

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

**April 12, 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 6:30 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Recreation and Community Services
Director, Julian Venegas
Gerardo Marquez, Associate Planner
Admin. Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jason Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner N. Herrera, seconded by Vice Chair J. Ponce, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

Linda Bowden-Moreno, Admin. Assistant administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Robert Gonzales.

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 February 8, 2022 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: R. Gonzales

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ART MURAL PERMIT 2021-211** – The Mural Ad Hoc Committee had the opportunity to meet with the artist and applicant. Per Chair Hayes, the Ad Hoc is in agreement to support this mural application permit.

The applicant and artist joined the meeting via ZOOM to answer any questions Commissioners may have.

Commissioner R. Gonzales inquired about opportunities for youth education or community engagement regarding this art mural. Commissioner Gonzales commented on the great work this artist has previously completed.

Commissioner R. Gonzales motioned to approve Art Mural Permit PR 2021-211. Commissioner J. Ponce seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

- 2. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE**– Programming is now up and running at just about 100% of all programming. The Department continues of to collaborate with CORE at Recreation Park offering COVID-19 vaccines and testing. In addition, the Department continues to partner with the Dept. Public Health and Elements Pharmacy to offer an additional vaccine site at Las Palmas Park. Current programs in operation are the Senior Club (meetings and dances), fitness classes, and sports. 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.

The City has collaborated with Youth Evolution to offer various youth sports clinics in an effort to re-energized youth sports in the City. Other sports programs include Mission City Baseball, tennis and youth summer basketball.

Commissioner Gonzales recommended adding equipment box containers for the Mission City Baseball and recommended that Public Works ensure the dugouts are kept clean.

Vic Chair Ponce had questions regarding identifying a funding source for baseball equipment boxes.

The infiltration project at Recreation Park is set to begin soon and will impact adult sports programming that requires use of the fields.

Commissioner Gonzales would like to bring back adult co-ed kickball in the future.

Additional updates provided on the Family Hiking Program, Lopez Adobe tours, senior programs and upcoming community events. All information is available on the City website or by calling the main office at (818) 898-1290.

- 3. LAYNE PARK REVITAILZATION PROJECT**–J. Venegas reported that the contractor is finalizing the design. Once the design is approved by City Council, an RFP will go out to begin the construction phase on this project.

Commissioner Gonzales discussed concerns pertaining to chemical odors from the businesses surrounding Layne Park. Discussion ensued on possible options to alleviate the chemical odors.

Staff discussed the studies conducted and the options available to address this matter.

4. **TUTCINT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM** –this program continues to meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Las Palmas Park to assist youth ages 13 to 17. The program is free and offers services to assist with homework, mental health support, outings and more. Anyone interested in this program can obtain more details on the City website or by calling Las Palmas Park at 818-898-7340.

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Herrera asked about the status of the Theatre Program. Chair J. Hayes reported that this program was on a temporary hold, however, there are plans to bring this program back.

Commissioner Herrera inquired about upcoming park clean-ups.

Commissioner Ponce welcomed and congratulated Commissioner Gonzales.

Commissioner Gonzales expressed his appreciation to this Commission and staff. He also congratulated the mural artist for the approval of the mural permit.

Commissioner Hayes thanked everyone for all the hard work and reported that he will not be available to attend next month's meeting due to a work commitment.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Staff thanked City Engineer, Manuel Fabian, for his support in assisting staff with the audio/visual technology of these meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Chair J. Hayes adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.