



Thursday, June 13, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Chair Saucedo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Michael D. Lay, Jacob A. Rodriguez, Vice-Chair Monica M. Sanchez, and Chair Patricia A. Saucedo

LATE: Joseph A. Palombi arrived at 6:13 p.m.

ABSENT: Youth Ex Officio Yulissa Chavez

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **MINUTES:** Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of May 9, 2019
Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and carried on to roll call vote to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2019.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Proposition 68 Grant – Rio Hondo Park

Director of Parks and Recreation, Arlene Salazar, informed the Commission that staff would be making efforts to apply for Proposition 68 which is additional funding for Rio Hondo Park. To meet the criteria for Prop. 68 the City is required to host at least 5 Community Outreach Meetings. The Community Outreach Meetings would serve to inform the public and gather data on what the public would like to see at Rio Hondo Park. The Department sent out letters, created door hangers and posted information on several social media outlets to notify the public. Staff created idea boards with eligible amenities that can be added such as additional restrooms, new lighting, additional parking spaces, among several others and residents were able to drop in and select what amenities they believe would benefit the community. At the final meeting, the Department would provide a sketch of Rio Hondo Park based on the highest selected amenities. Director Salazar further stated that the Department hired a consultant to assist with the grant application and increase their chances.

- b) Resolution No. 6743 – Athletic Facility Use

Director Salazar informed the Commission that the Department would once again focus on adopting revised Resolution Number 6743 which governs the use of the athletic fields. The Commission was provided with a copy of the Resolution and informed that staff planned to schedule a special meeting in July to reintroduce the Resolutions to the Ad-

Hoc Committee for final recommendations. Once the recommendations were added to the Resolution staff would provide an update at the next scheduled Commission Meeting.

- c) Vote on Parks and Recreation Commission DARK for the month of July and August

Due to the upcoming summer programming staff has requested to go dark for the month of July and August.

A motion was made by Chair Saucedo and seconded by Vice-Chair Sanchez and carried on to roll call vote to approve going dark for the month of July and August to allow staff sufficient time to focus on summer programming.

3. OLD BUSINESS: None

4. ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION REVIEW:

- a) Pico Boys Baseball League

President of Pico Boys, Richard Rodriguez, approached the Commission to request recognition for the FY 19-20.

Vice-Chair Sanchez noted that the letter regarding the organization's 501(c) status was dated March and wondered if there had been any updates since.

President Rodriguez stated that the organization had contacted a Certified Public Accountant but were told they needed to see a specialist who has worked with organizations that have been revoked.

Chair Saucedo asked Recreation Supervisor, Candice West, why their recognition did not take place before their season started.

Supervisor West stated that the organization had submitted paperwork late. She further stated that they have tried to meet with the organization to discuss their 501(c) status and their residency rate.

Chair Saucedo asked when they expected the 501(c) status to be in good standing.

President Rodriguez informed the Commission that he is working with the previous president and the incoming president to resolve their non-profit status.

Chair Saucedo noted that the organization did not meet the required residency rate.

President Rodriguez informed the Chair that they expect their numbers to go up the following year by increasing the number of T-Ball teams. He mentioned that the non-resident participants are from surrounding cities.

Commissioner Rodriguez inquired of the number of times the President tried contacting the individual who might have been in possession of the missing financial paperwork.

President Rodriguez informed the Commissioner that the previous president continually tried contacting the person and was unable to get a response.

Commissioner Lay asked staff was aware that their 501(c) status was not compliant.

Supervisor West informed the board that the organization had submitted old paperwork and previous staff was not aware. The organization had also gained their non-profit status under a different name and paperwork was mixed.

Director Salazar informed the board that staff's recommendation is to continue working with the organization to help them obtain their non-profit status. The organization needs to work with someone who has more knowledge with obtaining their non-profit status. She further stated that the Resolution does not give staff direction to discipline the organization. She inquired about the incoming president.

President Rodriguez stated that the next president is the current Vice-President, Luis Carbajal.

Commissioner Lay asked why they are consistently switching Presidents.

President Rodriguez stated that due to his long commute he decided it would be best to leave the organization. His long commute restrained him from focusing on what was needed for the league.

Commissioner Palombi hoped that the organization would work with staff to meet the all criteria due to the history of the organization. Commissioner Palombi asked what the City would do if they did not meet the residency rate by a certain date.

Director Salazar stated that it is extremely important for the organization to regain their non-profit status due to the scheduled closing of Streamland Park for the Whittier Dam Project. Once the project commences the organization will be competing for field space with other organizations that might meet all the criteria.

Chair Saucedo recommended that Pico Boys should continually update staff while they obtain their non-profit status.

Director Salazar agreed with the Chair's recommendation and stated that if the organization is requesting help from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) they should be receiving correspondence which will show the City that they are working to get their non-profit status.

Commissioner Palombi wondered what would happen if they did not obtain their 501(c) status. He asked if the City would step in to prevent the participants from losing their teams.

Director Salazar informed the Commissioners that the Go-Getters were once a private organization that was unable to consistently keep their paperwork in order and the City

decided to take over the organization in order to meet all requirements. Once the City gained responsibility staff managed the financial side and budgeted for expenses.

Vice-Chair Sanchez inquired about the scheduled games during the summer.

President Rodriguez informed her that they had scheduled a game for 4th of July.

Director Salazar informed the Commission that the City did not have any permits for the use of Streamland Park.

The Commission informed President Rodriguez that he is required to meet with staff on a monthly bases to provide an update on obtaining his 501(c) status. They asked him to provide any correspondence made between the organization and the IRS to show an active effort. He is to provide a monthly status at the scheduled Commission Meetings. Since the organization will be collecting registrations in January, they are to provide residency status in February.

A motion was made by Chair Saucedo and Commissioner Palombi to and carried on to roll call vote to recognize Pico Boys on a probationary status and provide staff and the Commission monthly updates.

Commissioner Sanchez recommended informing the incoming president to ensure a smooth transition.

President Rodriguez inquired about the residency rate, whether or not he should decrease his numbers.

Director Salazar recommended giving Pico Rivera residents priority registration in order to meet the required residency rate. She further recommended contacting the local schools and providing the league information to gather more registrations.

b) First Bilingual Baptist Church

Luis Cardenas from First Bilingual Baptist Church approached the Commission to request organization recognition to have a three day soccer camp. The First Bilingual Baptist Church will be partnering with Seahorse Soccer to host a soccer camp. The soccer camp would be a nominal price of \$5.00 and only Pico Rivera Residents would have the opportunity to participate. The soccer camp would be July 9th- 12th at Smith Park.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to recognize First Bilingual Church as a Community Organization for FY 2019-2020.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT:

- a) Director's Report
- b) Recreation Upcoming Activities

Director Salazar stated that a new internal Dial-A-Ride transit program had been approved. The Department plans to hire for the new transit program in April 2020. They also plan to introduce an Uber and Lyft subsidy program. Director Salazar reviewed the events that occurred during the month of May which included grand opening ceremonies for local businesses, the completion of the Veteran's Day Memorial, registrations for REACH, and Tiny Tot Graduation Ceremonies.

Senior Manager, Sonya Meacham, informed the Commission that the Department planned several facility projects. At Pico Park they had completed the interior painting project and planned exterior painting project to be completed by the end of July. The flooring project at Pico Park should be completed by August. Smith Park will be restructuring their front counter area. In addition, they would be installing new flooring, repainting the interior, and restructuring staff workstations throughout the facility. The Senior Center had a new sound system and paging system installed. Future projects at the Senior Center include installation of a new front counter and new furniture for their lobby. A new front counter will also be installed at Rivera Park. The Youth Center will be receiving new furniture and fixtures. She further stated that the Pico Rivera Golf Course had a preliminary health inspection and will need to rectify a few things. Once those items are rectified, staff is expecting a final health inspection the week of June 17th. A meeting has been scheduled with Alcoholic Beverage Control to get a status on the Golf Course liquor license. At the Golf Course they had completed a roofing project and an air conditioning project. The Department also plans to replace outdoor water faucets at several park sites before the end of the year. She stated that at the next scheduled meeting she would provide a report on completed projects.

Vice-Chair Sanchez requested a calendar of events for the month of July and August.

June			
Date	Time	Event	Location
6/14 Friday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Youth Center: End of the School Teen BBQ	Youth Center 4632 Orange St.
6/15 Saturday	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dance Recital	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
6/17 Monday	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Rio Hondo Park Community Outreach Meeting	Youth Center 4632 Orange St.
6/18 Tuesday	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Taco Tuesday	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
6/19 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
6/21 Friday	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Rio Hondo Park Community Outreach Meeting	Rio Hondo Park 8421 San Luis Potosi Pl.
6/21 Friday	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Neon Glow Night	Aquatics Center 6016 Rosemead Blvd.

June (Continued)			
Date	Time	Event	Location
6/22 Saturday	4:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Trips & Tours – Mariachi USA	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
6/23 Sunday	11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Family Fun Events: Father/Son “Dodger Day”	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
6/26 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
6/26 Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Senior Center – Special Presentation: Grief & Loss	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
6/28 Friday	7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Floatie Night	Aquatics Center 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
6/29 Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Rio Hondo Park Community Outreach Meeting	Rio Hondo Park 8421 San Luis Potosi Pl.

July			
Date	Time	Event	Location
7/3 Wednesday	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Fireworks Spectacular	El Rancho High School 6501 Passons Blvd.
7/10 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
7/11 Thursday	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Music on Mines	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
7/12 Friday	7:30 p.m.	Dive-In Movies: Incredibles 2	Aquatics Center 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
7/14 Saturday	3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Trips & Tours – Pageant of the Masters	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
7/17 Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Senior Center – Special Presentation: Resiliency	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
7/17 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
7/24 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
7/24 Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Senior Center – Special Presentation: Residential Insurance - What you need to know	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
7/26 Friday	7:30 p.m.	Dive-In Movies: Spider-Man	Aquatics Center 6016 Rosemead Blvd.
7/27 Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Trips & Tours - Oxnard Salsa Festival	Senior Center 9200 Mines Ave.
7/31 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park 6016 Rosemead Blvd.

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Park Facility Issues

Senior Center	-	Chair Saucedo
Pico Park	-	Commissioner Palombi and Chair Saucedo
Rio Hondo Park	-	Commissioner Palombi
Streamland Park	-	Commissioner Rodriguez
Smith Park	-	Vice-Chair Sanchez and Youth Ex Officio Chavez
Rivera Park	-	Chair Saucedo and Commissioner Lay
Youth Center	-	Commissioner Rodriguez and Youth Ex Officio Chavez
Golf Course	-	Vice-Chair Sanchez

Commissioner Rodriguez inquired about the closing of Streamland Park. He asked if the City had notified the schools to use their fields or if the City considered using Obregon Park. He also inquired about the feasibility to provide transportation for to the Youth Center.

Director Salazar stated that they had informed the schools however, they were switching their administrative staff and project priorities had been moved around. Obregon Park would needs a lot of maintenance in order to accommodate all the usage. The feasibility to provide transportation is not possible without funds. The City could potentially use the Dial-A-Ride vans however, staff is not sure of the condition they are in and they could not be used exclusively for teens. In addition, they would require commercial drivers and a full time staff that would be needed to supervise the drivers.

Vice-Chair Sanchez stated that she attended the Farmers Market and suggested adding canopies around the benches to provide a shaded seating area for participants. She noted that on her visit to the Golf Course she noticed that the gate by the bike rack was locked. She also stated that the women's restroom by the 7th hole had been locked.

Senior Manager Meacham noted that it was closed during the air conditioning project in order to prevent patrons from wandering into that area.

Director Salazar informed Vice-Chair Sanchez that she would contact staff regarding the restrooms.

Commissioner Lay thanked staff for adding the door stoppers to the outdoor restrooms at Rivera Park.

Chair Saucedo stated that the Veteran's Memorial looks amazing and commended staff for a job well done.

Director Salazar informed the Commission that Marketing Coordinator, Marco Monterosso, designed the memorial.

For the Summer Street Fest Series staff planned to fence the Veterans Memorial in order prevent any patrons from disrupting the monument.

Vice-Chair Sanchez stated that she noticed a lot of graffiti at the Golf Course.

7. CITY COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REMINDER

- a) Vice-Chair Monica Sanchez – June 25, 2019
- b) Commissioner Joseph Palombi – August 13, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

The Parks and Recreation meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. by Chair Saucedo and seconded by Commissioner Palombi.



Patricia A. Saucedo, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

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Sonya Meacham,
Interim Director of Parks and Recreation