

PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**January 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m., City Hall – Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street, San Fernando, CA 91340**

PRESENT: Commissioner Sandie Richards, Commissioner Nina Herrera,
Commissioner Saydith Navarro, and Commissioner Jason Hayes

ABSENT: Commissioner Joe Ponce

ALSO PRESENT: Julian Venegas, RCS Director
Linda Bowden-Moreno, RCS Office Specialist

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commission Chair, Sandie Richards
Present: Richards, Herrera, Navarro, and Hayes
Absent: Ponce

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by Commissioner Hayes

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda of the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting for January 14, 2020.

Motion: Herrera Second by: Navarro
For: All
Against: None
Abstained: None

IV. Public Comment

- Cultural Arts Liaison, Raul Herrera, reported to the Commission on the San Fernando Mesoamerican Ballgame Team which recently traveled to Cancun, Mexico, where daily workouts were held. The team also participated in the International HipBall Tournament in Belize. Team player, Miguel, discussed his positive experience with the Mesoamerican Ballgame competition in Belize.

V. Consent Calendar

- Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2019

Motion: Hayes Second by: Navarro
For: All
Against: None
Abstained: None

VI. New Business

A. Presentation of New Program and Activity Registration System

- Julian Venegas held a presentation on the new registration system for programs and activities recently acquired by the Recreation and Community Services Department. The system will allow staff to register participants in activities, programs, and memberships such as the Las Palmas Senior Club.
- The program is expected to go live sometime in February. The public will be able to register online once the individual creates an account.
- Commissioner Hayes asked if the system will offer a mobile version. Per Mr. Venegas, the system will be accessible on mobile phones.
- Commissioner Richards asked if individuals could sign up for special events on the new system. Staff reported that special event applications would be accepted online.

B. Las Palmas Park Renovations

- Julian Venegas informed the Commission that Prop. A funds have been allocated to go towards renovations at Las Palmas Park, which will include the Banquet Room, lobby, front desk, ADA doors and the parking lot.

- Renovations are projected to begin in March and should be completed by early May.

C. Mission City Baseball League

- The new league has begun conducting clinics. Approximately 60 children participated in the clinics and drills. Advertising and outreach is continuing through the local paper.
- Registrations are being accepted. The League is scheduled to begin on 3/14/20.

VII. Continued Business

D. Community Theatre Program

- The Ad Hoc Committee and Cultural Arts Liaison held a meeting to share ideas and goals for this program.
- The next meeting is scheduled on 1/23/20 at 5:30 pm at Recreation Park to identify a mission statement and discuss the feasibility and funding to get this program going.
- Commissioner Hayes added that community members have already shown interest in becoming more involved with this project. Eventually a community meeting will be scheduled sometime in the spring to invite partners and community members interested in participating.

D. Youth Reinvestment Grant Program

- The Youth Reinvestment Grant Program, in partnership with the Tataviam Tribe, is officially called Tutcint. Meetings are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Saturday.
- The program has expanded to provide services to the PUC schools to offer youth diversion programming. Tutcint staff is working on outreach to grow the program and offer more services to youth.

F. Open Streets Event

- The Open Streets Event is in the planning process. Two meetings have been held with last year's hub captains and potential new partners. Staff will

continue to meet to work on identifying hubs, captains, and reach out to the business community.

- Staff will meet with internal departments to work on a public safety plan and other important issues within the next month.

G. Wild Horse Foundation Partnership

- Completion of the building renovation is scheduled to occur in 45-60 days. Staff recently met with the Foundation to discuss programming that will be offered through this partnership.
- *Full Circle* is an organization that will be partnering in providing intervention and counseling programs to participants.
- A sports component will include bringing in a little league that will hold clinics and an academy to expose children to baseball as a profession.

VIII. Staff Communication

- Mr. Venegas will be inviting different members from the Recreation and Community Services Department to provide updates for the Staff Communications section.
- Staff announced the upcoming Heart, Mind, and Soul Health and Wellness Family Fair schedule on February 22nd at Recreation Park. The event will include free health screenings, workshops and much more. Services are available for participants of all ages.
- The Homeless Connect Day will be held on January 16th at Las Palmas Park in partnership with SFPD. Free services including health care, housing, legal services and much more will be available.
- The VITA program offers free income tax services to qualifying participants. Services are offered every Saturday at Las Palmas Park through the end of tax season.
- Staff reminded Commissioners who have not completed the AB1234 Ethics Training to do so as soon as possible. This is a requirement for anyone holding a public office.

IX. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Hayes looks forward to hearing updates and reports from other RCS staff. It will be interesting to hear their perspectives.
- Commissioner Richards commented that the Red Cross and the Complete Count Committee are interested in obtaining booths for the health fair and other events.
- Commissioner Richards discussed the importance of being counted in the upcoming census. Undercounting results in loss of tax dollars. There is no risk associated with being counted in the census.

X. Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting on February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

- Commissioner Richards requested that the Cultural Arts Liaisons have a section added to the monthly agenda.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Hayes Second by: Navarro
For: All
Against: None
Abstained: None