

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

The Regular Meeting and Park Tour of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Manuel Avila, Vice Chair Jonathan Sanabria, 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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Commissioner Julian Zatarain motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 24, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Davis Gonzalez. Motion carries as follows:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Sanabria, Gordillo

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Consider request for approval of event for *Walk for Humanity***

**Motion:** Commissioner Sanabria motions to approve a 5k walk/jog fundraiser at Salt Lake Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ahmed Ahmad spoke to the commission on behalf of the Islamic Youth Association which is an independent nonprofit organization raising funds with Walk for Humanity. The group has agreed to pay for all necessary fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation and provide insurance and has proven record throughout the greater Los Angeles area. 15% of proceeds will go to the LA food bank which will serve to combat hunger in Southeast Los Angeles. Julian Zatarain seconds the motion

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s):

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Julian Zatarain approves the facility fee waiver and event for the Southeast Los Angeles Women's Club at Salt lake Park. The Women's Club will pay the \$500 refundable deposit and the cleaning fee. Rental and staffing fees will be paid for by the commission. Julian Zatarain seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Avila, Sanabria, Zatarain, Gordillo

NOES: Commissioner(s):

ABSTAINED: Commissioner: Davis-Gonzalez

**3. Scheduled Park Tour (Freedom, Keller and Perez)**

The following concerns and acknowledgements were discussed

Freedom and Keller Park -

- Request for a dispenser for small plastic bags for guests to pick up small amounts of trash and dog feces
- Dim lights and the lack thereof are a concern at both parks especially bathroom lights
- There is a concern over outdated playground equipment and the need for a sufficient grant to address that matter was brought forth by Director Espinosa
- Swing and jungle gym bars appear to need repainting
- Supplementary exercise machines will be added in the near future.
- A proposal was made by the commission to possibly use the posterior portion of city hall for utilization of Parks and Recreation classes and events
- The park is frequently visited by guests and residents of Huntington Park and there is overall satisfaction from many of its attendees

Perez Park -

- The small trees in between the basketball courts and field need a mound of dirt around them as a base to provide support and more irrigation
- Plants indoors and outdoors need to be watered regularly
- Bathrooms are to be kept in pristine condition
- The overall state of the park is exceptional and provides an abundance of greenspace in the the most industrial and commercial section of Huntington Park

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa informed the commission that City Council requires a report from all commissions at an actual regular meeting. The question was whether who would like to execute the report to inform the city on their decisions, actions and findings. The final decision was to conduct the report for the November regular meeting.

### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice Chair Jonathan Sanabria would like to continue discussions pertaining to the skate park in each meeting.

Commissioner Julian Zatarain would like to move forward with greenspace and discuss issues such as its progress, status and future.

Commissioner Edgar Gordillo expressed concerns over flyers and propaganda on various posts and trees at our local parks which he deems unnecessary as well as the increasing nuisance of graffiti.

Commissioner Betty Davis Gonzalez brought forth concerns over the safety of the trails surrounding the skate park at Salt Lake Park.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Avila adjourned the City of Huntington Park, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to a Regular Meeting on October 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director

