

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

**February 8, 2022
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 Jason Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Chair Jason Hayes
Vice Chair Joe Ponce
Commissioner Nina Herrera

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Recreation and Community Services
Director, Julian Venegas
Recreation Supervisor, Maribel Perez
Admin. Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jason Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair J. Hayes entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the February 8, 2022 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting with the following correction: Approval of minutes for September 21, 2021 and September 27, 2021.

Commissioner J. Ponce motioned to approve the agenda with the correction. Commissioner N. Herrera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements

CULTURAL ARTS LIASON REPORT

No update at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner J. Ponce motioned to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2021 and September 27, 2021, Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission meetings. Commissioner N. Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: J. Hayes, N. Herrera, J. Ponce

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ART MURAL PERMIT 2021-211** – The Mural Ad Hoc Committee met on January 6, 2022 to review Art Mural Permit Application No. 2021-211. The Ad Hoc had specific questions regarding the mural, which would require an additional meeting with the artist to provide clarification. A second meeting has not been held, therefor, the Ad Hoc does not have a recommendation on the application at this time. The PWR Commission recommends meeting with the applicant and artist in order to clarify specific questions. RCS Director, J. Venegas will meet with the Ad Hoc to discuss the mural application process.

Commissioner N. Herrera motioned to table consideration to approve Art Mural Permit PR 2021-211, until the next Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner J. Ponce seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: J. Hayes, N. Herrera, J. Ponce

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

2. **DEPARTMENT’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**– Programming such as Senior Club dances, fitness classes, sports, etc. has resumed slowly. The Department has transitioned to in-person activities. LAFD and CORE continue to offer Covid-19 testing/vaccinations and wellness checks at Recreation Park. Appointments are not required. The City continues partnerships to host pop-up vaccination/booster clinics. The LA Food Bank continues to distribute drive-through food kits on the first Monday of each month, except holidays, for seniors age 60 and over. This program serves approximately 150 seniors monthly.
3. **REOPENING EFFORTS**– Recreation Supervisor, M. Perez, reported that the Department’s sports programs such as clinics, youth sports, and the indoor youth basketball program have resumed with safety protocols in place. The Mission City Baseball program will begin on March 5, 2022. The soccer program will be temporarily moved to Pioneer Park due to field closures at Recreation Park. Fitness and leisure classes, such as Total Body Conditioning, Jive and Zumba, have resumed. Karate and Art of Nature classes are now available. Information on all programs and activities is available on the City website. Commissioner J. Ponce commented that he is glad to see in-person activities resume. Chair J. Hayes reported that the vaccine site at Recreation Park has been a great resource to the Community. He also inquired about the field closure at Recreation Park. Staff informed the Commission that the infiltration project to capture storm water runoff at Recreation Park is set to begin in April. Sports and programs that require use of the fields will be moved during the completion of the project.
4. **LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**–J. Venegas reported that the renovation project is in the design phase. Once the design is finalized and approved by City Council, an RFP will go out to begin the construction phase on this project.
5. **TUTCINT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM** –
J. Venegas reported that Tutcint is on the third year of the grant for this program. A culmination ceremony is coming up this Saturday, February 12th. This program has been conducted virtually but will return to in-person beginning in early March. Anyone interested in this program can obtain more details on the City website.

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair J. Hayes would like to remind Councilmembers to need to appoint commissioners to this body if they have not already done so.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Staff reported that senior trips are back. Some of the trips coming up include Catalina Island, Morongo Casino, Old Town San Diego, and a Dodger Home Game. Senior Club dances have also

resumed.

Staff reported that a CSUN intern is assisting with the Lopez Adobe House. There are plans to set up a research library. The first step is go through the inventory of items currently stored at the Lopez Adobe and at Las Palmas Park.

J. Venegas announced that the traditional 5K Run will transition to a one mile run along Maclay Street, between Eight Street and Fourth Street. The event will also include Dia de Los Muertos. In partnership with Anthem, training for the run will be offered throughout the year.

The City was recently awarded a \$4.2 million dollar grant to renovate Las Palmas Park. Community meetings will be planned to seek input from the community. Additional funding has been received to renovate the tot-lot at Pioneer Park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Commissioner J. Ponce motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner N. Herrera seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.