

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

**July 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 6:31 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Chair Jason Hayes
Commissioner Robert Gonzales
Commissioner Joe Ponce

ABSENT: Commissioner Nina Herrera
Commissioner Natasha Sanchez-Brooks

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair J. Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner J. Ponce, seconded by Commissioner Robert Gonzales, to approve the

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agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements

CULTURAL ARTS LIASON REPORT

Cultural Arts Liaison, Raul Herrera, provided a report on the meeting on the San Fernando Cultural Arts Collective in preparation for the upcoming Day of the Dead festival in terms of coordinating activities, food, entertainment, etc.

The Aztec Dancers have resumed in-person practice at Las Palmas Park on Thursday evenings.

Mesoamerican Ballgame team has also resumed practice in preparation to represent the U.S. at an international tournament in Xcaret, Mexico

Cultural Arts Liaison, Javier Verdin, reported that Folklorico classes have also resumed practice at Las Palmas Park. Mr. Verdin also reported that the Fourth of July event held on Saturday, July 2nd was a great turnout and thanked everyone involved who made this celebration a great success.

Chair Hayes concurred that the Fourth of July event was indeed a great time.

The Chair inquired about the location of the Day of the Dead festival. Mr. Herrera reported that the Day of the Dead portion of the event would take place on Macneil St. and Third Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner J. Ponce moved to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2022, Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission meeting. Motioned was seconded by Commissioner R. Gonzales. The motioned carried.

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

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Herrera, N. Sanchez-Brooks

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION - SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** – Julian Venegas discussed the annual Commission reorg now that the Commission is at full membership.

Commissioner J. Ponce moved to table this item due to the absence of two Commissioners.

Motioned was seconded by Commissioner R. Gonzales. The motioned carried.

- 2. REVIEW OF ROSENBERG’S RULES OF ORDER**—J. Venegas recommended this item get tabled to the next meeting when all Commissioners are in attendance.

Commissioner J. Ponce moved to table this item to the next meeting. Motioned was seconded by Commissioner R. Gonzales. The motioned carried.

- 3. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE**— J. Venegas provided the Commission a report with updates on the Department’s programs, activities and events.

The new scholarship program for City residents was introduced to the Commission. This program will cover 50% of the cost of any program or activity for City residents.

Commissioner R. Gonzales had questions regarding how participants can qualify for this program. He also recommended that staff monitor this program to see if any issues arise with qualifying for the scholarship.

Maribel Perez provided an update on youth sports programs such as basketball, baseball clinics and Fall Ball, which is now open for registrations.

Adult softball is on hold for the time being as there is no field available, basketball is planned to resume in the spring of next year, and volleyball open nights is planned to resume for open play. The tennis program has also resumed at Pioneer Park on Saturdays.

Leisure classes currently in progress are Folklorico Dance, Aztec Dance, Karate, Line Dance and fitness and health classes such as 3Wins.

The Lopez Adobe reopened for tours in May. Guided tours are available on the fourth Sunday of the month. A research library will be coming soon to Las Palmas Park. An intern has been working to take inventory and clean out the storage room containing artifacts. Items determined not to be of historical significance will be sold at a rummage sale to raise funds for this project. A book-signing event for the published memoirs authored by a descendant of the Lopez Family will be planned in the near future.

Other activities currently in progress include the Summer Day Camp at Recreation Park, the Senior Meal Program at Las Palmas Park, the Father’s Day event, Walkable Wednesday 5K Challenge, and an update on the Fourth of July celebration was discussed.

Commissioner R. Gonzales recommended offering scholarship opportunities to families who are in need financial assistance for the Day Camp program and field trips. He further commented on how

successful the Fourth of July event was this year.

Upcoming events include an overnight Camping Event at Rudy Ortega Park, La Campana De Libertad event including a presentation by Assemblywoman Luz Rivas for renovation funds to repair Eighth Street Park, and the Movies in the Parks series.

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Gonzales thanked staff for all the programs and activities. He also expressed how glad he was to see both Cultural Arts Liaisons.

Commissioner Ponce also thanked staff for all their hard work. He also reported having heard from several residents that the phone number advertised to report illegal fireworks in the City went unanswered.

Chair Hayes commented that he also called to report illegal fireworks as pets and veterans in the City are greatly affected by loud sounds. These calls went unanswered.

Commissioner Hayes announced that Theatre Program may be pushed back to September due restructuring. More details on this program will be announced.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

J. Venegas shared the SFPD Chief's report at the last council meeting indicating that SFPD responded to numerous calls regarding fireworks. Citations were issued and 96 lbs. of illegal fireworks were confiscated.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner J. Ponce moved to adjourn the meeting. Motioned was seconded by Commissioner R. Gonzales. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.