



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2023
ZOOM MEETING STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

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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, Erica Friend, and Patty Lopez

ABSENT:

Vice Chair Joe Ponce and Commissioner Natasha Sanchez-Brooks

Commissioner Gonzales motioned to excuse Commissioner Sanchez-Brooks for her absence due to a family emergency. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT:

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez, Administrative Assistant Linda Bowden-Moreno, and Office Clerk Soledad Chavez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robert Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2023 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

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Administrative Assistant Linda Bowden-Moreno administered the Oath of Office for incoming Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission members Erica Friend and Patty Lopez prior to the meeting. Oath of office was re-administered during the meeting for ceremonial purposes.

CULTURAL ARTS LIAISONS REPORT

None

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the Consent Calendar approving the Minutes of the July 12, 2022 and the September 13, 2022 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Meeting. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 1. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION- SELCTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** – Commissioner Gonzales motioned to table the item to the next meeting. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. REVIEW OF ROSENBER’S RULES OF ORDER** – Commissioner Gonzales motioned to table the item to the next meeting. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES REGARDING THE PARK RENOVATION PROJECTS** - Julian Venegas presented a power point presentation and answered questions on the status of the park revitalization projects for Layne Park, Las Palmas Park, Pioneer Park and the Puig House.
- 4. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE** – Maribel Perez provided an update and answered questions on youth and adult sports programs, senior programs, leisure classes and the Lopez Adobe.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

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Staff invited Commissioners and community members to the Vet @ the Park Wellness Clinic event scheduled for Sunday, May 7th at Rudy Ortega Sr. Park. The event will provide free vet exams, vaccinations, microchips and much more.

Staff introduced Soledad Chavez, RCS staff member, who will be assisting with monthly PWRC meetings.

Julian Venegas provided an update on a grant from the State of California Conservation Fund to provide opportunities for programming on nature and conservation for youth. A couple of camp excursions will be offered to youth at no cost.

Staff informed the Commission that the San Fernando Valley Mile event received the award of Community Champions from CPRS.

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Lopez requested an update on the status and condition of the César E. Chávez Memorial. She also recommended scheduling a community clean-up sometime in the summer.

Commissioner Gonzales thanked staff and congratulated the incoming Commissioners.

Commissioner Gonzales had questions regarding options on how to assist low income families who may find it difficult to pay the deposit for the camping event. Perhaps the scholarship program or other options may be available for families who are unable to come up with the refundable deposit to secure registration for the camping event.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.