

City of Corona

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

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Council Chambers-6:00 p.m.



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

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.

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Commissioner Michele Wentworth, Commissioner Dominick Verrette , and Commissioner Tom Munoz

Absent 1 - Commissioner Matthew Olsen

MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of the July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Verrette, and Commissioner Munoz

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Olsen

2. Approval of the October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Verrette, and Commissioner Munoz

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Olsen

3. Approval of the October 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 2 - Commissioner Wentworth, and Commissioner Verrette

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Olsen

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Munoz

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

YOUTH UPDATE

None.

4. **PARK EQUIPMENT STANDARD SCORING SHEETS**

Dr. Anne K. Turner, Community Services Director, requested the Commission Members provide their opinions on the park equipment scoring sheet provided at the last commission meeting. Dr. Turner explained that staff was looking for direction from the Commission as far as their preferences on what they are wanting to see at the parks, so that staff could narrow down those items on the scoring sheet. This would give an idea on what type of park equipment the Commission would prefer for the upcoming Trails Master Plan.

Commissioner Munoz thanked the staff for their attentiveness with the research provided. He prefers items that are more durable.

Chair Wentworth wanted to note that options B and D on the score sheet had a bottom drinking fountain for dogs. Ms. Wentworth added that those types of fountains are already installed in some parks and she does not see them being well maintained. Ms. Wentworth would like to see more dog water fountain options.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. Director's Report

Dr. Anne K. Turner, Community Services Director, presented the Director's Report. Dr. Turner announced the Parks/Community Clean-Up Event for November 13, 2021. The Clean-Up Event is adjacent to the 15 Freeway from Magnolia Avenue to Ontario Street.

Dr. Turner shared that she has agreed to be the Thanksgiving Turkey during the Senior Center's Drive Through Event. This event will take place at Estancia Del Sol Wednesday, November 17, 2021. From 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. This event is free of charge. Reservations are required. This event was made possible by donations and sponsorships from Estancia Del Sol, Century 21 Ed Garland Realty, and Ingardia Bros.

The City's Holiday Lighting Event will take place on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Historic Civic Center. There will be pictures with Santa, live entertainment, vendors, toy drive and so much more.

Dr. Turner announced that the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services has chosen the City of Corona for StoryWalk Week at Mountain Gate Park. The City beat out 469 other entries. StoryWalk is a "Let's Move Libraries" initiative to support library literacy and healthy families. StoryWalk Week will be from November 15-19 at Mountain Gate Park.

Dr. Turner presented a Trails Master Plan update, Phase II is underway. The Community Services Department has received bids, reviewed proposals, and will be

ready to recommend awarding the bid for the Trails Master Plan Phase II. Dr. Turner added that the project is on track and an update will be brought to the Commission in January.

Dr. Turner announced the retirement of Cristy Gavett, Community Services Department Management Analyst. Ms. Gavett has been with the City for 14 years. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family. Ms. Gavett's knowledge of the department is invaluable. The Community Services Department wishes her the very best. She will be missed.

Vice Chair Verrette thanked the staff for their work on the StoryWalk Event. He has heard great things about it from residents.

Chair Wentworth encouraged her fellow Commissioners to attend the Thanksgiving Drive Through Event. Ms. Wentworth also encouraged her fellow Commissioners to assist the Parks Foundation with the pictures with Santa at the Holiday Lighting Event.

YMCA AQUATIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL

6. YMCA Aquatic Program Proposal

Jason Lass, Recreation Manager, provided a presentation on YMCA Proposal for Aquatics Program Partnership. Mr. Lass shared that the Community Services Department had received a letter from the Corona/Norco Family YMCA seeking a partnership with the City to provide aquatic programming for the community.

Mr. Lass shared that most of the City's aquatic's programs were seasonal. Summer aquatics include: beginner, intermediate and advanced level classes, adaptive classes, lifeguard training and Parent & Me classes. Year round classes include weekend private/semiprivate lessons.

The City's Aquatics Facilities include: Auburndale Community Center, City Park Pool (which is currently closed), and Centennial High School Pool (which is seasonal) through the City's partnership with the Corona/Norco School District.

Mr. Lass went over the budget and staffing and shared that the Community Services Department has been operating the program at 25% of the budget capacity following the pandemic. He also shared some difficulties the Aquatics Program has been experiencing with closures, employment and class enrollment.

Mr. Lass announced the YMCA's proposal. The YMCA would assume operation of the City's Learn to Swim programs at a comparable cost to residents. They would expand services to provide year-round offerings, water-based fitness programs, senior-specific programming. They would also restore lap and open swim offerings, special events, as well as water safety awareness.

Mr. Lass asked that the Commission discuss the proposal, advise staff to continue with the current arrangement, staff will bring this item back to Commission in January and finally, provide a recommendation to the City Council.

Commissioner Munoz mentioned that although the department is facing challenges, he sees those as real opportunities. Mr. Munoz would like to see a positive outcome from any outside partnerships. He would like to see more opportunities for children to safely learn to swim.

Vice Chair Verrette mentioned that although he liked the idea, he wanted to know if the Community Services Department had received any feedback from community members.

Chair Wentworth asked if there were any foreseen changes in pricing for local families if this proposal went through. Ms. Wentworth shared that with her personal experience she did experience the difficulties that went with registering her children and limited spacing. She also added that some type of Senior Aquatics Program is needed through the City. Ms. Wentworth mentioned that she sees an advantage with the YMCA proposal. The City would have the opportunity to provide diverse classes that it might not have had the opportunity to offer before.

Mr. Lass provided clarification.

DISCUSSION OF DARK COMMISSION MEETING IN DECEMBER

The Commission unanimously agreed to go dark for the December Meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Verrette, and Commissioner Munoz

Absent: 2 - Weiny, and Commissioner Olsen

7. Developer Impact Fee Fund Balance/Bond Repayment For September 2021 (Receive and File)

This Report was received and filed.

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Verrette, and Commissioner Munoz

Absent: 2 - Weiny, and Commissioner Olsen

8. October Recreation Services Participation Report

This Report was received and filed.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Munoz shared that years ago he had the opportunity to volunteer at the Thanksgiving Drive Through Event and what a blessing that event is. Mr. Munoz added that the Holiday Lighting Event and the StoryWalk Week are great events to attend. He commended Dr. Turner on her staff's enthusiasm.

Vice Chair Verrette shared his excitement for the upcoming holidays. He is looking forward to the Thanksgiving Drive Through Event and the Holiday Lighting Event.

Chair Wentworth shared with the Commission that Commissioner Weiny resigned from his post as Commissioner. The Commission thanked him for his service to the community. Ms. Wentworth mentioned that she had a fantastic time at the Mountain Gate Park Opening. She is excited for the StoryWalk Week and the new additions coming to Mountain Gate Park. Ms. Wentworth wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wentworth adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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