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## CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

### PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 – 6:30 PM

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

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **ROLL CALL**

## **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 Chair

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommend that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission approve the agenda as presented.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

## **DECORUM AND ORDER**

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## **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) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:**
  - a. November 9, 2023- Regular Meeting

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **2) CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL**

Recommend that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Discuss Ad Hoc Committee Updates;
- b. Continue to meet with Pueblo Y Salud until a renovation plan for the Memorial Plaza can be developed; and
- c. Provide staff direction as appropriate.

#### **3) DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE**

Recommend that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

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

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

### **COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING**

Commissioner(s) may request to agendize an item for discussion at a future meeting, subject to approval by the Commission. Requests should align with the commission's scope of responsibility, adhere to City Council policies, and consider the availability of staff resources and budget constraints.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting will adjourn to its next regular meeting.

### AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 9, 2023  
ZOOM MEETING STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND 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**

Commissioner Robert Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

**PRESENT:**

Commissioners Robert Gonzales, Patty Lopez  
and Erica Friend

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner Natasha Sanchez-Brooks

**ALSO PRESENT:**

RCS Director, Julian Venegas, Julia Fritz, City Clerk, Recreation Coordinator Freddy Tapia, Administrative Assistant Linda Bowden-Moreno, and Office Clerk Soledad Chavez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair R. Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2023 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

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AYES: R. Gonzales, P. Lopez and E. Friend

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Sanchez-Brooks

ABSTAIN:

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Ricardo Benitez, commented on the wonderful community feeling one gets in the City of San Fernando and also commented on the great work of the SF Police Department. He is happy to see that the Recreation Park project is wrapping up which is good for community members who wish to utilize the park. Previously, he mentioned the overgrown weeds in an empty lot on First and Harding, which has been addressed and cleaned up. He thanked the City for keeping the community clean and tidy.

## **CULTURAL ARTS LIAISONS REPORT**

None

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Chair Patty Lopez motioned to approve the Consent Calendar approving the Minutes of the October 12, 2023 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: R. Gonzales, P. Lopez, E. Friend

NOES:

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ABSENT: N. Sanchez-Brooks

ABSTAIN:

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **1. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVED DRAFT ESTABLISHING “GUIDELINES FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES” HANDBOOK**

This item was added by City Clerk, Julia Fritz. An approved draft of the handbook was presented to the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission. Feedback was requested from the Commission by end of day on the 20<sup>th</sup> as this item will go before Council on December 4, 2023.

Vice Chair Lopez requested additional time to provide feedback to the City Clerk.

Chair Gonzales had a specific question on page 18 of the hand book. A box that specifies “elected officials” appears on the page. The City Clerk will look into to matter further to see if there is a correction to be made.

Vice Chair Lopez inquired about Councilmembers attending Commission meetings in past years and if that would be the case in the future.

### **2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PIONEER PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PROJECT**

J. Venegas presented a Power Point presentation on the proposed design of this project.

Vice Chair Lopez inquired about the possibility of seeking additional grants to fund this project and had questions regarding the proposed shading.

Commissioner Friend had questions regarding the color scheme and made some recommendations. She also requested additional details on the cost of shade structures.

Chair Gonzales discussed the various color options and the best selection in terms of UV rating.

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The Commission reached consensus and recommended the following items: PNP, forest green cover, ensure there is adequate shade, and paint the PNP instead of cutting into the material, use a diagonal design to simulate a river. Any additional cost would be for the shade factor.

Staff will include these recommendations in the report to Council.

### **3. DISCUSSION REGARDING A PARK CLEAN UP EVENT**

This item was introduced by Vice Chair Lopez. In past years, the RCS Dept. would seek volunteers and schedule park clean up events unilaterally, in addition to the Public Works Dept. or outside organizations who would also schedule these events periodically.

In 2021, the Beautification Ad Hoc Committee was formed by Councilmembers Rodriguez and Montanez. Various clean up events were scheduled by this Ad Hoc with the support of organizations such as Heal the Bay, Tree People or Republic. Beautification projects, including park clean up events, are now under the purview of this Ad Hoc. A reorganization of the Ad Hoc is expected to occur early next year due to the passing of Councilmember Montanez.

Vice Chair had questions on how to move forward with a clean up event. In light of the upcoming elections, it is recommended that a park be identified for clean up. The item will need to go before Council once the vacancy is filled.

Commissioner Friend suggested a walk-through of various locations to identify a specific park. She also recommended having a presentation from Public Works staff to update this Commission on park clean ups and upgrades in City parks.

Chair Gonzales suggested developing an “adopt a street” campaign to encourage to community engagement to assist with funding or volunteer services to support beautification projects.

### **4. CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL**

J. Venegas discussed the meeting with the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Ad Hoc and Pueblo y Salud. Mr. Ruben Rodriguez provided background information on how the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial came about and the subsequent issues such as the impacts of vandalism and the drought. In 2014,



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Pueblo y Salud was interested in renovating the memorial. At that time, the cost of the renovation was determined to be about \$19K. At this point in time, the cost would be significantly higher. A definite plan was not established. Pueblo y Salud emphasized the need to fund raise and seek assistance from outside organizations to support this effort.

Staff recommends the Ad Hoc continues meeting with Pueblo y Salud to come up with ideas to move forward with this project in order to make recommendations to City Council.

Vice Chair Lopez will continue working with Pueblo y Salud to move forward.

Commissioner Friend recommended developing an updated budget or perhaps a walk through.

Chair Gonzales gave direction to schedule a meeting and walk through on site sometime in January to develop a plot list and begin pricing items out.

### **5. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE**

Freddy Tapia provided a report to receive and file proving updates on programs, activities and events including the Layne Park Grand Re-opening, Senior Food Bank distribution, Monster Mash Halloween Party, Arthritis Classes, Senior Matinee, San Fernando Mile/Dia de Los Muertos Festival, Veteran Banner Recognition event, the Lopez Adobe activities, and the upcoming Holiday Tree Lighting event.

Updates on recreation and sports programs were also provided for youth and adults.

Commissioner Friend and Vice Chair Lopez thanked staff for putting on so many events and activities for the community.

Chair Gonzales really enjoyed the Halloween lighting at the Lopez Adobe.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Staff informed the Commission that 45 veteran banners were displayed this year. Next year's Veteran Program applications will be available in February.

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November's Senior Dance will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 tickets have been sold thus far.

Upcoming senior trips include Chumash Casino, Viejas Casino, and Noche Buena at CSUN.

### **COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING**

Vice Chair Lopez requested to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Cindy Montanez and Manny Figueras due to their legacy of service to this community.

Chair Gonzales discussed the signage selection for the Cindy Montanez Natural Park and the need to consider theft and vandalism when making a selection.

Chair Gonzales thanked fellow commissioners for their input and staff for their work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gonzales adjourned the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting in memory of Cindy Montanez and Manny Figueras at 8:16 p.m.

**To:** Chair Robert Gonzales and Commissioners

**From:** Maribel Perez, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor

**Date:** January 11, 2024

**Subject:** Discussion Regarding the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- a. Discuss the Ad Hoc Committee updates; and
- b. Provide staff with direction as appropriate.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. On June 7, 1993, the City Council approved of declaring March 31 an official City holiday honoring the late farmworker and civil rights leader, Cesar E. Chavez, thus becoming the first City in the country to establish the Cesar E. Chavez Holiday.
2. In 2004, the City of San Fernando in collaboration with the Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee, honored the great civil rights and labor leader through the creation of the largest Cesar E. Chavez Memorial in the nation.
3. On October 6, 2014, the City Council approved a partnership with Pueblo Y Salud for fundraising efforts to repair and restore the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial.
4. On March 14, 2023, Commissioner Lopez requested information regarding the condition and possible beautification of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial.
5. On April 11, 2023, The PWRC directed staff to draft a letter to Pueblo Y Salud that would start a potential collaboration to restore the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Plaza.
6. On May 11, 2023, the PWRC tabled discussion on the item until the Commissioners had an opportunity to review the MOU with Pueblo Y Salud and provide feedback on the draft letter to Pueblo Y Salud.

7. On June 8, 2023, an Ad Hoc committee (Commissioners Lopez & Gonzales) was formed to gather information on the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial and how renovations would be funded.
8. On August 17, 2023, the Ad Hoc committee and the RCS Director met with Ruben Rodriguez of Pueblo Y Salud.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Ad Hoc committee met with Ruben Rodriguez, from Pueblo Y Salud, to discuss possible renovations for the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Plaza. The discussion revolved around the history of the Memorial. Mr. Rodriguez noted that Pueblo Y Salud had started investigating renovations to the Memorial back in 2014, but the project stalled and has been dormant since then.

The cost was a big factor in putting the renovation on hold. The restoration project needed to raise the funds to pay for the repairs. A breakdown of those costs in 2014 is highlighted in the table below. It illustrates that back then the renovation cost was \$19,000. Today the cost would be much greater. The Ad Hoc Committee would need to look into today's cost and determine how these funds would be raised.

## Breakdown of Restoration Costs

Description of Work	Cost
<b>Mural Restoration</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artist touch-up</li> <li>• Mural Re-coat</li> </ul>	\$9,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>
<b>Replacement of Plaques</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of plaques</li> <li>• Labor remove, prepare, and install plaques</li> </ul>	\$1,400
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
<b>Personalized Bricks</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of bricks</li> <li>• Labor to install</li> </ul>	\$3,800
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>

ATTACHMENT "B"

## Discussion Regarding the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial

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The Ad Hoc committee also inquired about the maintenance of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial. Staff reached out to the Public Works Department which is responsible for the care of the Memorial. Per the Public Works Department, the following table highlights the maintenance schedule of the Plaza.

### Maintenance schedule Cesar Chavez Memorial

Task	Frequency	Hours	Cost
Cleaning	Daily	1	\$721.50
Mowing & Trimming	Weekly	4	\$1,229.40
Tree Care	Yearly	16	\$19,670.4
Special Projects	As needed	8 - 24	\$2,876 - \$12,876

### BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget to review and discuss. However, any possible beautification or restoration of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial will incur a cost. Per Sec. 54-67. - Incurring financial liability - Neither the Commission nor any person connected with the Commission shall incur any financial liability in the name of the City.

### CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Ad Hoc committee provide updates to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission on discussions with Pueblo Y Salud, continue to look into funding opportunities and provide staff with direction as appropriate.



## AGENDA REPORT

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**To:** Chair Robert Gonzales and Commissioners

**From:** Maribel Perez, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor  
Juan Salas, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor

**Date:** January 11, 2024

**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, activities, 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 RCS 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:**

#### **Programs and Services**

The RCS Department provides a variety of programming and services for the San Fernando community. All Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols and Best Practices guidelines for operating recreational facilities are strictly adhered to. Safety is the top priority for RCS staff when conducting activities for the community. All program participants and park visitors are made aware of safety guidelines being implemented to ensure patrons feel safe while participating in the Department's programs.

### **New Year, New Classes**

RCS is starting the year off with a bang! The Leisure Class program will feature two new classes for the community:

**Academic Drawing** will focus on perspective, shapes, composition and rendering techniques. Class will be offered by Universe Gives, a non-profit organization that uses art and rhythm to improve the lives of children and adults through the creative process.

Ages 8-12 | Wednesdays at Recreation Park | Starts in January

**Ninja Ninja Learns** is an introduction to martial arts that focuses on teaching the fundamentals of martial arts in a fun and creative way utilizing non-contact and non-competitive methods.

Ages 2-12 | Mondays at Recreation Park | Starts in February

### **Recreation Fitness Classes**

“Start where you are, use what you have and do what you can!”

The evening fitness classes at Recreation Park offer residents the opportunity to join a supportive community in the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle. The new year will feature monthly theme days and a Bingo Challenge to help participants reach their fitness goal while having a good time. Register today!

### **Lopez Adobe**

Tours will resume on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Beginning in April, tours and monthly activities will revert to Saturday evenings, stay tune for an updated calendar of events.

### **Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Distribution**

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank continues to provide free food kits containing nutritious items such as meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, and grains.. The program serves seniors aged 60 and over. The last distribution was held on Friday, January 5, 2024 with approximately 150 seniors served. The next distribution will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at Las Palmas Park. For more information on food assistance programs please contact Las Palmas Park at 818-898-7340.

### **Senior Meals**

In partnership with ONEgeneration, Las Palmas Park continues to host the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) for seniors. Stop by and register with the ONEgeneration team, Rene and Hayle, and enjoy a delicious and nutritious hot meal! Folks that are 60+ can qualify for this free program (suggested donation is \$3) Mondays through Fridays. If you know of anyone that is 60+ and is homebound, ONEgeneration can deliver hot meals 5 days a week! Please call 818-898-7340 for more information.

### **Jingle Bell Rock Out Party**

On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, seniors at Las Palmas Park enjoyed light refreshments, a special

performance by Sueños de Oro led by Violeta Quintero, a fun photo booth, and danced to festive music to get into the holiday groove.

## **SENIOR SERVICES**

### **Health and Wellness Services**

Doctor Talks with Regal Medical Group will continue to be held monthly. This is an opportunity to sit down with a doctor to discuss health issues. The next session will be held on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Las Palmas Park.

In partnership with the Department of Mental Health, sessions to discuss everyday issues that may cause anxiety or emotional distress will continue to be held at Las Palmas Park. The scheduled sessions will be held at 9am on January 25, February 8 & 22, March 7 & 21.

Senior fitness classes have resumed. These include senior Zumba and Chair Zumba, Movement for Life, and Chair Yoga, and Pickleball.

Also available are Adult Coloring, Music Class, Technology Workshops, Crafty Ladies Program, Senior Bingo and much more. Contact Las Palmas Park for more details.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Holiday Tree Lighting**

The City of San Fernando Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event and Outdoor Market was held at the San Fernando Mall on Saturday, December 2. The ambience was a holiday winter wonderland with falling snowflakes, holiday cheer and the hope to catch a glimpse of Santa. Rows of parked classic cars decorated in holiday lights added to the festive mood.

Participants enjoyed a train ride, arts and crafts at the Lopez Adobe "Santa's Workshop", holiday music and great entertainment including Los Tesoros de San Fernando and Los Tesoritos, the award-winning Mariachi Master Apprentice Program group. In addition, Las Palmas Folklorico Program, the City of Los Angeles Community Choir, Vane Band and the Music Center of Los Angeles County also performed. And of course, the main attraction was the lighting of a 15-foot-tall Christmas tree to officially kicking off the holiday season.

San Fernando Mayor Celeste Rodriguez, Councilmember Mary Solorio, Assembly member Luz Rivas and a representative from LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office were present to greet Santa as he pulled up in a classic 1950s police car.



Families also enjoyed delicious treats from the food trucks and shopping from local vendors. All in all, this family-friendly event was a great way put everyone in a festive holiday mood.

**Grand Re-Opening of Recreation Park & Dedication of the San Fernando Regional Park Infiltration Project**

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, the City of San Fernando unveiled the newly transformed Recreation Park! This project will allow the collection of runoff from three storm drains, remove any impurities from the water and convey it to an underground system to be infiltrated. This project will protect local water bodies like the Pacoima Wash and Los Angeles River from impurities while also supporting groundwater recharge for the San Fernando groundwater basin, which provides water for the city of LA. The project would also reduce the impact of heavy rain in San Fernando. The park is now open for all to enjoy!

**SPECIAL INTERESTS**

**Teens for a Better Community**

TBC had a successful December meeting with the participation of 18 teens. A yummy holiday meal was sponsored by our Vice-Mayor with a special presentation on Healthy Living by the Alzheimer's Association California Southland Chapter. The next meeting will be as follows:

What: *Spring Semester Kick-off Meeting*

When: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

When: Las Palmas Park

**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 work in the FY 2023-2024 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.