

# **City of Corona**

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## **Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - Draft**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**Council Chambers - 6:00 p.m.**



**Matthew Olsen, Chair  
Stacie Bass, Vice Chair  
Amie Kinne, Commissioner  
Tom Munoz, Commissioner  
Michele Wentworth, Commissioner**

\*\* Revised agenda on February 12, 2024 at 2:02 p.m. \*\*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Chair Matthew Olsen, Vice Chair Stacie Bass, Commissioner Amie Kinne, Commissioner Tom Munoz, and Commissioner Michele Wentworth

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Olsen.

## MEETING MINUTES

**1. APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2024**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Munoz that these Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Olsen, Vice Chair Bass, Commissioner Kinne, Commissioner Munoz, and Commissioner Wentworth

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**2. DEVELOPER IMPACT FEE FUND BALANCE/BOND REPAYMENT FOR DECEMBER 2023**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Vice Chair Bass, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Olsen, Vice Chair Bass, Commissioner Kinne, Commissioner Munoz, and Commissioner Wentworth

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

## YOUTH UPDATE

Shreya Jain, from the Mayor's Youth Council provided an update. Mayor Richin's was a guest speaker at their last meeting. He explained the roles and duties of being the Mayor and apart of the City Council. As well as, teaching them about how city's function. At today's meeting, they met with the Communications team to discuss how the City's social media works. They also received a backstage tour of how Commission meetings function.

The Commissioners thanked Shreya for her report. They also had questions and comments.

Shreya provided clarification.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 3. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Donna Finch, Interim Community Services Director, introduced the Community Services Report. She then turned it over to Mr. Lass, Recreation Services Manager, for an update on the recreation division.

Mr. Lass began with a list of upcoming events:

2/13 - CCC: Craft Making  
2/13 - Adaptive: Valentine's Day Social  
2/15 - Senior Center: Valentine's Day Dance  
2/15 - Community Conversations: Black History Month  
2/16 - OBC Theater Presents: An Evening with Michael Ross Nugent  
2/17 - Guided Hikes: Hearts in Nature  
2/19 - President's Day (Facilities Closed)  
2/24 - Corona Beautiful: Sixth Street Cleanup  
2/26 - Volunteer Program Orientation (Monthly)  
2/27 - Senior Center: Travel Program - ABBA Tribute in Palm Desert  
2/29 - Adaptive: Game Day at the CCC

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation will be at the Senior Center to assist with Income Tax filing. They will be there from February 1st - April 11th, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please come prepared.

Mr. Lass shared an update on the Kids Club Program. Introducing, "Sport Zone" rotations. This is a new staff-led sports activity that rotates between school sites. Parent and participation feedback has been positive.

The Recreation Division has two new team members. Ramon Ramirez is the new Program Coordinator for Facility Reservations. Brandon Rosato was promoted to the new Recreation Specialist for Special Events.

Mr. Lass then turned it over to Moses Cortez, Facilities, Parks and Trails Manager, for an update on the Facilities, Parks and Trails division.

The Park Rangers participated in career day at Rainey Intermediate School. They offered students a glimpse of their duties, education on wildlife, urban park safety, importance of cleaner parks, environmental stewardship and volunteer opportunities.

On Saturday, February 3rd, there was a Corona Beautiful Community Clean-up Tree Planting Event at Promenade Park. There were 50 volunteers that planted over 70

trees. That same day, the City of Corona unveiled it's very first Community Mural Project at Promenade Park. The next Corona Beautiful Community Clean-up Event will be on Sixth St. scheduled for Saturday, February 24th.

Mr. Cortez gave an update on the Skyline Trail blockage. 1,000 feet of permanent flexible delineators creating two 5 foot wide bike lanes has been installed. Incoming projects include: 1,400 feet of 3 stranded cable fencing along the channel, as well as installation of a calming device which will be located at the bridge crossing to slow bikers as they proceed down the trail towards Chase Drive. The estimated completion of this project is mid March.

Ms. Finch closed out the Community Services Report with an update on upcoming agenda items. City Park Design Concepts will be presented to City Council at the Study Session Meeting scheduled for February 21st. Trails Master Plan will go to City Council for adoption on February 21st. At the Spring Financial Workshop scheduled for March 28th, the Community Services Department will present Enhanced Community Events Calendar and Urban Forest Update.

The Commissioners had questions and comments.

Ms. Finch, Mr. Lass and Mr. Cortez provided clarification.

Jim Butchko, resident, addressed the Commission regarding the CS Report.

#### 4. CITY PARK DESIGN CONCEPTS

Tracy Martin, CIP Project Manager, provided a presentation regarding the City Park Design Concepts. Topics of the presentation included: Project Background, Strategic Plan, City Park Master Plan, Community Outreach, Massive Plan, Design Process, Design Firm Selection, Scope of Work, Process to Date, Stakeholder Sessions, Next Steps, Upcoming Activities, Introduction to Rios, Who is Rios, INC?, and The Rios Team.

Mark Rios, Creative Director and Partner for Rios, Inc. introduced the City Park Revitalization Project. Topics of the presentation included: History, City Park Ecosystem, Local Parks, Design Framework, Land Use, A New Green Anchor for Downtown Corona, Park Street Frontage Activation, Tree Canopy, Site Constraints, Buildable Areas, Viewsheds, Noise, Shade - Morning, Shade - Noon, Shade - Afternoon, Access, Park Front Doors, Satellite Parking, Interviews and Program, Functional Goals - Stakeholders Synopsis, Massing Plan, Desired Program - Approximately 100,000 SF, Prioritized Multi-Use Spaces with Recreation Services, Final Program - Approximately 50,000 SF, Site Organization, Building Strategies, Design Schemes, Scheme One - Corona Crown, Scheme One - Corona Crown Programming Diagram, Scheme Two - Flowering Fields, Scheme Two - Flowering Fields Programming Diagram, Scheme Three - Nature Wonderloop and Scheme Three - Nature's Wonderloop Programming Diagram.

Rios presented three different models of City Park: Corona Crown, Flowering Fields and Nature Wonderloop.

Ms. Finch shared with the Commission that the models were going to be on display at the Circle City Center.

The Commissioners thanked staff and Rios for the presentation, they also had questions and comments regarding noise, streets, parking, price, building options, aquatics center, fields, architecture, botanical gardens, community center, skatepark and organization.

Residents Mark Robinson and Jim Butchko, addressed the Commission regarding City Park Design Concepts.

The Rios team provided clarification.

## 0]]\\ COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Munoz is looking forward to Community Conversations: Black History Month. He also shared that the mural at the Senior Center will begin next Tuesday. He also thanked the Rios team for all their hard work.

Commissioner Kinne thanked everyone for their hard work.

Commissioner Wentworth thanked the staff for their hard work. Hours of input from the community and hours of hard work from staff helped to put this together. She appreciates that the City puts community feedback in the scope of work for these types of projects.

Vice Chair Bass thanked the staff and Rios and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Chair Olsen thanked everyone for their effort and is excited for this phase of the project.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th.

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