

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 28, 2017
6:00pm
City Hall, Council Chambers
6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jonathan Sanabria.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Vice Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, and Julian Zatarain. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Guillermo Portillo, Graduate Management Intern

ABSENT: Edgar Gordillo and Manuel Morado

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting from May 24, 2017. Item was motioned by Commissioner Zatarain and second by Vice Chair Davis-Gonzalez. 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 provided the Work Plan for 2016/2017 and informed the commission of the three current items being worked on. Chair Sanabria commented on the possibility of including some additional goals to the work plan preferably short term. Director Espinosa informed the commission regarding the Kaboom grant, which offers a \$25,000 grant to purchase playground equipment; however, she mentioned there are limitations in the use of the grant such as a large event needs to take place for the construction of the equipment and the equipment will need to be assembled with the help of multiple volunteers. The commission agreed to assist the director in finding non-profit organizations and volunteers to assist in building the equipment.

The commission discussed a grant that was submitted a few months ago to develop the DWP lots. The goal would be to develop passive recreation components. In addition, Mayor Eric Garcetti's office provided a letter of support for the grant.

Motion: Chair Sanabria motioned to add the Kaboom grant and seeking partnership into the work plan as the 4th item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Zatarain. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Sanabria, Commissioner Davis
Gonzales, Commissioner Zatarain

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

1a. Request for Facility Fee Waiver Los Angeles Unified School District

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa, informed the commission the purpose for the rental is to hold an attendance review hearing for students who have remained absent multiple times that raises concerns of their well-being. Teachers, parents, counselors, principals, and school board members are invited to the event in order to develop the best possible solution for the student. Furthermore, she mentioned that the fee waiver requested is for a once a month rental beginning from September 2017 until May 2018.

Motion: Vice Chair Davis-Gonzalez motioned to waive all fees for the rental, seconded by Commissioner Zatarain. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Sanabria, Commissioner Davis Gonzales, Commissioner Zatarain

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

2. Discussion of Splash pad update

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa informed the commission of the Splash Pad's continued progression and it's anticipation to be completed is towards the end of summer. Furthermore, she mentioned there were some minor unforeseen circumstances, which include the location of the water tanks and the change in type of gate used; however, these unforeseen circumstances will not affect the completion time.

3. Discussion of 4th of July Update

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa invited the commission to participate in the 4th of July event being held at Salt Lake park. Moreover, the event is more family oriented, which includes face painting, two clowns who will entertain the public, free ice cream for the first 1,000 people, and local community groups performing.

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Director Espinosa notified the commission about recreational programs occurring at the park which includes the summer swim program from July 5 – August 8, swimming lessons beginning July 10, Girls softball for ages 11-14 years, grand opening for the swim program July 5th, and AYSO is taking signups for ages 4-19 years.

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION- None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Zatarain apologized for being absent during last month's commission meeting due to an exam. Additionally, he expressed his appreciation of the increased amounts of children graduating all levels of school. Commissioner Davis-Gonzalez also expressed her appreciation of the community's determination to achieve higher education especially much older groups of people. Chair Sanabria concluded with his appreciation of the parks and recreation's excellent work in creating events.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:43 p.m. Chair Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.