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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

EDUCATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 – 4:30 PM *REVISED*

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340

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Passcode: 071322

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Nicole Mohr
Vice-Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez
Commissioner David Govea
Commissioner Olivia Robledo
Commissioner Laurel Rodriguez

TELECONFERENCE REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE

Recommend consideration of requests received for remote teleconference meeting participation made by members of the City’s legislative bodies, as permitted under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, Government Code Section 54953, and the City of San Fernando adopted Resolution No. 8215, effective March 1, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommend that the Education Commission approve the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION BY MARIA FLORES, REPRESENTING KELLY GONEZ, LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

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DECORUM AND ORDER

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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 Education Commission wishes to discuss any item, it should first be removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR**
 - a. March 28, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE MAY 2023 STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

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Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss and select student nominees for the May 2023 Student of the Month for the theme of “Academic Achievement”; and
- b. Select an Education Commission representative to present the award at a future City Council meeting; and

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the Student Scholarship Program; and
- b. Discuss the scholarship recognition event.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE GRADUATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the Graduate Recognition Program.

5) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TEACHER’S SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

Recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss resuming the Teacher’s Spotlight Program.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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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.

Maria Calleros,

Executive Assistant

Signed and Posted: March 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

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MINUTES**

**March 28, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, Ca 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Nicole Mohr called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Nicole Mohr, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Commissioner David Govea, Commissioner Olivia Robledo, and Commissioner Laurel Rodriguez

Staff: Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas, Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, and RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Commissioner David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

- a. February 28, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to approve the consent calendar. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) Discussion and Selection of the April 2023 Student of the Month

Commissioner Govea informed the commission that there is no student of the month for the month of April. He will be pushing for the final student of the month nominations in May. Chair Mohr added that she would like to push for teacher spotlight for the month of May and will send out that form next week.

3) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

At this time the commission discussed merits of all scholarship categories. The commission unanimously decided on the following recipients:

- Gerry's Kids- GK04-\$1,250
Alternate- GK05
- Republic Services Cesar Chavez Scholarship- RSCC06- \$1,000
Alternate- RSCCS05
- Future Filmmakers- FF01- \$1,000
Alternate- FF04
- Pahola Mascorro- Why Not You?- PMWNY01-\$500
- Unheard Voices- UV01- \$500
- Environmental Sustainability- ES02- \$500
Alternate- ES01
- Gabriel Fernandez- GF16- \$300
GF17- \$300
- Elias Rodriguez- ER13- \$500
ER09- \$250
ER08- \$250

Chair Mohr motioned to reconsider the vote for Gabriel Fernandez in order to award ES13 the highest scholarship amount of \$500. All commissioners voted in favor awarding the runner up,

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GF17 the \$300 scholarship amount. Chair Mohr motioned to award \$500 to ER13, seconded by Commissioner Robledo.

The commission discussed a date and time for the scholarship ceremony. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez recommended Tuesday, May 23rd at the Rudy Ortega Park Tea House. The commission agreed to keep to the regularly scheduled commission meeting on Tuesday, May 30th to debrief. Chair Mohr motioned that the AD HOC for the scholarship award celebration be assigned to Commissioner Govea and Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez. By consensus, the motion carried. Other details were discussed at this time such as; colors, press release and media coverage. AD HOC decisions will be discussed in the weeks to come.

4) Discussion Regarding the Graduate Recognition Program

Mr. Venegas presented the commission with a sample banner application. He reviewed banner requirements and fees. All applications will be submitted to Juan Salas by April 1st or April 3rd. Mr. Venegas also added that a digital form is currently in the works as well as online payment on MyRec.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez asked Mr. Venegas if college grad students are eligible for this program. He recommended that the program be open to high school and college seniors only. However, if a demand is made for grad students, the request will be revisited next posting cycle. The commission discussed banner layout details and also suggested that a copy of parent or student legal ID be included upon application submission.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez commented on the scholarship essays. She expressed that it provided a glimpse into students' lives and the effects of COVID.

Commissioner Govea commented on the LAUSD labor negotiation strike that occurred this month. He expressed that it was great to see LAUSD and SEIU come to an agreement.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez thanked Mrs. Calleros and staff on organizing the scholarship essays. She also requested to add the teacher spotlight to the April agenda.

Chair Mohr gave a public thank you to all students that applied. She encouraged students to keep trying and to refine their essay skills. She also added that CSUN and Los Angeles Mission College offer scholarships to incoming students.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Executive Assistant Calleros shared that Let's Talk Trees Growing in the Urban Village event will be taking place at IBW Union Hall in San Fernando on Wednesday, March 29th at 1pm. There

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will also be a second event hosted at San Fernando Rec Park on Saturday, April 1st from 11am-12pm. Both events are sponsored by Tree People, Cal Fire, and the City of San Fernando. She also shared that the Spring Jamboree will be taking place on Saturday, April 8th from 10am-1pm at Las Palmas Park. Registration is now open for youth basketball set to begin in June. Adult basketball league is back starting this Wednesday at Rec. Park. The summer day camp program will be taking place from June 20th-August 11th. The CIT program is now taking applications. The CIT program is for youth that have aged out of summer camp (ages 14-17). Those who are interested are encouraged to call Rec. Park for more information.

Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas shared information on the Vet in the Park event. This event partnered with L.A. County Animal Care, will be taking place on Sunday, May 7th from 9am-1pm at Rudy Ortega Park. This event is open to all and will be providing free exams for pets along with flea cleaning, deworming, license renewal, and free microchipping. Mr. Venegas also updated the commission on the Nature Discovery Camp. A flier now available and will start promoting next month.

ADJOURNMENT (6:47 p.m.)

To: Chair Nicole Mohr and Education Commissioners

From: Julian Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Discussion and Selection of the May Student of the Month

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss and select student nominees for the May 2023 Student of the Month for the theme of “Academic Achievement”;
- b. Select an Education Commission representative to present the award at a future City Council meeting; and
- c. Approve the release of Student of the Month applications for the month of May.

BACKGROUND:

1. July 26, 2022, the Education Commission approved the 2022 – 2023 Student of the Month Program with the following categories:
 - a. September- Positive Attitude
 - b. October- Responsibility/ Ownership
 - c. November- Giving Back
 - d. December/January- Leadership
 - e. February- Kindness/Caring (Allies)
 - f. March- Creative/Artistic
 - g. April- Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges/ Obstacles
 - h. May- Academic Achievement

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends selecting a student of the month for May, a representative of the Education Commission to present an award at a future City Council meeting, and approve release of applications for the next month's nominees.

To: Chair Nicole Mohr and Commissioners

From: Julian Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the Student Scholarship Program; and
- b. Discuss the scholarship recognition event.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Annual Student Scholarship Program was established to assist San Fernando youth who are seeking a postsecondary education.

The scholarship program has grown from two scholarships to eight scholarships awarded annually. Scholarships are funded through donations from various donor sources, including, but not limited to current/former Councilmembers, organizations such as Independent Cities Finance Authority (ICFA), and Republic Services.

At the August meeting the Commission set an amount for each of the Student Scholarships that will be awarded in 2022-2023. They also reviewed the existing scholarship accounts and recommended all accounts be consolidated into one account.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with the discussion of this item. Future expenditures are to be determined based on the Education Commissions' direction.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission continue the discussion regarding the scholarship program.

To: Chair Nicole Mohr and Education Commission

From: Julian Venegas, RCS Director
By: Juan Salas, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor

Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Discussion Regarding the Graduate Recognition Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the Graduate Recognition Program.

BACKGROUND:

1. On FY2019-20, a local resident gave the idea of having a Graduate Recognition Banner to City Manager. Due to COVID-19 cancelling graduation ceremonies, the motive was to honor the graduating high school and university students by having a banner printed with their name, likeness, and name of high school/college.
2. The City Manager's office and RCS collaborated on the design of the banner as well as the application process.
3. In order to have the banners printed and hung by their graduation date, the application process was only open for 2 weeks, from May 18- May 29, 2020. In that 2-week span, 38 applicants qualified for the program.
4. The price was \$95 which covered the cost of printing of each banner.
5. On June 8, 2020, the graduate banners went up along Truman St. between San Fernando Mission Blvd. and Wolfskill St.
6. During the week of August 28, the banners were brought down and given to the applicant as a memento.
7. On January 31, 2023, Education Commission requested that the program be reinstated.

ANALYSIS:

The Graduate Recognition Program was originally planned as a one-time program to honor the students who did not have a graduation ceremony. At the advice of Education Committee, the program will return in FY2022-23 to honor graduates.

The cost of the application will cover the cost of the printing of the banner. The designing and hanging of the banner will be an in-kind service provided by RCS and PW departments.

The program consists of a brochure with an application that any graduating high school or college/university senior can fill out. The graduate or their immediate family can turn in an application, photo, and all other required documents to Las Palmas Park during the month of May and the banners, once approved, will be hung in the order they were received. In order to qualify, the graduate must be a San Fernando resident or family member who resides in the City of San Fernando. The banners will hang from the month of June to the month of August. The price of the application will cover the printing of the banner. Any applicant that is not approved for a banner will be refunded. After the banners are taken down, they will be given to the graduate (or his immediate family) for their keepsake. They can reapply for them to be hung in the future at no cost.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There will be direct staff costs related to the banner application process, design, and setup of the banners. The cost of the application fee will make the program self-sustaining for years to come. PW will hang the banners as an in-kind donation.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Commission continue with the implementation of the Graduate Recognition Program.

To: Chair Nicole Mohr and Education Commissioners

From: Julian Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

Date: April 25, 2022

Subject: Discussion of Teacher’s Spotlight Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss resuming the Teacher’s Spotlight Program.

BACKGROUND:

1. The Teacher’s Spotlight was a program developed by the Commission to recognize inspirational teachers working in San Fernando schools. In July 2020, the first Teacher Spotlight recipient was nominated and awarded during a City Council meeting in September 2020.
2. In November 2022 the Education Commission discussed bringing back the Teacher’s Spotlight Program. It was decided to table the item and discuss at a later date.
3. At the March 2023 meeting, Vice-Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez asked that the item be included on the April agenda.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact.

CONCLUSION:

The Education Commission should discuss resuming the Teacher’s Spotlight Program.