CITY OF FULLERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVED MINUTES

City Council Chamber Monday, June 11, 2012 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair San Roman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fitzgerald led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Barry Levinson, Kirk San Roman, Carl Van Gorden, Scott Stanford,

Scott Hayes

Absent:

Kathleen Shanfield, Sean Fitzgerald,

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION APRIL 30, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Hayes MOVED and Commissioner Stanford SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation April 30, 2012 Commission Meeting, as submitted.

AYES:

Hayes, Levinson, San Roman, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Shanfield, Fitzgerald

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

2. MAINTENANCE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORTS FOR APRIL & MAY, 2012.

Recommendation to receive and file the Maintenance Services April and May,

2012 Monthly Reports.

Commissioner Hayes MOVED and Commissioner Stanford SECONDED the motion to approve the monthly maintenance reports for April and May, 2012.

AYES:

Hayes, Levinson, San Roman, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Shanfield, Fitzgerald,

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

3. Vote on canceling the July and August meetings and approving a new date for the October meeting, due to a holiday on October 8th.

Commissioner Stanford MOVED and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED The motion to cancel the regularly scheduled commission meetings in July & August, 2012 and reschedule the October meeting to October 15th.

AYES:

Hayes, Levinson, San Roman, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Shanfield, Fitzgerald,

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

4. CalGrip Presentation

Manager Orozco explained to the commissioners that the Calgrip program serves high-risk families with social support, family services, education services, after-school and summer activities, mentoring, and incentive programs. Students are nominated by school officials and law enforcement.

There were a total of 74 participants enrolled in academic and recreational opportunities this summer. The youth were active in these programs on weekdays, during crucial hours in which a majority of these youth would be left unsupervised, potentially engaged in negative activities. These positive alternatives have enhanced the lives of the families and have helped prevent gang involvement.

Commissioner Stanford asked how many locations were involved. Manager Orozco responded that the program is operated at the following locations: Maple, Richman, Commonwealth, Pacific Drive, Orangethorpe, and Boys & Girls Club.

Manager Orozco explained that this program is funded 100% by the State and with the budget challenges staff is not sure it will be continued. He also explained that each case manager manages 18 children.

Commissioner Stanford asked if staff has considered a contingency plan with corporate sponsorships. Manager Orozco stated that the Outreach Advisory Committee was working with staff, including Commissioner Fitzgerald who is a member.

5. Union Pacific Park Cleanup Presentation – Department of Toxic Substance and Control (DTSC)

Manager Loya explained that the DTSC is giving a presentation on how the cleanup efforts are going at Union Pacific Park. She recounted that Union Pacific Park never opened as the contamination was discovered prior to the grand opening. The park has been fenced off and DTSC has been working on a remedial removal action plan.

Manager Loya introduced John Scandura, DTSC Chief of Cleanup Operations. Mr Scandorah gave a brief history of the site and how the dirty residual substances accumulated. He spoke about determining the nature and extent of the contamination and reviewed risks and alternatives, then packaging it into a removal action work plan (RAW).

Rania Zabaneh, DTSC Project Manager, reviewed a timeline with the Commission. She explained that the site will be fenced during the excavation of about .4 acres of the 1.7 acre site. The contaminated soil will be transported to a State-approved treatment facility. The area will be back-filled with clean soil and the City will complete the restoration of the park. Ms. Rabaneh said that the soil removal will begin in October, 2012.

Stacy Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, said she is reaching out to elected officials and stakeholders, County public health, schools, hospitals, and day care centers. Fact sheets will be prepared in English and Spanish, allowing public comment for a minimum of 30 days. The documents will all be available for review at the main library.

Council approved organizing a neighborhood committee of residents who will decide the use and possible disposition of the site after the cleanup.

Dr. C. Y. Chang, DTSC toxicologist specialist, was in attendance but did not speak to the Commission.

Speakers were:

Standy Stiassni, 220 W. Truslow Avenue

5. Fourth of July Presentation

Coordinator Kashiwada gave a presentation on the food vendors, the activities for children, the booths, the entertainment and fireworks.

Commissioner Van Gorden asked why this event was free when First Night was cancelled. He asked if in the future we would consider charging an admission fee. Director Loomer answered that First Night was funded by redevelopment funds. Recreation Manager Mauk stated that general funds are not used, the July 4th program is funded from the trash fund.

REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items to report.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- a) \$3,000 was raised to support the Secret Pal program at the first annual golf tournament.
- b) Skate Park re-opening on June 16th
- c) Office on Aging Agreement
- d) Community Center construction timeline
- e) Catering RFP for Library and Community Center mailed
- f) Tri-City Park conversion to County of Orange
- g) Gary Carter tribute returning in September

Staff answered questions from Commissioners Van Gorden and Levinson on Tri-City Park.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair San Roman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Loomer, Secretary

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