

City of Corona

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

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Council Chambers- 6:00 p.m.



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

Rollcall

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Wentworth.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes on November 9, 2021
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: 3 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Munoz, and Commissioner Verrette
Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Kinne
2. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes on January 11, 2022
A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Vice Chair Munoz that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 5 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Munoz, Commissioner Verrette, Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Kinne

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

YOUTH UPDATE

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Proposal from the Corona Norco Family YMCA to Operate City Aquatic Programming
Audrie Echnoz, Chief Executive Officer and Sam Albrecht, Associate Executive Director, both from the Corona/Norco Family YMCA provided a presentation on the Proposal from the Corona/Norco Family YMCA to Operate City Aquatic Programming. Ms. Echnoz shared that the YMCA's objective is to expand their services and core offerings in order to strengthen our community and provide increased benefits to our residents. Ms. Echnoz and Mr. Albrecht covered the following topics: YMCA Community History, Aquatics Focus, YMCA Across America, Post Pandemic, and

finally the Program Overview of their vision of Year-Round Aquatics Programming. The YMCA would like to emphasize on year round swim lessons as well as year round aquatics fitness. The YMCA is proposing to build upon the cities aquatics program by offering an initial swim lesson program for the summer of 2022 with over 300 classes and 1500 participants. The Corona/Norco Family YMCA will train, hire, and support all aquatics staff. Financial assistance will be available for residents through the YMCA's scholarship program. The YMCA added that with their proposal, the City of Corona will maintain all pool equipment and facilities, surrounding grounds, and provide utilities, while the YMCA would assume the cleaning contract.

The Commissioners had inquires and comments.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to support this proposal. They believe the YMCA is able to offer more services to the community than the City is able to with regards to more classes offered and at a better cost to the residents.

The Community Services Department will now take this proposal to the City Council for final approval.

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

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

4. Auburndale Park Improvements

Tracy Martin, Utilities Project Manager, provided a presentation on the Auburndale Park Improvements. Ms. Martin gave a background on the Auburndale Community Center. Ms. Martin presented the Commission with three different options for the Auburndale Community Center. Option One: has existing CIP Allocations that has an approximate cost of \$800,000. Option Two: medium Scale Renovation with an approximate cost of \$1,630,000. Option Three: large Scale Renovation with an estimated cost of \$1,810,000.

The Commissioners had inquiries and comments.

Dr. Turner and Ms. Martin provided clarification.

The Commission unanimously agreed to recommend option three to the City Council. Option three will include: two tennis courts, dedicated Pickleball court, half basketball court, new two-user restrooms, patio cover and seating area, playground, DG walkway with benches and fitness stations, drought tolerant plantings, and restrooms. The funding for option three would come from Measure X and Park Reserve Funds. Option three has a timeline of 18-24 months.

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

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

5. Parks Equipment and Shade Standards

Tracy Martin, Utilities Project Manager, provided a presentation on Park Equipment and Playground Shade Recommendations. Ms. Martin touched on different types of barbecue grills, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, entry signs, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles and rule signage.

The Commission had inquiries and comments for Ms. Martin.

Ms. Martin provided clarification.

The Commission unanimously agreed to recommend the proposed park standard equipment to the City Council.

Ms. Martin provided a presentation on Playground Shade.

The Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the City Council the use of shade at Corona's playgrounds following current best practice and an appropriation of \$350,000 to provide shade protection at the new playgrounds at Mountain Gate Park, Lincoln Park and Santana Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinne, seconded by Commissioner Verrette, that this Report be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Munoz, seconded by Commissioner Verrette, that this Report be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Director's Report

Anne K. Turner, Community Services Director, provided a presentation on the Director's Report. Dr. Turner began her report with announcing the promotion of Moses Cortez as the Community Services Facilities, Parks and Trails Manager. Dr. Turner also announced that Lydia Bouroumand, Senior Center Program Coordinator, was elected to the California Parks and Recreation Society District 11 Board of Director's. Dr. Turner shared that a survey went out to the public for the designs of Border and Fairview Park.

Moses Cortez, Facilities, Parks and Trails Manager, shared provided an overview of the Border Avenue Improvements Zoom meeting. Mr. Cortez reviewed the topics that the Zoom meeting will cover including the types of trees to be planted and pavement improvements.

Dr. Turner shared the Corona Beautiful Community Cleanup at Promenade Park will be on Saturday, February 12th. There will also be a Tree Planting event at Victoria Park on Saturday, April 9th. In addition to those events there is also a District 2

Community Cleanup event at Stagecoach Park on May 14th.

Dr. Turner gave a big, "Thank you," to everyone that volunteered at the Buena Vista Tree Planting Event on January 22nd. There were a total of 25 trees planted and a total of 106 hours of service.

The Commission congratulated Mr. Cortez on his promotion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, 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

- 7.** Developer Impact Fee Fund Balance/Bond Repayment for December 2021

This Report was received and filed.

- 8.** January Recreation Report

This Report was received and filed.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kinne shared that she walks Mountain Gate Park with about 15 other people, almost on a daily basis. She encouraged her fellow park goers to go to a Park and Recreation Commission Meeting to share their thoughts on installing a dog park at Mountain Gate Park.

Commissioner Olsen shared that he was thrilled about the topics that have been brought forth to the Commission as of late. He also shared that he saw a Park Ranger at Sierra Bella Park. He was happy to see that the Park Ranger Program is happening as it is an asset to the Community.

Commissioner Verrette thanked the Commission and staff for their hard work. He shared with the Commission that the City is organizing a Black History Month Community Conversation: Uplifting Black Voices will be held in the Council Chambers on February 24th. He asked the Commissioners for their support at this event.

Vice Chair Munoz shared that he and his wife attended an event with the Corona Chamber of Commerce, where Commissioner Verrette was awarded with a Volunteer Appreciation Award. He praised Commissioner Verrette on his volunteer work. He also shared that he and some of the Commissioners attended a photo shoot while on a hike to promote the City's trails.

Chair Wentworth shared with the Commission that they will need to brainstorm on goals and objectives for the Commission at a separate meeting in the Spring. She also shared that she attended a meeting and received an update from the Santa Ana River

Trail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wentworth adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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