

# City of Corona

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## **Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - Draft**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**Council Chambers - 6:00 PM**



**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 6:08 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Wentworth.

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 3 - Commissioner Michele Wentworth, Commissioner Tom Munoz, and Commissioner Matthew Olsen

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Dominick Verrette , and Commissioner Breck Weiny

## MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes on August 2, 2021.

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

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Wentworth, Commissioner Munoz, and Commissioner Olsen

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Verrette, and Commissioner Weiny

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

## YOUTH UPDATE

Rylee Townsend, Vice President of The Teen Advisory Council, provided an update. TAC participated in Banned Book Week at the Public Library. They are looking forward to having their carnival themed booth at Halloweekend on October 15th. Riley also shared that since TAC started attending the Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings, memberships have increased.

Tristan Galvin, Mayor's Youth Council, announced their upcoming Town Hall Meeting at the Circle City Center on October 21st at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Casillas. He encouraged the youth of the city to attend and get involved in the civic process.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Director's Report

2. Director's Report

Abigail Lenning, Assistant Director of Community Services, presented the Director's

Report. She introduced the new Administrative Assistant that will be staffing the Commission Meetings, Ruby Vargas.

Ms. Lenning provided an update on the City Council Fall Workshop where the Community Services Department presented three items: the Community Tree Planting Program, The Trails Master Plan Phase II, and Expanding Access to the Library's Heritage Room Collection.

Ms. Lenning invited the entire City to come and enjoy Halloweekend October 15 through the October 17th. She also mentioned that the Community Services Department will be hosting a Holiday Lighting Celebration on December 5.

Corona Beautiful Community Cleanup opportunities will be available for the upcoming dates: October 23rd and November 13th.

Ms. Lenning provided an update on graffiti abatement. Most graffiti throughout the city is removed within 24 and 48 hours.

The Community Services Department plans on having a fully staffed Park Ranger Program by December 2021. There will be a fully equipped Ranger Station housed at City Hall.

The Community Services Department will present an update to the City Council at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting, on a park opening process for Mountain Gate Park.

## Park Equipment Standards

### 3. Park Equipment Standards

Tracy Martin, Utilities Project Manager, provided an presentation on Park Equipment Standards. The main goal is to embody community vibrancy and maintain functionality and durability to our playgrounds, barbecue grills, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, entry signs, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles and park rules signage. Ms. Martin provided the Commission with a scoring sheet and survey to score the different options.

Commissioner Wentworth requested additional information in terms of usability and the type of materials the equipment is made of.

Ms. Martin provided clarification and agreed to come back to the Commission with more information on the items.

### Playground Shade Options

#### 4. Playground Shade Options

Tracy Martin, Utilities Project Manager, provided a presentation on Playground Shade Options. The Community Services staff is seeking recommendations on coverage levels and shade types, implementation timeline, and future guidelines. Ms. Martin reviewed sizing and cost for shade structures and adding additional trees to the parks.

Commissioner Olsen thanked Ms. Martin for her hard work. He suggested to consider parents and grandparents need for shade while visiting the park. Mr. Olsen prefers a combination of shade and trees, to cover items such as swings and slides.

Commissioner Munoz also thanked Ms. Martin for her hard work on the presentation. He agreed with a combination approach of the shade structure and trees. Mr. Munoz also stated that shade for parents and grandparents was a priority as well.

Chair Wentworth does not agree with having the entire play structure covered in shade. She prefers another style that was not listed. She suggested layers of staggered triangular shade sails. Ms. Wentworth requested information for every park to make a more complete decision. She is in agreement with installing shade structures at new parks.

Ms. Martin clarified some of the Commissioners' questions. She acknowledged having a layered shade structure would be an option. She will return with more options.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 5. Developer Impact Fee Fund Balance/Bond Repayment For June, July, August 2021 (Receive and File)

**This Report was received and filed.**

### COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Munoz highlighted The OBC Theater and The Corona Philharmonic as two performing arts programs in Corona. He encouraged the community to visit the Griffin Dog Park. He acknowledged his appreciation for the tree planting in the City. He requested a list of approved City trees for replacement. He suggested water saving for all residents.

Chair Wentworth thanked the staff for all the hard work that went into putting together The Wall That Heals event. She also thanked the staff for all the clean ups that have been going on around the City. She encouraged the community to get involved and take ownership of their City by cleaning up the community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wentworth adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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