

# City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.  
Corona, CA 92882



## Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers- 6:00 pm

## Parks and Recreation Commission

*Chris Miller, Chair*

*Elizabeth McCreary, Vice Chair*

*Joe Almasy, Commissioner*

*Dominick Verrette, Commissioner*

*Michele Wentworth, Commissioner*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Almasy led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Almasy, McCreary, Miller, Verrette, and Wentworth

**MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. Approval of the July 8, 2020 meeting minutes.

Vice Chair McCreary motioned, seconded by Commissioner Almasy, to approved the minutes from the July 8, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Ayes: Almasy, McCreary, and Verrette

Noes: None

Abstain: Miller and Wentworth

Minutes approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**YOUTH UPDATE**

Teen Advisory Council member Rylee Townsend provided updates. TAC participated in Diversity in Action (DIA) and distributed kits as part the Library's curbside pickup. TAC also participated in Summer at Your Library activities and hosted a virtual Murder Mystery program. TAC will participate in the Star War Reads program and the Halloweekend event.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**A. Park Updates**

Mr. Moody provided Park updates. In July, 517 trees were trimmed and 393 inches of tree removed. With the CalFire grant, 105 new trees were planted throughout the city and 110 dead trees removed. Staff removed 6,736 sq feet of graffiti and completed a park clean-up at City Park on

July 15th.

The new inclusive playground is being installed at Santana Park and will be completed this month. The Magnolia Median project begins next week and will greatly improve the medians between Rimpau and Ontario Ave. Mr. Moody stated that parks are currently closed for general use but are open for passive use. He also announced that sports fields are now open for youth sports league practices only. Commissioner Almasy asked for clarification that fields are only to be used by the youth sports leagues for practice. Mr. Moody replied yes. Vice Chair McCreary asked if Sierra Bella park was open. Mr. Moody stated it is not open as a few more items need to be finished. When it is open, an announcement will be posted the City's website.

## **B. Library and Recreation Services Updates**

Mr. Lass provided the LaRS Fall updates. Several events will be held this fall including Star War Reads, September 26th through October 10th, Halloweekend on October 24th, and Holiday Lighting Celebration on Dec 6th. Mr. Lass announced the Wall that Heals events scheduled for this year been cancelled by the Veterans Memorial Fund. Mr. Lass discussed two options which include reapplying for years 2021/2022 or to opt out of the event. These options were presented to the Public Services committee on August 5th and the committee wants to reapply in 2021. The Commission also support applying in 2021.

Mr. Lass also announced the Library and Recreation Services Department was the recipient of the "5 Snaps" award from the California Parks and Recreation Society for the July 4th "Red, White, and You" program.

He reviewed the details for the Halloweekend event on Oct 24th, which will be a drive-through "Treat Trail" trunk-n-treat event in the parking lot at City Hall. Vice Chair McCreary likes the idea and suggested hosting a car and trunk decorating content with prizes and hosting a car sized photo booth.

Commissioner Almasy congratulated the Department on receiving the "5 Snaps" award. He also suggested obtaining business sponsorships to help fund the Wall that Heals event for next year.

Ms. Lenning provided a presentation on the Open+ program designed to expand public access to the Library by 19 hours weekly. The Library received a grant, valued at \$9,000, from California State Library to fund installation of the system and two years maintenance. Interested

patrons must be adult cardholders in good standing willing to sign an agreement for access. The public will have access to most items in the Library. The new system will be installed in the fall. Chair Miller asked if infrastructure would need to be modified and Ms. Lenning said no. Vice Chair McCreary asked where patrons would enter the Library and was told through the door adjacent to the main entry. Vice Chair McCreary also suggesting this would be a good program for a satellite library facility. Commissioner Verrette expressed safety concerns and asked if the restrooms would be open. Ms. Lenning confirmed they would be and indicated staff are in the building but not available to assist patrons. Commissioner Almasy asked how many people would be permitting at one time and Ms. Lenning stated that staff controls the patron numbers.

2. Update and Winter and Fall Community Events
3. Open + Access Corona Public Library
4. Recreation Services Participation Report July 2020 (received and filed)
5. Development Impact Fee Fund Balance/Bond Repayment (received and filed)

## **COMMISSION CALENDAR**

No items to discuss.

## **COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Verrette thanked staff for their efforts in providing services during this time. He also likes the drive-through Halloween event.

Commissioner Almasy congratulated the Library and Recreation Services Department on receiving the "5 Snaps" CPRS award.

Vice Chair McCreary congratulated staff on overcoming obstacles during the closures.

Commissioner Wentworth welcomed new Commissioner Verrette. She thanked Miss. Townsend for attending the meeting. She reported that the Corona Parks Foundation has not been meeting due to lack of planning items as a result of canceled City special events. She congratulated the Library for receiving a grant for Open+ access. In June, she met with the Corona Rotary Club to discuss the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission. She reviewed the items the Commission has been working on.

Chair Miller has a suggestion of the City hosting a drive through Haunted House. He also informed the public to download and use the "See Click Fix" application. Lastly, he encouraged the community to complete the 2020 Censuses.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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