person making impertinent derogatory or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing a City Commission or while attending a City Commission meeting, may be removed from the room if the Presiding Officer so directs the Sergeant-At-Arms and such person may be barred from further audience before the City Commission.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

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SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

CULTURAL ARTS LIAISONS REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be disposed of by a single motion to adopt staff recommendation. If the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission wishes to discuss any item, it should first be removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 1. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2021, PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAN FERNANDO MESOAMERICAN BALLGAME ASSOCIATION**

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

- 3. VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING**
- 4. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**
- 5. REOPENING EFFORTS**
- 6. LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**
- 7. TUTCINT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**
- 8. COMMUNITY THEATRE PROGRAM**

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Linda Bowden-Moreno, Administrative Assistant

Signed and Posted: September 9, 2021 (5:00 pm)

Agendas and complete Agenda Packets (including staff reports and exhibits related to each item) are posted on the City's Internet Web site (www.sfcity.org). These are also available for public reviewing prior to a meeting at the Recreation and Community Services Department Public Counter. Any public writings distributed by the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission to at least a majority of the Commissioners regarding any item on this regular meeting agenda will also be made available at the Recreation and Community Services Department Public Counter located at 208 Park Avenue, San Fernando, CA, 91340 during normal business hours. In addition, the City may also post such documents on the City's Web Site at www.sfcity.org. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification/accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services please call the Recreation and Community Services Department Office at (818) 898-1290 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

To: Chair Jason Hayes and Commissioners

From: Julian J. Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services
By: RCS Staff

Date: September 14, 2021

Subject: Discussion Regarding the San Fernando Valley Mesoamerican Ballgame Association

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Discuss the San Fernando Valley Mesoamerican Ballgame Association's potential collaboration with the Department of Recreation and Community Services; and
- b. Provide staff guidance or recommendations, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

1. On June 20, 2019, The San Fernando Valley Mesoamerican Ballgame Association was inducted into the California Delegation of Mesoamerican Ballgame Association and in turn became part of the international Asociación de Juego de Pelota Mesoamericano or AJUPEME. Mr. Raul Herrera was appointed the California State Delegate and was named Vice-President of AJUPEME USA.
2. Between May 2019 and August 2020, Mr. Herrera has promoted the Mesoamerican Ballgame sport known as ULAMA by participating in tournaments, cultural workshops and demonstrations. At the Belize International Tournament, the San Fernando/California Delegation placed third. Mr. Herrera has been recognized at the state, local and tribal level of government for his activism and promotion of the game.

ANALYSIS:

The objective of the San Fernando Valley Mesoamerican Ballgame Association (SFVMBA) is to preserve and demonstrate the rich and traditional ancestral sport of ULAMA. The game still thrives in the United States and is culturally relevant to the many Latin-American and Native American decedents living in the San Fernando Valley.

The game is offered to all age groups and can be played by women, children and men. SFVMBA offers four categories of play. There are separate teams for men, women, teens and children in the San Fernando Delegation. Pre-Covid-19, SFVMBA would practice at Las Palmas Park in the gym or an open space as long as the area is not occupied by a Department activity or permitted for a private party use. League play or an ULAMA tournament has never been hosted in the City as there is no designated area that can accommodate for play, and currently no use agreement exists between the City and SFVMBA.

SFVMBA wishes to engage the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission members in a discussion regarding the feasibility of establishing a home court in a park or open space within the boundaries of the City of San Fernando. A home court would involve building a playing court that can accommodate the levels of play of all four team categories. The design and materials of the court would be consistent with courts throughout Latin American.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact for discussing a potential collaboration with SFVMBA. However, neither the Commission nor any person connected with the Commission shall incur any financial liability in the name of the City.

Any projects, programs special events or cultural activity recommended to City Council shall be accompanied by identified outside funds subject to City Council approval for implementing the Commission's recommendation.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission discuss a potential collaboration with the San Fernando Valley Mesoamerican Ballgame Association and provide staff guidance or recommendations, as appropriate.

To: Chair Jason Hayes and Commissioners

From: Julian J. Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services
By: RCS Staff

Date: September 14, 2021

Subject: Department Programming, Services, Activity and Business Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Receive and file a report updating the programs, services, activity, and business conducted by the Recreation and Community Services Department; and
- b. Provide staff guidance or recommendations, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

1. The mission of the Recreation and Community Services Department (RCS) is to develop and implement enriching community, cultural and recreational opportunities that foster the overall well-being and personal development of our community.
2. The Department conducts a wide array of programs, services, activities, and business throughout the year. Staff provides a monthly update on items discussed at the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission (PWRC) meetings and welcomes any guidance or recommendations regarding the items presented.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:Virtual Programming

Although the public can access virtual programming on the Department's webpage, staff is slowly transitioning to in-person programming. Since mid-June, the Department started offering limited in-person activities such as Senior Crafts, bingo, and *Parent and Me* classes. All programming adheres to the LA County Department of Public Health protocols to safeguard participants.

Department's Response to Covid-19

The Department's involvement and response to the Covid-19 mitigating measures include:

- A collaboration with Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) is currently providing Covid-19 testing and Vaccinations at Recreation Park. CORE's hours of operates are:
 - Monday-Wednesday 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 - Thursday-Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- The Angeles Regional Food Bank provides free food kits containing nutritious items such as meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, and grains. The distribution was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at Las Palmas Park. The program serves seniors age 60 and over. The program serves an average of 150 seniors monthly. For more information on food assistance programs please contact Las Palmas Park at 818-898-7340.

Reopening Efforts

The RCS Department will slowly re-open amenities, park areas, and recreation programs and services, based on the reopening protocols set by the County of Los Angeles and health guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, as it is the top priority for RCS to take precautions to ensure the health and safety of park guests, visitors, program participants, team members, and the Community.

Outdoor Programs:

- 3 WINS FITNESS Senior Fitness
- Tennis
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Baseball
- Sports Clinics – Soccer
- Movies In the Park
- Walkable Wednesdays

Limited Indoor Programs:

- Parent and Me workshops
- Lopez Adobe Reopening
- Las Palmas Golden fun League
- Senior Craft Program

More information and registration can be access by visiting the Department's webpage at: [SFCITY.ORG/SFRecreation](https://www.sfcity.org/SFRecreation).

Layne Park Revitalization Project

MIG the design firm submitted a rough draft of the project design and is waiting on the City's input before moving forward. The design incorporates the feedback gathered from the residents who participated in the community workshop meetings held between April 21, 2021, and June 3, 2021. The next phase of the project is for staff to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids for the construction of the project, once the final design is approved by the City.

Tutčint Youth Empowerment

- Cohort 5 began on September 9, 2021 and ends in February of 2022.
- All programming will be online due to the rise in Covid variants. However, Tutčint will still schedule Saturday recreational activities that will be conducted outdoors.
- On the fourth Sunday of every month, Tutčint staff and participants will be at Rancho Camulos Museum in Fillmore to rebuild and repair the Tataviam Interpretive Village. Work on the village is expected to be completed in December of 2021.
- Cultural/Community engagement and outdoor activities such as trips to California State Parks, Beaches, and Recreational Areas. See our website for more information, and to submit an online referral at: <https://www.pukuu.org/tutcint/>

Community Theatre Program

A meeting will be set soon to revitalize interest in the program. The main focus at the moment is how to recruit participants for the program. Ideas will be presented at the September 14, 2021 Commission meeting.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The programs, services, activity, and business updates in this report are part of the Department's work plan and funds have been allocated for such in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission receive and file the Department update report and provide any guidance or recommendations as appropriate.