

City of Corona

*400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882*

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Council Chambers - 6:00 p.m.



**Chair, Michele Wentworth
Vice Chair, Tom Munoz
Commissioner Dominick Verrette
Commissioner Matthew Olsen
Commissioner Amie Kinne**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wentworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Wentworth.

RollCall

Present 5 - Commissioner Michele Wentworth, Commissioner Tom Munoz, Commissioner Dominick Verrette , Commissioner Matthew Olsen, and Commissioner Amie Kinne

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes on February 8, 2022

A motion was made by Vice Chair Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Verrette that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Verrette, and Commissioner Olsen

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Kinne

Communications From the Public

Christian Holt, Jeremy Leabres, Tim Aguilar, Debra Leabres, and Marina Rodriguez all shared their concerns with the skate parks in the City. Suggestions consisted of repaving the skate parks, possible new skate park, concerns with the homeless situation at the park closest to City Hall, graffiti, and overall safety of the park goers.

Chair Wentworth addressed their concerns. Ms. Wentworth shared that the Parks and Recreation Commission are aware that some parks are in need of some maintenance and have been neglected for some time. Ms. Wentworth also shared that the Parks Master Plan is in progress and the City will be requesting recommendations and concerns from the community.

Vice Chair Munoz and Chair Wentworth commended Mr. Holt, Mr. Leabres, Mr. Aguilar, Ms. Leabres, and Ms. Rodriguez for sharing their concerns and encouraged them to reach out to the Commission with any more recommendations.

*Commissioner Kinne arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Hanna Serranilla, district 4 resident, addressed the Commission with her concern about the parks in the Sierra Del Oro area. Her main concern is that the wood chips are a safety hazard, they hold bacteria, and she has seen children putting the wood chips in their mouth and eyes.

Chair Wentworth addressed Ms. Serranilla's concerns. Ms. Wentworth explained that many Corona parks have switched over to rubberized surfacing. She explained that in the next 18 months, the City is prioritizing and evaluating all parks to see what improvements need to be made. Ms. Wentworth encouraged Ms. Serranilla to take the upcoming surveys that will be made available to the residents on the City's website.

Youth Update

Tristan Galven provided an update on the Mayor's Youth Council. Tristan shared the mission of the Mayor's Youth Council: The Council provides an opportunity for students to serve their community, gain experience in local government, and add their voices to discussions that will shape the future of the City.

Tristan shared that on February 24, 2022 the City hosted a panel called, "Community Conversations: Uplifting Black Voices." The event hosted approximately 110 community members and received high praises from the public.

Tristan also shared that the City will be hosting the 2022 State of the City at the Historic Civic Center Theater on April 14, 2022.

The next Mayor's Youth Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

The Commission thanked Tristan for the updates.

Discussion Items

2. Director's Report

Abigail Lenning, Community Services Assistant Director, presented the Director's Report. Ms. Lenning shared the Tree-Tacular Park Takeover at Citrus Park will be held on March 12, 2022. This event will highlight Arbor Day and Earth Day. There will also be a drive-thru mulch pick-up, tree planting, volunteer opportunities, and information booths.

Ms. Lenning reported information on the Corona Beautiful Community Clean Up held in District 1 on February 12, 2022 at Promenade Park. There were 104 volunteers that collectively worked 208 hours. The next Corona Beautiful Community Clean up will be held at Victoria Park on April 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. There will also be a District 2 Clean up at Stagecoach Park on May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Lenning shared the exciting news of a summer Pickle-ball Clinic hosted by USA Pickle-Ball. The clinic will be held at Border Park. The date is to be determined.

The Commission shared their excitement with the tree planting event.

Chair Wentworth shared some of her experience with graffiti cleanup at Hagador

Canyon. The pictures will be shared at the next meeting.

3. Commissions' Goals and Objectives

Chair Wentworth shared with the Commissioners that they needed to choose a date for a Goals and Objectives Special Meeting. The Commission unanimously agreed to meet either the 22nd or 23rd of August for the special meeting.

Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Verrette, that the Consent Calendar be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Verrette, Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Kinne

4. Developer Impact Fee Fund Balance/Bond Repayment for January 2022

5. February Recreation Report

Commission Member's Reports and Comments

Commissioner Kinne apologized for her tardiness. She shared that she attended Opening Day for Little League. Commissioner Kinne had a great time watching the little ones run around the park. She also shared that she had an opportunity to go look at all the trees that had been planted at Santana Park, the trees look like they are doing well.

Commissioner Olsen is excited about all the trees being planted and/or replaced at the parks and around the City. He likes the variety of trees being planted. Commissioner Olsen shared that there is a sense of ownership and pride with residents planting their trees and watching them grow.

Commissioner Verrette shared that he went to the Little League Opening Day. Commissioner Verrette enjoyed being on the panel for the, "Uplifting Black Voices Event." Commissioner Verrette mentioned that a young man from Corona was competing in the NFL Scouting Combine.

Vice Chair Munoz shared that he also went to the Little League Opening Day. He commended the parents and grandparents that put all their effort and time into their young family members. Vice Chair Munoz also shared that he went to the, "Uplifting Black Voices Event." He was amazed by the discussion. He is hoping that there will be a Hispanic Event. He believes everyone should get an opportunity to get their voice heard.

Chair Wentworth thanked Commissioner Verrette for being on the, "Uplifting Black Voices," panel. Chair Wentworth did mention that she missed the Little League Opening Day, but that she is excited for all the kids to be out there in the parks running around and having a great time with restrictions being lifted. Chair Wentworth

shared some exciting news, Nicole Cabrera, Park Ambassador for Husted Park, has officially been trained. Chair Wentworth is excited to be working with her.

Announcements

Abigail Lenning, Community Services Assistant Director, shared the Tehachapi Park Grand Opening on April 16, 2022.

Adjournment

Chair Wentworth adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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