

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, August 24, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Manuel Avila, Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez and Commissioner Julian Zatarain. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation and Nathaniel Palma, Graduate Management Intern.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Manuel Avila

**Motion:** Chair Manuel Avila motioned to move item number 4 on the agenda to the first item to listen to Ivonne Correa's presentation for the consideration of a request for a facility fee waiver for the Women's Club. Seconded by Commissioner Julian Zatarain. Motion Carries as follows.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Avila, Davis-Gonzalez, Zatarain  
NOES: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez motioned to approve the park tour minutes from July 27, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Julian Zatarain. Motion carries as follows:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Avila, Davis-Gonzalez, Zatarain  
NOES: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Consider request for facility fee waiver for the Women's Club**

**Motion:** No action to be taken. As a resident of the City of Huntington Park and President of the Southeast Los Angeles Women's Club, Ivonne Correa brought forth a proposal to request a fee waiver for a conference on domestic violence at the Social Hall at Salt Lake Park. Approval for this matter will be postponed to next week at the Special Meeting.

**2. Schedule a Park Tour**

**Motion:** Commissioner Julian Zatarain approves a subsequent scheduled park tour of Keller, Freedom and Perez Park on September 28, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Betty Davis Gonzalez

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Commissioner(s): Avila, Davis-Gonzalez, Zatarain

NOES: Commissioner(s):

ABSTAINED: Commissioner:

**3. Review and discuss current status of workplan for FY 2016/17**

**Motion:** No action to be taken. The Commission will postpone discussions on the work plan until the next regular meeting when all commissioners are present.

**4. Discussion and/or action on the park tour results and findings**

**Motion:** No action to be taken. This was a brief discussion over the aesthetics of Salt Lake Park as well as amplifying security by maintaining a relationship with the Cadet Program.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa emphasized equability in the field of recreation pertaining to Girls Athletics by informing and spreading awareness of registration for Girls Softball.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa provided material on the annual Huntington Park Halloween event which will offer an array of various forms of leisure and activities related to Halloween and free of charge to all residents of Huntington Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa brought forth updates on the upcoming splash pad and has met with designers and planners to expedite construction. Director Espinosa has obtained a grant and contract agreement with Land Water Conservation to accelerate the commencement of the splash pad

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa informed the commission staff of the application for the grant for Habitat Conservation which presumably will develop DWP open space lots. A number of challenges are still ahead, however, Director Espinosa states that progress has been made steadily.

### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez thanked the Department of Parks and Recreation for the visual improvement in the city's parks but stressed that certain trees in Salt Lake Park need to be trimmed and/or cut down. Commissioner Davis-Gonzalez stated that it is imperative that the City's chief park lives up to its potential.

Chair Manuel Avila thanked the Department for its hard work and commitment to excellence. Chair Avila asked who is in charge of landscaping duties for the park. Director Espinosa replied and informed the staff that Public Works is in charge of landscaping and the head person is Mario Lopez.

Commissioner Zatarain thanked the department for their extensive work and relentless pledge to the City of Huntington Park.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:40 p.m. Chair Avila adjourned the City of Huntington Park, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director