

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, October 26, 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 6:09 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Julian Zatarain, Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez and Commissioner Edgar Gordillo. Other City Officials and employees: Lizet Nunez, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Leonard Garcia, Parks and Recreation Supervisor and Nathaniel Palma, Graduate Management Intern.

ABSENT: Chair Manuel Avila and Vice Chair Jonathan Sanabria

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Betty Davis Gonazalez

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Commissioner Betty Davis Gonzalez motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 28, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Julain Zatarain.

Motion carries as follows:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Discuss park security and The Cadet Program**

**Motion:** No action to be taken. Huntington Park Police Sargeant Alpizar notified the commission that two new members will be integrated into the Cadet Program. Sargeant Alpizar further mentioned the new Cadet Program schedule for our city's parks which will be from 2pm to 8pm Monday through Friday as well as Saturday and Sunday. Additional Huntington Park Police Department

members will further increase security. A Parks and Recreation Activity Report on all findings from May 2016 to September 2016 was presented as well.

**2. Discussion and/or action on flyers and written material displayed on trees and light posts at all parks**

**Motion:** No action to be taken. The Parks and Recreation Supervisors will Parks and Recreation staff to continue to bring down flyers and other written material from all light posts and trees.

**3. Discuss and/or action on skate park and address all concerns pertaining to lighting at the parks**

**Motion:** Commissioner Julian Zatarain motions to move item #3 to the November agenda. Commissioner Betty-Davis Gonzalez seconds the motion. The absence of Vice Chair Manuel Avila and Commissioner Jonathan Sanabria is the reason for a postponement on many pending decisions concerning the skate park. Discussion and/or an action on the matter will resume in November.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

**4. Discuss open space and the need to increase greenspace**

**Motion:** Commissioner Julian Zatarain motions to move item #4 to the November Agenda. Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez seconds the motion. The Commission requests Parks and Recreation Director, Josette Espinosa be present in order to discuss matters pertaining to open space. Discussion on this topic will resume in November.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

**5. Workplan 2016/2017**

**Motion:** Commissioner Julian Zatarain motions to move item #5 to the November agenda. Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez seconds the motion. A full and thorough inspection of the work plan will be done when all commission members are present at the next regular scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

**6. Discuss presenting the Parks and Recreation Commissions goals at  
The next regularly scheduled council meeting**

**Motion:** No action to be taken. A full discussion will take place when all commission members are present for the next regular scheduled meeting.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Lizet Nunez and Parks and Recreation Supervisor Leonard Garcia informed the commission on the upcoming Halloween festival and asked members of the commission if they were interested in participating as judges for the costume contest and to assist with other festivities. Past Halloween festivals have been a complete success for the city.

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS -**

Commissioner Julian Zatarain would like to move forward with greenspace and discuss issues such as its progress, status and future. Commissioner Zatarain further expressed his gratitude for the Cadet Program and appreciates the improvement within the department.

Commissioner Edgar Gordillo thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for the services they provide to our community. Commissioner Gordillo further stated that he appreciates the gradual progression of the quality of our parks

Commissioner Betty Davis Gonzalez stressed the need to have a work plan and the importance of following through with the plans it includes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:37 p.m. Commissioner Julian Zatarain adjourned the City of Huntington Park, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to a Regular Meeting on November 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Josette Espinosa*

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Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director