

Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, November 14, 2018	6:00 PM	City Hall Multi-Purpose Room 1405

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wentworth led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Almasy, Miller, Shapiro, Tressen and Wentworth

4. MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Shapiro that this be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Miller, Shapiro, Almasy, and Wentworth

Abstain: 1 - Tressen

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Park Updates

Mangular Blend Facility:

Vernon Wiseman, Public Works Engineer, presented an overview of the Mangular Blend Facility at Mangular Park. The project is to construct a drinking water pump station and blending facility adjacent to the tennis courts at Mangular Park. The building will be comprised of masonry block with acoustical panels and vents for noise reduction. Landscaping will be planted to help conceal the building. There will also be staff vehicle access from Ontario Ave. Mr. Wiseman stated the park will be minimally impacted during construction. The tennis courts should remain open during construction. However, there is an area to the south of the courts that may require temporary closure when underground piping is installed. The remaining areas of the park will remain open and unaffected. The project is scheduled to begin summer, 2019 and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2020.

Commissioner Tressen asked for more clarification about the vehicle access road to ensure it would not impede traffic. Mr. Moody stated that no public parking will be permitted. Commissioner Shapiro asked in any of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners participated in the public meeting and Mr. Moody replied no. Commissioner Miller asked if signage will be placed at the access road to indicate no parking. Mr. Moody stated yes. Chair Wentworth asked if bollads or fencing would be a better option to close off the area and Mr. Moody indicated fencing would be better from staff's perspective. Vice Chair Almasy inquired about noise impact to area residents. Mr. Moody stated that the pump will not generate a lot of noise and several measures have been put in place to minimize noise levels.

Parks Updates:

Mr. Moody reported that staff have been planting infill in various LMD/CFD zones throughout the City. In Zone 10, staff hydro seeded a burn scarred area with grant funds. Staff have continued to clean up the burn area and about 2,000 sandbags were provided to residents.

Mr. Moody reported that the historic lemon tree that was grafted at Joy Park is doing well and thriving. He provided an update on the winter ballfield renovations, which are schedule November 19th through the 29th at Butterfield, El Cerrito, Mt. Gate, Santana, Eagle Glen and Promenade Parks. These parks will reopen in January 2019.

Mr.Moody provided a report of Parks maintenance activities for the month of October. There were 566 city trees trimmed and 760 inches of tree removal. Further, 77 new trees to be planted in December. There were 173 graffiti service requests. Commissioner Shapiro asked for clarification on which ballfields will be closed. Mr. Moody replied that most are soccer fields and specific ballfields. Vice Chair Almasy asked if Corona Police Department is notified about graffiti throughout the City. Mr. Moody stated that they are notified of each request to remove graffiti.

Chair Wentworth inquired about the ballfield renovations and asked if there is anything being done differently than the past years. Mr. Moody replied that the renovations are the same scope of work as past years. Chair Wentworth stated that she has been approached by youth sports organization wanting to help to improve fields renovations and asked how the youth sports groups could help with field renovations. Chair Wentworth would like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission bridge communication between the youth sports groups and the City to improve field conditions. Mr. Moody is open to seeking input from youth sports groups on field maintenance. Mr. Montgomery-Scott indicated that Recreation Services staff have met with the youth sports groups individually and during quarterly meeting and none have communicated interest in any project. He indicated there is a process in place to allow youth sports groups to complete a project on City fields. Chair Wentworth inquired if new lawn mowers were purchased by the City and Mr. Moody stated yes. She indicated that in the past, the youth sports groups expressed concern about the height of mowed grass and suggested it contributed to declining field conditions. Mr. Moody stated that staff mow all ballfields and a contractor mows soccer fields and open area. Commissioner Miller asked if the City has consulted with the youth sports league about a mowing schedule and Mr. Moody stated he was unaware but would find out.

B. Library and Recreation Services Updates

Ms. Schellberg announced the Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 19th, 11am to 1pm, at the Senior Center and that Holiday Adventure Camps will be held at the Circle City Center the week of Thanksgiving and, again for winter break in January.

Ms. Schellberg announced the Holiday Lighting Celebration is scheduled Dec 2nd, 4pm, at the Historic Civic Center front lawn. Additionally, the Library will host a Holiday Music Series on Tuesdays at 6pm in the Children's area. She also announced the Library and Recreation facilities will be closed over the Thanksgiving Holidays and additional closures over Christmas and New Year's. Commissioner Miller asked when the Senior Center Holiday Party will be held and Mr. Montgomery-Scott stated the event will be held on Friday, December 14th.

Mr. Montgomery-Scott announced that Kristi McClure- Huckaby has left the City as the Recreation Services Manager and a recruitment to fill the position will be opened.

18-2281 Recreation Services Monthly Participation Report

Attachments: Recreation Services Monthly Participation Report Oct 2018

Commissioner Shapiro inquired about the Monthly Participation report to see if there was a reporting change in the way the Contract Class participation total were reported. Mr. Montgomery-Scott stated that the reporting method was changed to more accurately reflect activities and that Contract Class participation is reported on a quarterly basis.

7. DISCUSSION OF GOING DARK FOR DECEMBER'S MEETING

Commissioners Shapiro and Vice Chair Almasy were in favor of having the meeting in December. Chair Wentworth announced the December meeting will be held on December 12, 2018.

7. COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Tressen thanked staff for their reports and is pleased to see the dialog between the Commission and City staff.

Commissioner Shapiro thanked staff for their reports and thanked Chair Wentworth for her service as chair.

Vice Chair Almasy thanked staff for their reports and praised the Library and Recreation Services for their work at the Senior Center, Library and other programs.

Commissioner Miller encouraged the public to attend the monthly Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and urged public input on issues they believe is important.

Chair Wentworth thanked staff for their reports and thanked staff for engaging in tonight's dialog.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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