

CITY OF FULLERTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Approved Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
City Council Chamber
Monday, April 8, 2013
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Van Gorden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Silva led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carvalho, Silva, Van Gorden, Haselton, Lang McNabb

Absent: Levinson

Staff: Director Hugo Curiel, Administrative Manager Alice Loya, Cultural Arts and Family Services Manager Dannielle Mauk, Recreation Supervisor John Clements, Deputy Director of Maintenance Services Dennis Quinlivan, and Buildings and Facilities Superintendent Bob St. Paul.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MARCH 11, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation March 11, 2013 Commission Meeting and approve the Maintenance Services Monthly reports for March, 2013.

Commissioner Silva MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Haselton SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation March 11, 2013 Commission Meeting and approve the Maintenance Services Monthly Reports for March, 2013.

AYES: Carvalho, Silva, Van Gorden, Haselton, Lang-McNabb,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 3 – 9)

5. MUCKENTHALER CULTURAL CENTER MASTER PLAN (Item heard out of order)

Manager Loya reminded the commissioners that at their request this item was delayed, allowing additional time for review of the master plan. She informed them that postcards were sent to residents in the surrounding neighborhood, advising them of tonight's meeting.

Zoot Velasco, Executive Director of the Muckenthaler, spoke briefly. Manager Loya proposed doing a feasibility study and conducting additional community meetings as the community felt it was important to give their input to staff, committees and commissions.

Commissioner Silva asked if a delay in the timeline might impact their plan. Mr. Velasco responded that the timeline is important as he has planned the project completion in time for the 50th anniversary in 2015.

People who spoke against the master plan:

Bill Hosea
Peggy San Roman
Maury Bas
Harry Price

People who spoke in favor of the master plan:

Patrick Huff
Kathy Strong
Jane Harper
Devin Xavier Quitra
Adam England
Matt Leslie
Joana McGowan
Barbara Gregory

Commissioner Haselton MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Carvalho SECONDED the motion that staff move forward with a feasibility study.

AYES: Carvalho, Silva, Van Gorden, Haselton, Lang-McNabb

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED

3. ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE PARTNER/ASSOCIATE STATUS DETERMINATION

Supervisor Clements said that staff began meeting with the OCCYSL when the Boy Scouts severed ties in June 2012. In September, a staff review of the OCCYSL's application found they had not met the partner or associate level standards. In October, they were given a six-month extension to meet the standards. After five months the OCCYSL withdrew their application stating they could not meet the requirements.

Supervisor Clements explained that the OCCYSL did not meet the City's or Cal South's requirements for a recreation league (Cal South categorized the OCCYSL as a club league, as they are an association of club teams), did not have a state or national governing sports body (which requires background checks and training of coaches and league officials), and did not meet the 80% residency rate (they only have about 25% Fullerton residents.) Accordingly, staff informed the commission that beginning May 1st the OCCYSL will return to the category of rental group and will pay the rental group fee of \$25 per hour per field.

Director Curiel clarified that during the six-month extension period the OCCYSL was given special consideration, allowing them to pay the lower associate level fee of \$12 per hour during the application process.

Commissioners discussed that the OCCYSL can restructure and reapply for partner or associate status. They would go through the entire review process again and if approved by Commission pay a lower field rate and receive higher priority field allocations. Commissioners also discussed the OCCYSL's unwillingness to use smaller fields for practice, instead requiring larger fields so their club teams can practice at the same time.

Director Curiel spoke about the protocol already in place and that the process is best served if followed. He said that the youth sports policy guidelines are followed by every group, from partner to rental with the exception of the OCCYSL. If the guidelines are not followed, staff is concerned that other groups will also ask for special

considerations, which disrupts the balance between leagues and devalues the policies. He is looking forward to working with the OCCYSL through the current system to receive their field allocation.

Commissioner Haselton MADE A MOTION to accept staff's recommendation that the Parks & Recreation Commission receive and file the determination that the Orange County Community Youth Soccer League has withdrawn its request for partner/associate group standards and will be categorized as a rental group.

AYES: Carvalho, Van Gorden, Haselton, Lang-McNabb

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Silva

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED 4 – 0, 1 Abstention, 1 Absent.

4. PROPOSED 2013-2014 – 2014 – 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET

Manager Loya discussed the two-year budget and told commissioners that it will be presented to the City Council in May. Then Council will refer it back to Commission for a formal review and recommendation for approval. Manager Loya stated that the budget will be final by the end of June.

Manager Loya explained that revenues are down as a result of the Meridian bankruptcy. She said that Council has also asked that staff reconsider reinstating the First Night event. She explained that staff numbers have reduced, due to attrition, from 25 full-time to 19 current full-time staff members, however, staff is managing the same number of facilities and providing the same services, and therefore it was necessary to increase part-time staff.

6. FULLERTON COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE – PRESENTATION

Manager Loya introduced Recreation Supervisor Espinoza, the on-site supervisor at the Fullerton Community Center. Supervisor Espinoza spoke about the recently expanded hours of operation to 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. She spoke of the programming, rentals, classes, swimming, fitness room and passes. She stated that the recent large group rentals have been for senior proms and wedding receptions. She stated that the success is due to the main partners: Boys & Girls Club, Fullerton Aquatics Swim Team swim classes, Cal State University, Fullerton interns helping with fitness classes, and the OCTA Measure M funds for discount bus passes and taxi vouchers for seniors.

Supervisor Espinoza spoke of the passes for use of the pool, fitness room and gym and that staff is discussing the option of offering one pass for all three uses. She also mentioned the recent CPRS award for the design of the Community Center, which will

be presented to Council at their next meeting. She said that the bookings have been steady and increasing.

Manager Loya said that she will be meeting with the Fullerton Aquatics Swim Team to review the demand and use of the pool. Director Curiel said staff gave them a one-year trial to see what the cost is to operate.

5. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Director Curiel stated there were no Council agenda items to report. He mentioned that the Hillcrest Committee was regrouping. Commissioner Lang-McNabb asked to be including in the meeting.

6. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Curiel mentioned the annual fishing derby to be held on the following Saturday, April 13th, the Fullerton Junior College and Museum Center opening on April 27th, the State of the City address on April 5th, and the Hillcrest Spring day camp beginning April 8th.


7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chair Van Gorden asked about the Hunt Branch Library closure. Director Curiel responded that the Police Department has cleared the property and is enforcing the "no camping" policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Van Gorden adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hugo Curiel, Secretary

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