



Thursday, March 9, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the Parks and Recreation Community Room, 6767 Passsons Blvd, Pico Rivera, California. Vice-Chair Rocio Estrada Santos called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner: Gloria Aguirre, Patricia A. Saucedo, Youth Ex Officio Ellie Mejia, and Vice-Chair Rocio Estrada Santos.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES:

- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 9, 2023
Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Commissioner Saucedo and seconded by Commissioner Aguirre to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2023.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) None

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) None

Director Pam Yugar thanked Parks and Recreation Commissioners for voting on their favorite art pieces that will be displayed on electrical boxes throughout the city. Director Yugar mentioned another round of art submissions will be accepted beginning March 17. Art themes wanted will be Historical, Agricultural, and Transportation. Commissioners will vote again for their favorites during the May meeting.

4. ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION REVIEW:

- a) Pico Boys Baseball League by Luis Carbajal

President Luis Carbajal explained that the Pico Boys Organization has been running for 67 years. This season for Pico Boys has been difficult because of the continuous rain. Sign-ups are low for the organization, 3 teams per division when usually they have 5-6 teams per division. Commissioner Saucedo asked if Pico Boys met their residence requirement, President Carbajal responded that they have not. Director Yugar updated Commissioner Saucedo that leeway was given to Pico Boys regarding residency because of COVID. Commissioner Aguirre asked President Carbajal if the organization has done

anything to get more recruitments. President Carbajal did explain they have been marketing through social media, but they haven't had much luck. Commissioner Saucedo pointed out to President Carbajal that the organizations 501 c is not complete. President Carbajal stated that is true but that it is in the process. Commissioner Aguirre thanked President Carbajal for not giving up on the organizations and still having hopes for the children. Commissioner Saucedo made a motion to give Pico Boys Leniency on the Residency requirement and to return in May with an update on their 501 c. Commissioner Aguirre second the motion. No one was opposed.

b) Pico Rivera Baseball Academy by Anthony Corona

President Anthony Corona explained Pico Rivera Baseball Academy is in their 13th year as a travel ball team in Pico Rivera. 100 players have graduated from the organization in the last 13 years. The organization has traveled to New York, Omaha, Texas, Hawaii, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona to play. Commissioner Saucedo made a motion to accept Pico Rivera Baseball Academy as a recognized organization. Commissioner Aguirre second the motion. No opposition.

c) Pico Rivera Girls Fastpitch by Jesse Hernandez

Jonathan Ruiz attended the meeting on behalf of Jesse Hernandez. He stated to the commission that the organization has over 268 girls registered, they are meeting the residency requirements, and their 501 c is completed through the state level and awaiting to get completed through the federal level. Commissioner Aguirre asked if the organization saw any declines in registrations this season. Jonathan stated they did not see any declines, if anything maybe a little more enrollment from last year. Commissioner Saucedo made a motion to recognize Pico Fast Pitch and to return in May with status on the 501 c, Commissioner Aguirre Second the motions. No opposition.

d) Pico Rivera Pony Baseball by Dianna Foster

President Dianna Foster explained that The Pony Baseball organization is coed with about 320 players registered this season. Vice-Chair Santos asked if the organization has met the residency requirements. President Foster explained that they were close to reaching the resident requirement but has not inputted all registrant's information to get an accurate percentage. Commissioner Saucedo made a motion to give leniency on the residency requirement and to recognize Pico Rivera Pony Baseball as an organized group. Commissioner Aguirre asked a question before someone could second the motion. Commissioner Aguirre asked if the organization thought about doing something to recognize their high school players who are part of the organization. President Foster mention it is something they have in mind to do with their players next year. They would

like to recognize players that have gone through the whole organization and graduated. Commissioner Aguirre second Commissioners Saucedo's Motion.

e) Rivera Baseball Association by Mike Lay

Vice President Carlos Rodriguez was in attendance for Mike Lay. VP Rodriguez stated Rivera Baseball Association is the second oldest organization in Pico Rivera. They have 400 youth who are registered this season and are over the residency requirement. Rivera Baseball Association will be starting up their scholarship program again to players who have played in the organization their whole childhood. Vice-Chair Santos praised RBA for supporting their students. VP Rodriguez mentioned they do what they can to help the city as well by helping the VFW and Senior Center. The organization has put a new custodial of records in charge of inputting records to the Department of Justice. Commissioner Aguirre mentioned the Department of Justice does take a while for them to get back to organizations with updates. Commissioner Saucedo made a motion to recognize RBA as an organized group and to return in May with an update on the Department of Justice. Commissioner Aguirre second the motion.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT:

a) Director's Report

Supervisor Candice West gave a summary on REACH, a after school program that is held at 8 Elementary Schools in the city. The Program conducted a Mini Olympics event where 300 after school children participated and competed in 8 different events. The weather was harsh that day, but the children still enjoyed themselves as well as parents and staff that went out to support the children. No award ceremony was held that day, but Supervisor West and her team have been going to the school sites to award the winners with their medals. Commissioner Aguirre asked why The Mini Olympics is celebrated. Supervisor West explained Parks and Recreation over sees REACH, the after-school program, that is funded by the ACES Grant. Within that program students learn different activities for 8 weeks such as athletics, robotics STEM, art, dance, and academics. After the 8 week lesson there is a compilation event to showcase what they've learned.

b) Recreation Upcoming Activities

Director Yugar briefly reviewed events that are coming up such as The Easter Eggstravaganza, Opening Days, and City closures.

March			
Date	Time	Event	Location
3/1 Wednesday	1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	REACH Mini Olympics	El Rancho High School
3/4 Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Pico Fastpitch Opening Day	Rio Vista
3/10 Friday	4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Trips & Tours The Lion King	Pantages Theatre
3/11 Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Pony Baseball Opening Day	Smith Park
3/18 Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Pico Boys Opening Day	Streamland Park
3/18 Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Rivera Baseball Association (RBA) Opening Day	Rivera Park
3/27 – 3/31 Mon – Fri		ERUSD Spring Break	
3/27 - 3/31 Mon - Fri	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Spring Camp	Pico Park
3/30 Thursday		Cesar Chavez Day Offices Closed	

April			
Date	Time	Event	Location
4/5 Wednesday		First Day of Farmers Market	Smith Park
4/8 Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Easter Eggstravaganza	Pico Park
4/12 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park
4/19 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park
4/26 Wednesday	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Farmers Market	Smith Park
TBD		Community Gardens Clean-Up Day & Composting Workshop	Community Gardens

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Park Facility Issues

Senior Center	-	Commissioner Aguirre
Pico Park	-	Vice-Chair Estrada Santos
Rio Hondo Park	-	Commissioner Aguirre and Ex Officio Mejia
Streamland Park	-	Chair Martinez
Smith Park	-	Chair Martinez
Rivera Park	-	Commissioner Saucedo
Youth Center	-	Vacant and Ex Officio Mejia
Golf Course	-	Commissioner Saucedo

Commissioner Aguirre had nothing to report for the Senior Center or Rio Hondo Park.

Vice-Chair Santos had nothing to report on Pico Park.

Commissioner Saucedo asked if Rivera Park Gym was fixed from the leaks. Director Yugar mentioned that it was fixed. Commissioner Saucedo asked for the status on the Golf Course kitchen since they are barbecuing outside. Director Yugar mentioned that everyone is hard at work in getting the Golf Course fully up and running.

Commissioner Saucedo mentioned she will not be able to attend next meeting in person but will like to be included via zoom.

7. CITY COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REMINDER

- a) Commissioner Gloria Aguirre – March 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. by Vice-Chair Santos.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

Vanessa Martinez, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

Pam Yugar,
Director of Parks and Recreation