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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 – 6:30 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

TELECONFERENCE REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE

Recommend consideration of requests received for remote teleconference meeting participation made by members of the City's legislative bodies, as permitted under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, Government Code Section 54953, and the City of San Fernando adopted Resolution No. 8215, effective March 1, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommend that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission approve the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATION

Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project presentation by RJM Design Group.

DECORUM AND ORDER

City Commissioners are appointed by City Council and must be free to discuss issues confronting the city in an orderly environment. Members of the public attending City Commission meetings shall observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to the City Council ([SF Procedural Manual](#)). Any person making impertinent derogatory or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing a City Commission or while attending a City Commission meeting, may be removed from the room if the Presiding Officer so directs the Sergeant-At-Arms and such person may be barred from further audience before the City Commission.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be disposed of by a single motion to adopt staff recommendation. If the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission wishes to discuss any item, it should first be removed from the Consent Calendar.

1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

- a. August 14, 2025- Regular Meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) UPDATE ON PROGRAMMING AT THE PIONEER PARK PUIG HOUSE

UCLA Early Head Start Program staff will provide an update on the planned programs and activities at the Pioneer Park Puig House.

3) UPDATE ON THE CITY APP

Informational update regarding reported issues submitted on the City App and the possibility of adding additional topic areas to the City App.

4) UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY PUBLIC WORKS

Informational update from the Public Works Department regarding:

- a. Possible dog park location (status of the Kalisher Pocket Park Contract)
- b. Creating a wildlife habitat for hummingbirds
- c. The maintenance schedule of the Cindy Montañez Natural Park
- d. Las Palmas Park

5) CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

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Recommend that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Discuss Ad Hoc Committee Updates;
- b. Continue to meet with Pueblo Y Salud until a renovation plan for the Memorial Plaza can be developed; and
- c. Provide staff direction as appropriate.

6) DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE

Recommend that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Receive and file a report updating the programs, services activities, and business conducted by the Recreation and Community Services Department; and
- b. Provide staff direction as appropriate.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

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

Commissioner(s) may request to agendize an item for discussion at a future meeting, subject to approval by the Commission. Requests should align with the commission's scope of responsibility, adhere to City Council policies, and consider the availability of staff resources and budget constraints.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting will adjourn to its next regular meeting.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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Dated: _____ at: _____

Signed By: _____

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2025
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 J. Cuellar called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Commissioners Julie Cuellar, Erica Friend, Christian Garcia and Flor Sanchez.

ABSENT:

Vice Chair N. Sanchez-Brooks

ALSO PRESENT:

Director of Recreation and Community Services Department Julio Salcedo, Assistant to the City Manager Will Pettener, Public Works Director Wendell Johnson, Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez, Administrative Assistant Linda Bowden-Moreno and Office Clerk Tiffany Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Flor Sanchez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner E. Friend motioned to approve the agenda for the August 14, 2025 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting. Commissioner F. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

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AYES: J. Cuellar, E. Friend, C. Garcia, and F. Sanchez

NOES:

ABSENT: N. Sanchez-Brooks

ABSTAIN:

PRESENTATIONS

Julia Lindner with the Tataviam Land Conservancy shared a presentation on the Indigenous Tribal Signage Program at Rudy Ortega Sr. Park. Commissioners had questions regarding the project timeline, weather protection and warranty of the signs, maintenance plans, funding, etc. Overall, the Commission expressed support for this project. This project will need to go before City Council for approval. The RCS Director will keep the Commission updated on the progress of this project.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner C. Garcia motioned to approve the Consent Calendar approving the Minutes of the July 10, 2025 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission regular meeting.

Commissioner F. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. Cuellar, E. Friend, C. Garcia, F. Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: N. Sanchez-Brooks

ABSTAIN: None

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDING PARKING VIOLATION REPORTING TO THE CITY APP - Will Pettener, Assistant to the City Manager, provided background on the City's My San Fernando App. Mr. Pettener oversees the management of the City's GoGov contract, monitoring and reporting status reports to City Council on the app's progress. To date, about 4500 requests have been submitted by the public and staff members. Chair Cuellar would like to see an option added to report illegal parking. Commissioner Garcia had questions regarding incidents requiring immediate attention, such as handicap parking violations. Commissioner Sanchez asked about including surveys on the app and suggested providing reports to this Commission highlighting the top issues and complaints.

Mr. Pettener conveyed that the most frequent reported topics are in reference to graffiti and illegal dumping. He will look into providing updates to this Commission regarding requests and concerns submitted by residents. In addition, the City's new website will soon offer a feature to submit requests directly through the website, thereby offering yet another option for reporting issues.

3. UPDATE ON IDENTIFYING A LOCATION FOR A DOG PARK – Public Works Director Wendell Johnson discussed available grant opportunities that may include the development of a dog park. Part of the grant could include constructing a retaining wall along the Pacoima Wash, from Jesse St. to Fourth St. This location could be a multi-use space, which may include a dog park. Staff will plan to apply for this \$5 million grant.

Commissioners had questions regarding the status of the Kalisher Pocket Park. Mr. Wendell will look into this matter and provide more information. Overall, the Commission was pleased with the recommendations made by Mr. Johnson.

4. UPDATE ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE WILDLIFE HABITATS IN THE CITY – Public Works Director Wendell Johnson discussed the possibility of utilizing a portion of the San Fernando Mission Bike Trail. Staff is working on putting together a plant palette of trees and shrubbery that support hummingbird habitats. The Green Street projects involving parking lot number four, located in the middle of downtown, may be a consideration. There may be an opportunity to include native plants in that particular project, as well as shrubbery and potted plants attractive to hummingbirds. Beautification is one of the Council's top ten priorities this year. Creating a green corridor that supports wildlife and nature would beautify the City and also falls in line with Council's priorities.

Commissioner Garcia suggested considering Commissioner Friend's recommendation to utilize the existing pots along Maclay Ave. Planting foliage that would attract humming birds in these

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pots is a very feasible option.

Public Works will provide an update on capital improvement projects, which also includes updates on Las Palmas Park.

5. CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE – RCS Director Julio Salcedo provided Commissioners with the current MOU with Pueblo Y Salud. He informed the commission that a meeting was held with City Council, the Public Works Director and the RCS Director. A walk-through of the memorial was conducted to identify areas requiring repairs and improvements. A day of service may be planned in March of 2026 for a community clean up. Once staff receives direction from the Council, this Commission, specifically the Ad Hoc, will be updated on the renovation efforts and invite those wishing to participate in beautifying the memorial. The Commission is supportive of the renovation of this project and looks forward to more information as it becomes available.

The Commission had questions regarding seeking collaboration with additional non-profit organizations to assist in the renovation effort and inquired about identifying the names of the missing plaques.

6. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE – Staff provided a presentation with updates on the programs, events and activities at the parks. Upcoming events include the concerts at the park series, including the City's 114th Birthday Celebration. Other updates included youth and adult sports programs, senior programs, and the cooling centers. Staff opened the floor for questions and comments.

Commissioner Sanchez had questions regarding how to find the calendar of activities and events. Staff reported that ongoing programs, activities and special events are promoted on the City's website and social media. There is also an option on the City website to sign up for notifications.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Salcedo reported cooling centers are activated and open to the community anytime the temperature hits 95 degrees or higher.

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

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Commissioner Garcia commented that in visiting the parks, maintenance looks good and parks are in a tidy appearance.

Commissioner Friend mentioned the upcoming hot weather and reminded all to visit the cooling centers.

Commissioner Sanchez reported that Cindy Montañez Natural Park has over grown vegetation and inquired about the maintenance schedule. Mr. Johnson reported that the Tataviam Tribe was handling the maintenance at this location. He will look into the status and provide an update on all capital projects.

Chair Cuellar would like to address park safety issues such as cameras, locking park gates, safety in restrooms, etc. In light of the recent incident at Recreation Park with the person experiencing mental health issues, Chair Cuellar would like to address these issues at the parks. Mr. Salcedo advised that these items would be addressed at an upcoming City Council meeting. Staff recommended Commissioners provide a list of concerns prior to the next PD quarterly update as this is a standing item on the agenda.

Chair Cuellar requested an update on programming at the Puig House. Mr. Salcedo reported that City Council approved an MOU with UCLA Early Head Start Program. By the next Commission meeting, staff should have a more detailed schedule of programming. UCLA Early Head Start Program team will be invited to provide an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair J. Cuellar adjourned the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:36 p.m.

To: Chair Julie Cuellar and Commissioners

From: Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Date: September 11, 2025

Subject: Update on Programming at the Pioneer Park Puig House

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness and Recreation (PWR) Commission receive and file an update on the status of the planned programming and activities at the Puig House.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In February 2025, UCLA Early Head Start Program and the City met to research a possible collaboration to provide services for infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families.

A proposed contract service agreement with the UCLA Head Start Program was presented and approved by City Council at the August 4, 2025 City Council meeting. Through this collaboration, both agencies will increase the number of families that are served, offer parenting classes to families in the community free of charge, implement an obesity prevention program (Let's Play Outside Again) for children two (2) to five (5) years of age and utilize park space to host UCLA Head Start meetings and events. This partnership will also increase awareness among families of the many Recreation and Community Services resources. Collaborating with UCLA Early Head Start Program directly aligns with the City's number one strategic goal for 2025-2026, which is to *Focus on Community First* by providing a high standard of service, safety and quality of life.

BUDGET IMPACT

There is no budget impact incurred by this collaboration as any maintenance costs incurred for these programs by the use of City facilities have already been accounted for in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Julie Cuellar and Commissioners

From: Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Date: September 11, 2025

Subject: Update on the City App

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness and Recreation (PWR) Commission receive and file an update on the City App in regards to the top reported issues and the possibility of adding additional topic areas. Assistant to the City Manager, Will Pettener.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the July 10, 2025, PWRC regular meeting, Commissioner Christian Garcia, reported seeing frequent parking violations such as vehicles parked in handicapped parking without the appropriate placard. A discussion ensued on reporting parking violations on the City App.

An informational report was presented by the Assistant to the City Manager, Will Pettener at the August 14, 2025 PWR Commission meeting. Discussion included details on how to submit requests on the City App and the total number of requests submitted by the public and staff. Commissioner Sanchez had questions regarding the top reported issues and inquired about adding surveys to the app. Commissioner Garcia had questions regarding reporting incidents requiring immediate attention and Chair Cuellar added she would like to see an option to report illegal parking.

Mr. Pettener will gather additional information and provide an update to this commission.

BUDGET IMPACT

There is no impact to the budget by discussing this item.

To: Chair Julie Cuellar and Commissioners

From: Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Date: September 11, 2025

Subject: Update on Capital Improvement Projects by Public Works

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness and Recreation (PWR) Commission receive and file an update on Capital Projects by the Public Works Department.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Public Works Director Wendell Johnson discussed several items at the August 14, 2025, PWR Commission Meeting. The discussion included identifying a location for a dog park, creating a habitat for humming birds and the Las Palmas Park Renovation Project.

Commissioner Sanchez had questions regarding the maintenance schedule at the Cindy Montañez Natural Park.

Mr. Johnson will come back to the Commission with updates on the following items:

- a. Possible dog park location (status of the Kalisher Pocket Park Contract)
- b. Creating a wildlife habitat for hummingbirds
- c. The maintenance schedule of the Cindy Montañez Natural Park
- d. Las Palmas Park

BUDGET IMPACT

There is no impact to the budget by discussing this item.

To: Chair Julie Cuellar and Commissioners

From: Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services
By: Linda Bowden-Moreno

Date: September 11, 2025

Subject: Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Renovation Project Update

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Discuss Ad Hoc Committee Updates;
- b. Continue to meet with Pueblo Y Salud until a renovation plan for the Memorial Plaza can be developed; and
- c. Provide staff direction as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

1. On June 7, 1993, the City Council approved of declaring March 31 an official City holiday honoring the late farmworker and civil rights leader, Cesar E. Chavez, thus becoming the first City in the country to establish the Cesar E. Chavez Holiday.
2. In 2004, the City of San Fernando in collaboration with the Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Committee honored the great civil rights and labor leader through the creation of the largest Cesar E. Chavez Memorial in the nation.
3. On October 6, 2014, the City Council approved a partnership with Pueblo Y Salud for fundraising efforts to repair and restore the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial.
4. On March 14, 2023, Commissioner Lopez requested information regarding the condition and possible beautification of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial.
5. On April 11, 2023, the PWRC directed staff to draft a letter to Pueblo Y Salud that would start a potential collaboration to restore the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Plaza.

6. On May 11, 2023, the PWRC tabled discussion on the item until the Commissioners had an opportunity to review the MOU with Pueblo Y Salud and provide feedback on the draft letter to Pueblo Y Salud.
7. On June 8, 2023, an Ad Hoc Committee (Commissioners Lopez & Gonzales) was formed to gather information on the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial and how renovations would be funded.
8. On August 17, 2023, the Ad Hoc Committee and the RCS Director met with Ruben Rodriguez of Pueblo Y Salud.
9. In 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee met with RCS Director Julio Salcedo to review the existing MOU with Pueblo Y Salud. The Ad Hoc agreed to meet after the July 11, 2024 PWR Commission regular meeting
10. On August 9, 2024, the Ad Hoc, RCS Department staff and Pueblo Y Salud met and reviewed the MOU agreement. Consensus was reached to schedule a tour of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial and Recreation Park Facility.
11. As a result of the November 5, 2024, San Fernando City Council elections, Robert Gonzales and Patty Lopez would no longer serve on the PWRC.
12. At the PWRC meeting held on April 10, 2025, Commissioner Erica Friend requested to add an agenda item to select new members for the Ad Hoc Committee.
13. At the May 8, 2025 PWRC regular meeting, Commissioners Erica Friend and Flor Sanchez volunteered to be Ad Hoc Committee members.
14. At the July 10, 2025 PWRC regular meeting, RCS Director J. Salcedo reported that the City Council Ad Hoc has reactivated to continue working with Pueblo Y Salud on this project.
15. At the August 14, 2025 PWR Commission meeting, Mr. Salcedo informed the commission that a meeting and walk-through of the memorial was held with City Council, the Public Works Director and the RCS Director. A day of service may be planned in March of 2026 for a community clean up.

ANALYSIS:

The City has an MOU with Pueblo Y Salud (PYS), which allows access for the organization to program and maintain the monument. In past years, PYS has spearheaded fundraising efforts to help the City offset costs associated with the restoration and maintenance of the monument. The

Department of Public Works reinstalled commemorative plaques that had been stolen. Staff reported that the installation involved cutting into the base and the use of industrial strength adhesive to secure the new plaque in place. Public Works also conducts periodic maintenance, which includes trimming shrubs, removing weeds, and cleaning graffiti.

The Ad Hoc committee has met regularly with Ruben Rodriguez, from Pueblo Y Salud, to discuss possible renovations for the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Plaza. The discussions have revolved around the history of the Memorial. Mr. Rodriguez noted that Pueblo Y Salud had started investigating renovations to the Memorial back in 2014, but the project stalled and had been dormant for some time.

The cost was a big factor in putting the renovation on hold. The restoration project needed to raise the funds to pay for the repairs. A breakdown of those costs in 2014 determined that the renovation would cost about \$19,000 at that time. In March of 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee determined that it would need to look into today's cost and determine how these funds would be raised.

In order to proceed with the beautification efforts of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial, it is recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee Members stay informed on updates provided by the City Council Ad Hoc and continue collaborating with Pueblo Y Salud to identify funding options for this project.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget to review and discuss this item. However, any possible beautification or restoration of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial will incur a cost. Per Sec. 54-67. - Incurring financial liability - Neither the Commission nor any person connected with the Commission shall incur any financial liability in the name of the City.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission and Ad Hoc Committee members to continue collaborating with Pueblo Y Salud and continue to look into funding opportunities and provide staff with direction as appropriate

To: Chair Julie Cuellar and Commission Members

From: Julio Salcedo, Recreation and Community Services Director
By: Maribel Perez, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor
Linda Bowden-Moreno, RCS Administrative Assistant

Date: September 11, 2025

Subject: Department Programming, Services, Activity, and Business Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission:

- a. Receive and file a report updating the programs, services, activities, and business conducted by the Recreation and Community Services Department; and
- b. Provide staff guidance or recommendations, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

1. The mission of the Recreation and Community Services (RCS) Department is to develop and implement enriching community, cultural, and recreational opportunities that foster the overall well-being and personal development of our community.
2. The RCS Department conducts a wide array of programs, services, activities, and business throughout the year. Staff provides a monthly update on items discussed at the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission (PWRC) meetings and welcomes any guidance or recommendations regarding the items presented.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Programs and Services

The RCS Department provides a variety of programming and services for the San Fernando community. All Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols and Best Practices guidelines for operating recreational facilities are strictly adhered to. Safety is the top priority for RCS staff when conducting activities for the community. All program participants and park

visitors are made aware of safety guidelines being implemented to ensure patrons feel safe while participating in the Department's programs.

Summer Camp Wraps Up

As children transition from the carefree days of summer to the new school year schedule, campers can look back on the amazing Summer Day Camp experiences enjoyed by all. The eight-week program served forty campers this summer with activities including swim time at the beautiful San Fernando Pool, field trips, science and art activities, and so much more! Be sure to check for Winter Camp coming soon. For details call San Fernando Recreation Park at 818-898-1290 or visit SFCITY.ORG/SFRecreation/#Day-Camp

Summer Concerts at the Park

This year's Summer Concerts offered an amazing lineup featuring a variety of great bands and an amazing finale concert to celebrate the City's 114th Birthday. The series included performances by *New Beginnings* (Old School, Oldies and R&B), *Siempre Selena* (Honoring the Queen of Tejano Music) and the *Susie Hansen Latin Band* (Fiery Latin Jazz and Salsa). The last of the concert series held on August 30, 2025, was hosted at the Casa de Lopez Adobe and featured free tours of this national historic site, music performances by Mariachi Tesoro de San Fernando and the Susie Hansen Latin Band. What better way to say Happy Birthday San Fernando!

NEW! Little Libraries

Boy Scout Ernesto Prado Jr. completed his Eagle Scout project in August with the installation of two new *Little Libraries* at Rudy Ortega Sr. Park and Pioneer Park. Mr. Prado began his project in January of 2025 with petitioning the City for permission to build and install the libraries. He attended the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting in April where he received full support to begin his work. The project included design, fundraising for materials, building and installation of the libraries. Mr. Prado worked with City staff to coordinate final location selection and installation of his contribution. The City congratulates this young man for this great achievement!

SENIOR SERVICES

September Senior Activities

The month of September is jam packed with activities and programs for seniors! The monthly *Birthday Celebration* was held on Wednesday, September 3rd with delicious cake, coffee, tea and lively music to honor participants celebrating birthdays in September.

The Monthly Senior Art Activity was held on Monday, September 8th with a fun and creative painting class. Under the direction of an art instructor, participants explored various painting techniques on canvas. These monthly art classes offer a creative and therapeutic activity that

enhances mental well-being, fine motor skills, and social interaction among elderly participants. Each participant created their very own masterpiece which they get to take home as a keepsake.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

Join the fun at Las Palmas Park on Friday, September 19th for a community celebration including refreshments, resource information, and the very popular fashion show. Each September we celebrate the heritage, history, traditions, and cultural diversity of Hispanic Americans. Our rich and diverse culture is recognized and honored making this an amazing, fun and important event for this community.

Senior Meals

In partnership with ONEgeneration, Las Palmas Park continues to host the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) for seniors. Stop by and register with the ONEgeneration team, Rene and Hayle, and enjoy a delicious and nutritious hot meal! Folks that are 60+ can qualify for this free program (suggested donation is \$3) Mondays through Fridays. If you know of anyone that is 60+ and is homebound, ONEgeneration can deliver hot meals 5 days a week! For more information please call (818) 898-7340.

Platicas de la Vida con Café

In partnership with the Department of Mental Health, Las Palmas Park is hosting workshops to discuss and offer assistance to those dealing with emotional trauma, anxiety and everyday life situations. Classes are held in Spanish on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. Please contact Las Palmas Park at (818) 898-1290 for more information.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Distribution

The Regional Food Bank monthly distribution was held on Monday, September 2, 2025 from 9:00am-11:00am and distributed approximately 220 food kits. This program continues to serve seniors age 60+ on a monthly basis at Las Palmas Park. This drive-through food program provides a free food kit containing nutritious items such as meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals and grains. The program serves an average of over 200 seniors monthly. The next distribution will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025. For more information on food assistance programs please contact Las Palmas Park at (818) 898-7340.

Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Monthly classes are offered in Spanish at Las Palmas Park to address important issues related to memory loss, brain health, dementia, cognitive decline and much more. Classes are scheduled on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Light refreshments are provided. Please contact Las Palmas Park at (818) 898-7340 for more information.

Intro to Computers

The *Intro to Computers* class is geared for seniors to learn basic computer skills and important tips on navigating the internet securely, including how to identify safe websites and avoid common online threats. Additionally, participants will practice typing and become familiar with

keyboard functions to improve their technology skills. Classes are offered at Las Palmas Park. For more information please call (818) 898-7340.

The Monthly Senior Dance will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Las Palmas Park in celebration of Fiestas Patrias. Participants will enjoy refreshments, live music, dancing, and raffles. Doors open at 7:00 pm. The next Senior Dance is scheduled on Saturday, October 18, 2025 in celebration of Halloween. For more information call Las Palmas Park at (818) 898-7340.

Senior Club Monthly Meetings occur on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at Las Palmas Park. Seniors interested in becoming active and involved in the Senior Club may attend meetings or call 818-898-7340 for more details.

Ongoing Senior Programs

The following senior activities are ongoing. For more details on programs and activities, please call Las Palmas Park at 818-898-7340 or visit the City Website at www.sfcity.org.

Music Class

Clase de Canto

Bingo

Arthritis Exercise

Crafty Ladies

Manejo Personal de Diabetes

Walkable Wednesday

Classes de Ingles

Adult Coloring

Senior Zumba

Chair Yoga

SOCIAL SERVICES

Food Distribution

In partnership with *Ignite the Light of Hope Foundation*, Las Palmas Park hosted two free food distributions on August 22 and 29 for community members in need of food assistance. This effort is part of the ***San Fernando Together*** initiative developed to assist residents impacted by recent immigration enforcement activities. This effort reflects the City's commitment to building an inclusive, resilient, and supportive community where all residents—regardless of immigration status or economic background—can access the resources they need. Through partnerships with trusted local organizations, San Fernando Together connects individuals and families with immediate relief such as food distributions and one-time financial assistance, as well as referrals to a wide range of community services. These efforts aim to address urgent

needs while also promoting long-term well-being, stability, and opportunity for all who call San Fernando home.

AS@P- After School @ the Park Teen Program

After School @ the Park, is a free program designed just for teens! Offering a safe, supportive, and fun environment where teens ages 11-17 can get homework assistance, visit the computer lab, participate in workshops and hands-on activities, stay active, express themselves through creative arts, and make new friends. Whether looking to learn something new or just hang out with peers, there is something for everyone at AS@P! The program runs Monday through Friday, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Recreation Park.

Soft Opening: September 9, 2025 through October 3, 2025

Official Opening: October 6, 2025

Teens for a Better Community

Teens for a Better Community (TBC) continues to meet regularly to hold discussions on programs, brainstorming sessions, and develop volunteer opportunities. Snacks and refreshments are provided. TBC meets twice per month in the new teen lounge at Recreation Park. For more information please call (818) 898-7340. For more information please call (818) 898-7340 or email jsalas@sfcity.org.

RECREATION

Leisure & Fitness Classes

Classes are currently in session and available for registration in-person by visiting one of the park offices or online by visiting www.sfcity.org/sfrecreation.

- **3 Wins Fitness San Fernando**
Mon, Wed & Fri | 8:15am | Recreation Park
- **Total Body Conditioning**
Mon-Thur | 7:00pm | Recreation Park
- **Inclusive Zumba**
Mon & Wed | 6:00pm | Recreation Park
- **Folklorico**
Wed & Fri | 7pm | Las Palmas Park
- **Shotokan Karate**
Saturdays | 9am | Las Palmas Park
- **Senior Music**
Tuesdays | 9am | Las Palmas Park
- **Clase de Canto**
Thursdays | 9am | Las Palmas Park

Open Gym Pickleball

Pickleball is back at Recreation Park on Tuesday nights at 6pm!. Come learn and make new friends through this growing sport, all equipment is provided at the park. Las Palmas Pickleball meets on Mondays at 10:00 am and Fridays at 10:30 am.

Tiny Tykes Sports Clinics- Fall Soccer

Tiny Tykes Sports Clinics are a perfect way to introduce the little athletes in the community to sports. Participants, ages 2-6, will learn the fundamentals of the sport through guided activities and play. Fall Soccer clinic will take place Saturday mornings at Las Palmas Park from September 6 – October 4.

Ninja Ninja Learns

Ninja Ninja Learns is an enrichment program introducing students ages 2-9 to fundamental martial arts elements like blocking, striking, stances, and situational awareness in a non-contact and non-competitive environment. The Fall program will reintroduce Nunchuck Training for ages 4-9. Youth will learn to wield a foam nunchuck like a true ninja!

Adult Basketball Fall Season

Registrations are now open for the Fall season of Adult Basketball. The Fall will showcase two nights of adult league play on Tuesday and Wednesdays at Recreation Park. Get a team together and register today! Games begin September 30th.

Lopez Adobe Tour Night

Stop by for free guided and self-guided tours on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. The City recently received a donation of artifacts from the Whitaker-Rodgers family, descendants of the Lopez family. Donated items includes furniture pieces that once belonged to members of the Lopez family and close descendants. Stop by and experience the history!

BUDGET IMPACT:

The programs, services, activity, and business updates in this report are part of the Department's work plan and funds have been allocated for such work in the current fiscal year budget.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission receive and file the Department Update Report and provide any guidance or recommendations as appropriate.