

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

**September 21, 2021
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
Commissioner Nina Herrera
Commissioner Joe Ponce

ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jason Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hayes motioned to approve the agenda for the September 21, 2021 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Special meeting. Commissioner Ponce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Rudy Ortega Jr. (President of the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians) spoke on the art mural application the tribe is presenting. The location of the proposed mural is 301 S. Maclay St. The artist is a Fernandefio Tataviam descendant. The mural will depict a timeline of pre-mission to mission era, to contemporary. The artist is working on the rendering of the mural. The goal is to have the unveiling on *Indigenous Peoples Day* in October. If the Art Mural Ad Hoc requires a rendering, the artist is willing to work with the committee and push back the date of the unveiling.

SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner N. Herrera motioned to postpone election of a vice-chair until there at least four Commission members. Commissioner J. Ponce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CULTURAL ARTS LIASON REPORT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner J. Ponce motioned to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2021, Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner N. Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: J. Hayes, N. Herrera, J. Ponce
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAN FERNANDO MESOAMERICAN BALLGAME ASSOCIATION –** Cultural Arts Liaison, R. Herrera, and RCS Director, J. Venegas, presented an agenda report recommending a collaboration with the City and the San Fernando Valley Mesoamerican Ballgame Association (SFVMBA). A discussion regarding the feasibility of establishing a home court in the City ensued. J. Venegas discussed the appropriate steps needed to proceed with this item: 1) SFVMCA and the City enter into an agreement. 2) Identify a parcel of land. 3) Funding options. The PWR Commission is asked to provide guidance or recommendations to staff.

Chair J. Hayes supports the idea of multiple purpose space.

Cultural Arts Liaison, R. Herrera, will develop a proposal to present to the PWR Commission.

2. **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ART MURAL PERMIT 2021-150** – The Mural Ad Hoc Committee met yesterday. The mural rendering was not available for the committee to review. A draft or example of the mural is required for the mural application process. The PWR Commission will reconvene and vote on the mural application upon receipt a rendering.

Commissioner J. Ponce motioned to postpone consideration to approve Art Mural Permit PR 2021-150 until the next regular Commission meeting on October 12th or sooner, if rendering is presented. Commissioner N. Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

3. **VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING** –J. Venegas provided an update on the Department’s effort to slowly transition from virtual to in-person programming. As of mid-June, the RCS Department began offering some in-person activities and programs. Staff continues to enforce safety protocols such as temperature checks and use of masks.
4. **DEPARTMENT’S REPONSE TO COVID-19**– LAFD and CORE continue to offer Covid-19 testing/vaccination at Recreation Park. Appointments are not required. The City continues to collaborate with LA Food Bank’s 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.
5. **REOPENING EFFORTS**– J. Venegas reported that the Department continues to follow safety protocols provided by the County. The Department will continue to monitor and follow the County’s guidelines. Several youth sports programs have resumed, such as baseball, basketball and soccer clinics. *Movies in the Park* have also resumed and will kick-off with a movie at Pioneer Park on Friday, September 24th. The Lopez Adobe guided tours are also back. Information on all programs and activities is available on the City website.
6. **LAYNE PARK REVITAILZATION PROJECT**–J. Venegas reported that the renovation project is in the design phase. MIG is working on a second rendering of the design proposal. Once Council approves the final design, the construction phase will begin.
7. **YOUTH REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM (TUTCINT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM)** –

J. Venegas reported that Tutcint began their fifth cohort and elected to conduct programming online for the time being. Anyone interested in this program can obtain more details on the City website.

8. **COMMUNITY THEATRE PROGRAM**—J. Venegas reported that a meeting is planned in the near future to reconvene this program. More details to follow.

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Staff reported that the City's 110th Birthday Celebration was held on Tuesday, August 31st at the Lopez Adobe. The event was a great success. Attendees enjoyed live entertainment, refreshments, free tacos sponsored by El Faro Tacos and Krazy Korner Restaurant and free guided tours of the Lopez Adobe.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Chair Jason Hayes adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.