

City of Huntington Park  
Youth Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
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 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401. E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California 90255.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Commissioner Joanna Ramos.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice Chair Joanna Ramos, Commissioner Brandon Valdez, Commissioner Kiara Sandoval, Commissioner Francisco Mares. Other City Officials and employees: Community Service Coordinator Moy Morales, Recreation Manager Celica Quinones, and Director of Parks & Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray.

Absent: Chair Alanis Rodriguez, Commissioner Yadira Gonzalez

**PUBLIC APPERANCE**- None

**STAFF RESPONSES**- None

**MINUTES**

Approval of minutes of Youth Commission meeting from March 23, 2022.

**Motion:** Commissioner Brandon Valdez motioned to approve the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners(s): Brandon Valdez, Kiara Sandoval

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioners(s): Alanis Rodriguez, Yadira Gonzalez, Joanna Ramos, Francisco Mares

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Discussion and/ or Action of Work Plan and upcoming Special Events**

Director of Parks & Recreation and Recreation Manager reviewed the work plan with the Youth Commissioners. The Youth Commissioners were asked to communicate if they are available to volunteer in upcoming community events, to please communicate with Community Service Coordinator Moy via email.

### **2. Discussion and/ or Action of Youth Commission Meeting Time Change**

The Director of Parks & recreation informs Commissioners of possible dates and times that will be allowed by the City Clerk. The Youth Commissioners check with one another on the availability for the new time change. Vice Chair Joana motions to move the Youth Commission meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Roll call is taken for this motion with Commissioner Kiara Sandoval, Commissioner Brandon Valdez, and Commissioner Francisco Mares all approving of the new meeting change. If approved by the City Clerk, the next Youth Commission meeting will take place Thursday, June 22, 2023.

### **3. Discussion and/ or Action of College Tour Trips**

The Recreation Manager provides the Youth Commissioners with details regarding the college tour trips. The Youth Committee will be provided with one bus for a total of 55 people, which will include a chaperone, to travel within the border of Riverside County, Los Angeles County, and border line of Ventura County for a college trip visitation. Youth Commissioner Joanna Ramos will be responsible for creating a draft flyer to recruit high school students who may be interested in attending the college tours. A draft flyer will be presented at the June Youth Commission meeting. The Department of Parks & Recreation will be responsible for scheduling a bus and coordinating a tour for Saturday, September 16, 2023. The Committee decided that it

is best to visit two schools on the same day. Schools that were selected were University of California Irvine with California State University Fullerton and University of California Los Angeles with California State University Northridge. The Youth Committee will decide which schools will be selected for this trip at the next meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS-** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS-**

**Community Service Coordinator provided the commission the following departmental reports:**

1. Graduation Stage, Monday, May 22, 2023, through June 25, 2023, at City Hall from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.
2. Memorial Day Ceremony and Celebration, Saturday, May 29, 2023, at the Huntington Park Community Center from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.
3. Splash Pad opens Friday, June 10, 2023, through September 3, 2023, at Salt Lake Park from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm. Freedom Park hours are from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm.
4. Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Main Recreation Center at Salt Lake Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
5. Summer Nights in the Park –
  - a. Movie Night – Lego Movie Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Freedom Park at 7:30 pm.
  - b. Luau DJ Night at Salt Lake Park Thursday, July 14 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
  - c. Movie Night – Spiderman No Way Home Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Perez Park at 7:30 pm.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-** None

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice Chair Joanna Ramos:

Shared that she is currently in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at California State University Dominguez Hills where she studying to become a Kinesiology major/pre-physical therapy and her goal is to become a Physician Assistant.

Commissioner Brandon Valdez:

Commissioner Brandon asked on the status of the blocked area in the middle of Salt Lake Park. The Director of Parks & Recreation shared that the construction of a new Olympic size pool was to be completed but currently delayed due to contamination of the soil. The contractors must retest the soil and pass for groundbreaking to occur. The Director of Parks & Recreation also shared that changes to the playground areas were on their way as they are working with contractors to update the park area grounds.

Commissioner Kiara Sandoval:

Commissioner Kiara shared that she is currently a junior at University of Southern California majoring in Neuroscience and is looking to get her master's degree where she can conduct research.

Commissioner Francisco Mares:

Commissioner Francisco Mares shared that he is currently a high school junior going into his senior year at Linda Marquez High School. He is not sure what he wants to major in but is very interested in attending college.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:37 p.m. Community Service Coordinator Moy adjourned the City of Huntington Park Youth Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 22, 2023.