



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2024  
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**

Chair R. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m. Administrative Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

**PRESENT:**

Commissioners Robert Gonzales, Patty Lopez, Erica Friend, Natasha Sanchez-Brooks and Julie Cuellar.

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Recreation and Community Services Director Julio Salcedo, Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez, SFPD Commander Walter Dominguez, Administrative Assistant Linda Bowden-Moreno and Office Clerk Soledad Chavez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair R. Gonzales led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair P. Lopez motioned to approve the agenda for the October 10, 2024 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting. Commissioner E. Friend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

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AYES: R. Gonzales, P. Lopez, E. Friend, N. Sanchez-Brooks and J. Cuellar.

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Tree People Outdoor Equity Coordinator, Jessica Martinez shared information on the free Moonlight Hike opportunity at Coldwater Canyon Park for students and provided an information packet to all commissioners. At this time, she opened the floor for questions.

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

Ricardo Benitez, Sylmar resident, expressed appreciation for the service provided by SFPD. He encouraged public support for SFPD and mentioned concern over budget cuts to the police department.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair P. Lopez motioned to approve the Consent Calendar approving the Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Meeting. Commissioner N. Sanchez-Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: R. Gonzales, P. Lopez, E. Friend, N. Sanchez-Brooks, J. Cuellar

NOES:

ABSENT

ABSTAIN:

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**2. SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON PARK ACTIVITY** – SFPD Commander Lt. Walter Dominguez presented a quarterly report on activity in the parks including crimes, citations,

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parking and traffic citations, and arrests during the months of July, August and September. At this time, he opened the floor for questions or comments.

Chair R. Gonzales addressed the comment made during Public Statement regarding concerns pertaining to SFPD budget and resources in order to clarify those concerns.

**3. PRESENTATION ON THE PACOIMA WASH BIKEWAY PROJECT** – J. Salcedo recommended tabling this item for the next commission meeting as Public Works staff was not present.

**4. NEW PARK SIGNAGE** – M. Perez presented new park signs. She informed the commission signs have been received by Public Works and will be installed soon.

**5. CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL** – J. Salcedo reported that a meeting will be scheduled with Pueblo y Salud to conduct a tour of the Cesar Chavez Memorial and Recreation Park facilities. More information to come at the next commission meeting.

**6. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES** – Staff provided a Power Point presentation and update report on upcoming events including the Day of the Dead, Vet at the Park and Senior Halloween Costume Party. Updates were provided on the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and Proclamation, cooling centers, workshops, monthly birthday celebrations, and announced Digital Inclusion week and its goals and accomplishments for the community, senior club news and updates, teen and youth programs, youth sports, Academic Art class, and the City's app.

Commissioner J. Cuellar announced SFPD's new Instagram account.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

M. Perez announced that the Lopez Adobe will be open for tours on October 26, 2024 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm for the Night Market and will be offering treats.

J. Salcedo announced that MMAP has been invited to Washing D.C. in 2025. More information on the event to follow. He thanked Maribel, Freddy and staff for Tiny Tikes and the After School programs. He also mentioned there would be future grant opportunities for students to participate in City programming. More information will provided as it becomes available.

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

Commissioner J. Cuellar had questions regarding the safety of antique items displayed at the Lopez Adobe.

Commissioner N. Sanchez-Brooks inquired about reviving the “Move Your Way” event. Staff will keep this item on the radar and provide information as it becomes available.

Chair R. Gonzales shared a message from Raul Herrera stating that the Mesoamerican Ball Game Team, which consists of local San Fernando players, sent two individuals to Washington D.C. to provide a presentation for Indigenous People’s Day at the Smithsonian Museum. In deed a significant accomplishment in representing the City of San Fernando.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair R. Gonzales adjourned the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:32 p.m.