

City of Huntington Park
Youth Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 1, 2017
4:00pm
Salt Lake Park, Lounge
3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

The regular meeting of the Youth Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 4:07 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017 in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Commissioner Kevin Cervantes.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Kevin Cervantes, Nelly Perez, Angel De Santiago, Joel Palma, Kaitlyn Zesati, and Karol Gutierrez. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Lizet Nunez, Recreation Supervisor and Guillermo Portillo, Management Intern.

Absent: Commissioner Paulina Ramos

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of Youth Commission meeting from March 6, 2017. Item was motioned by Chair Cervantes and second by Commissioner De Santiago. Minutes were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Consider Updating the Work Plan for 2016/2017

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION
Director Espinosa offered the commission an opportunity to add new items to the work plan. Additionally, the commission was informed that the work plan will be provided for the next meeting.

Motion: None

2. Discussion of Action for Youth Commission Newsletter

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa confirmed with the commission that their blurbs have been turned in and will be mentioned in the following newsletter. As stated by Lizet the current newsletter includes basic information of the youth commission, their partnership with the department of parks and recreation, and their involvement in the community. Furthermore, she mentioned it would be a great idea for the commission to take a photo so that the public can be introduced to the youth commission. Additionally, the commission agreed that a photo would be a great idea to add to the newsletter.

Motion: None

3. Discussion of Youth Commission setting a date to attend a College Tour

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa informed the commission that a large van is available upon their request for the college tour so long as the date of the tour accommodates with most commissioners schedules. The commission agreed to inquire about various local colleges, Commissioner Perez agreed to inquire with University of Southern California, Commissioner Gutierrez agreed to inquire with Cal Poly Pomona, Commissioner Joel agreed to inquire with the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise, Commissioner Zesati agreed to inquire with Cal State University, Channel Islands, and Chair Cervantes agreed to inquire with the Otis College of Art and Design.

Motion: None

4. Discussion and Action of participation of Memorial Day Celebration

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa informed the commission of the Memorial Day celebration and offered the commission the opportunity to participate in volunteering. Furthermore, she mentioned that the commission would assist in decorating, providing refreshments to the public, and other miscellaneous duties. Commissioner Zesati, De Santiago, Palma, Gutierrez, and Cervantes all volunteered to assist during the day of the event.

Motion: None

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- The commission was informed of the Health Expo event, which will take place on June 10, 2017 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Furthermore, they were offered the opportunity to volunteer during the event and participate in the event by setting up a booth. Director Espinosa notified the commission that the splash pad will begin in 25 days. Director Espinosa mentioned that the department of parks and recreation has applied for a grant, which will assist in converting 10 DWP lots into parks for the city. Additionally, she states that the park will have passive exercise type of equipment, which will also have plenty of trees and grass areas. Lizet informed the commission of current registration for youth sports, which include girls' basketball, girls' softball, little kickers program, little dribblers, and youth baseball.

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION- None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Cervantes discussed the importance of having an additional trip, but to a cultural event or site. As an example he mentioned the Lotus fair, which is an upcoming event. Additionally, chair Cervantes asked if it would be possible to award graduating seniors with a certificate of recognition for their participation in the youth commission. Commissioner De Santiago mentioned that only one student applied for the south east fellowship and that it would be best if the youth commission encourage other high school students to apply for the fellowship.

Motion: Chair Cervantes motioned to add discussion and action of an excursion to a cultural arts event in the summer to next month's agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Perez.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:45 p.m. Chair Cervantes adjourned the City of Huntington Park Youth Commission Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017.