

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018,
6:00pm
3401 E Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Vice Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, Commissioner Edgar Gordillo, and Commissioner Julian Zatarain. Other City Officials and employees: Celica Quinones, Recreation Manager, Guillermo Portillo, Management Intern

ABSENT: Commissioner Manual Morado

PUBLIC APPEARANCE-

Benjamin Valdez president of the cheer and football team for Huntington Park expressed his concern regarding the inability to utilize space for his organization. Additionally, he expressed his love for the community and wanting to keep the team based in Huntington Park as opposed to renting out fields in different cities. Lastly, he mentioned that the reason he was denied a rental permit for any of the fields was due to the fact that the fields are not high impact.

Maldo the coach of the organization discussed how important their organizations goal is community which is why, he felt it was disheartening that the city is unable to accommodate them. Moreover he emphasized that the organization's aim is to keep kids away from becoming criminals and into overall good citizens of the community.

STAFF RESPONSES- Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones notified the speakers to grab a business card from the front office so that she may look further into the situation.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission March 28, 2018. Vice Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez motioned to approve minutes of Parks and Recreation

Commission meeting from March 28, 2018. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Julian Zatarain.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Sanabria, Vice Chair Davis-Gonzalez, Commissioner Zatarain, and Commissioner Gordillo

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion and/ or Action of Work Plan FY 2017/2018

Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones informed the commission that City Council has approved a resolution for the new grant, which will increase the green space in Huntington Park. Additionally she informed the commission that there will be a large outreach to citizens on their perspective of the design for the parks. Chair Sanabria requested for staff to provide timelines regarding specific events or activities involving the new green spaces so that the commission may participate during that time. Secondly, Recreation Manager Celica Quinones informed the commission that the department has received the AltaMed grant, which will assist in providing food for the seniors this coming July, moreover she emphasized that the department will also begin to increase programming for the seniors. Additionally she informed the commission that the department will be in partnership with Woodcraft Rangers to provide a Summer Program. Thirdly, the commission discussed having a meeting in which they will have a walkthrough of each park so that they may provide feedback on the park overall. Vice

Vice Chair Betty-Davis Gonzalez motioned to add a tour on the Agenda for the next meeting. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Julian Zatarain.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Sanabria, Vice Chair Davis-Gonzalez, Commissioner Zatarain, and Commissioner Gordillo

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

3. Discussion and/ or Action of Utility Box Beautification Project

Management Intern Guillermo Portillo informed the commission that there are currently 13 utility boxes located at all of the parks, more specifically he mentioned that there are six at Salt Lake Park, two at Keller park, two at Raul Perez Memorial Park, and three at Freedom Park. Commissioner Zatarain mentioned that he would like to see a competition among schools for designs on the utility box. Chair Jonathan Sanabria requested that staff search for themes around local cities that are painted on utility boxes. Additionally, he mentioned if possible to ask the youth commission if they would like to participate in the utility box project and if so that the project may be a collaboration.

4. Discussion and/or Action of Health and Education Expo

Management Intern Guillermo Portillo, provided documents to the commission, which show various items that they may purchase using their special supplies budget. Chair Jonathan Sanabria stated that he would like to get the stadium cups with the commissions logo personalized. Commissioner Edgar Gordillo, commented that in the past he has helped with getting donations for events through by providing a donation letter from the park. Additionally Commissioner Gordillo requested from staff to provide a donation letter to assist with getting donations from stores.

Chair Jonathan Sanabria motioned to utilize the parks and recreation commission special supplies budget to purchase 350 stadium cups from the business Quality Logo Products. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Julian Zatarain.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Sanabria, Vice Chair Davis-Gonzalez, Commissioner Zatarain, and Commissioner Gordillo

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones notified the Commission that the Open Streets event will be held July 22, 2018. Moreover, she informed them that a variety of streets will be closed to allow members of the public to utilize various types' transportation that do not require motors.

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION- None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair, Jonathan Sanabria, thanked staff for providing the various options to purchase from for the Health and Education Expo. He also commented that he would like to receive more information from the department in regards to field use as to be more informed when additional questions arise from community members.

Vice Chair Betty Davis- Gonzalez commented that she is very satisfied with the increased level of communication among the commission and the department. Additionally, she commented on how happy she was to see a former student of hers helping the community through youth sports.

Commissioner Julian Zatarain stated that he was thankful for the work that the department does for the parks. Moreover, he commented that he is concerned with the cadet program and would like to see more programs for the youth population.

Commissioner, Edgar Gordillo stated that he is very appreciative of everyone's fight to improve the parks in our community. Additionally, he would like to comment on the hard work that public work does to keep the parks clean specifically with Mario Lopez and Alvaro Carnacion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m. Chair Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.