

City of Corona

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

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Special Joint Meeting with Library Trustees

Council Chambers- 6:00 p.m.



**Chair, Michele Wentworth
Vice Chair, Dominick Verrette
Commissioner Tom Munoz
Commissioner Breck Weiny
Commissioner Matthew Olsen**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wentworth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Wentworth.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commissioner Michele Wentworth, Commissioner Dominick Verrette , Shirley Towler-Hayes, and Anna Coriddi-Meza

Absent 5 - Commissioner Tom Munoz, Commissioner Breck Weiny, Commissioner Matthew Olsen, Connie Newhan, and Jami Merchant

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Community Service Accomplishments Overview

Dr. Anne K. Turner, Director of Community Services, presented the Department's accomplishments over the past year.

The Community Services Department now consists of these new divisions: Administration, Community Assistance, Transportation, Library, Parks, Building, Trails, and Recreation.

For the Holiday Lighting Event, over 300 families sent letters to Santa.

The Library's Click, Park, Pick-up, checked out over 63,000 books while the library was closed to the public.

The Department held 5 community clean-up events with over 400 volunteers all putting together more than 1,250 hours of clean-up service.

There were two new playground openings: Santana Parks and Lincoln Park with new play structures.

Kid's Club Distance Learning camp had over 1,650 participants.

The Senior Center held monthly Brown Bag Program food distribution by handing out food to Senior Citizens. The Senior Center's Phone Assurance line made over 6,400 calls to senior citizens to check on their well being.

The City of Corona's Fourth of July Celebration was a huge success. There were over 10,000 attendees at the festival and 4,000 parade spectators.

Abigail Lenning, Community Services Assistant Director, emphasized the outreach programs that the City was involved in. She thanked the Trustees and the Commission for all their support throughout the restructuring.

Jason Lass, Recreation Services Manager, reviewed how the Recreation Department was assisted the City with their services. The team sanitized City Hall as well as the Corporation Yard. The Kid's Camp helped out parents by supervising their children in a safe environment while some school were closed and some parents were still working from home.

Dr. Turner closed the presentation by adding the following information: The Parks Division adopted a new Urban Forest Management Plan. The City also contracted out graffiti removal services, thus resulting in improvement 50%.

COMMISSION/TRUSTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Trustee Coriddi-Meza shared that she had the opportunity to experience The Wall That Heals and shared the experience with her son, which was a moving experience in her own community. She thanked the City, staff, and volunteers, as she felt was a benefit to the community. Ms. Corridi-Meza is please to see Corona the Beautiful returning.

Library Chair Towler-Hayes thanked Dr. Turner for her enthusiasm about the City. She mentioned that the Library Board of Trustees were losing two Trustees: Trustee Anne Coriddi-Meza and Trustee Len Enlow. She is excited for the new trustees coming aboard. Ms. Towler-Hayes is looking forward to working closely with the Commission.

Commissioner Verrette applauded the staff for all the hard work being put into the different activities and programs around the City, as well as being able to serve and give back to the community, especially during the Covid pandemic. Mr. Verrette shared that the skate park clean-up event was very special to him. He believes it is important to show the younger generations how to take pride in their City. Mr. Verrette was impressed with the JULY 4th Celebration, he was captivated by the amount of people that came out to enjoy the show.

Chair Wentworth commended the staff for their hard work during the July 4th Celebration. She was impressed with the amount of people that attended Halloweekend, and hopes the haunted house can make a return next year. Ms. Wentworth introduced The Teen Advisory Council and The Mayor's Youth Council to the Trustees, she thanked the youth groups for coming out to the meetings. She is looking forward to working with the Library Board of Trustees and believes they will do great work together.

Rylee Townsend, Vice President of The Teen Advisory Council, commended the staff for all their hard work during Covid, especially with putting together Halloweekend

and the Lighting Festival. Ms. Townsend believes the Community Clean-up events are a great growth experience.

Sage, Teen Advisory Council, has been having a great time with TAC, she will be leaving soon. The Halloweekend Event was a great time for everyone. She thanked staff for the volunteer opportunities made available for the youth in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wentworth adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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