

City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882



Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Parks and Recreation Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The MOMS club of Corona led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Almasy, Miller, McCreary, and Wentworth

4. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to nominate Commissioner Almasy as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Miller, McCreary, and Wentworth

Noes: None

Abstain: Almasy

Motion approved

A motion was made by Commissioner Almasy, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, to nominate Commissioner Miller as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Almasy, McCreary, and Wentworth

Noes: None

Abstain: Miller

Motion approved

accepted

5. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY MEMBER TO PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair Almasy nominated Commissioner Wentworth to be appointed as the advisory member to the Public Services Committee. Vice Chair Miller seconded the appointment.

6. RECOGNITION

Commissioner Mc Creary presented the recognition certificate to the MOMS Club of Corona for their donation to purchase and install baby changing stations in the upstairs restroom at the Circle City Center.

7. MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made Vice Chair Miller to approve the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Commission Wentworth. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Almasy, Miller, and Wentworth

Noes: None

Motion approved.

accepted

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joe Morgan and Tom Richins addressed the Commission regarding Griffin Park update.

Jeff Jensen, Jess Torre, Joe Morgan, Paul Bullard, Jeremy Scoffham, Bobbi Goldstein, Tom Richins, Laura Hope, Patrick Haunega, Melissa Monville, Michael Dogger, Kevin Fritzsche, Joseph Cruz, John White, Bridget Sherman, Marla Perez, Douglas Stager, Jeremy Healey, Sean Bengert, and Devin del Toro addressed the Commission regarding YSAC fees related to sports facility use.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Park Updates

Mr. Moody provided an update on parks. He indicated staff continue to work on the Zone 10 burn area clean-up. The grafted historic lemon tree at Joy Park is doing well and will bud this spring. Arbor Day will be observed on April 26, 2019. Mr. Moody reviewed three options for the tree planting and the Commission favored the idea of planting a tree on the South Lawn of City Hall to commemorate the City's establishment of districts and have each council member plant a tree in their district. Further planning of the event will continue.

Further, Mr. Moody discussed winter field renovations completed at Butterfield, El Cerrito, Mt. Gate, Santana, Eagle Glen and Promenade parks. In January 383 trees were trimmed and 389 inches of trees removed due to diseased or because trees are dying. In December, 77 new trees were planted. In the Sierra Del Oro neighborhood, the diseased trees will be removed and replanted. In January, there were 121 graffiti service requests. Mr. Moody also announced that Maintenance Services staff will prepare parks for coming Opening Day ceremonies.

Commissioner McCreary asked what the criteria is for planting new trees. Mr. Moody stated that city trees are removed due to disease or cause

damage and are replaced only if the tree will not cause future damage. When a tree is removed, replacement occurs as the budget allows. Commissioner McCreary also inquired about the daily park maintenance schedule specifically at the park where recreation classes and programs are held. Mr. Moody reviewed the daily park maintenance schedule which includes weekly (one to three times weekly) cleaning of restroom, mowing and other needed landscaping, and emptying trash cans. He also stated that staff power-wash picnic shelter and empty trash prior to a reservation.

Mr. Moody provided an update on Griffin Park. The park has been closed since 2008. He provided history on what led to the park's closure. Currently, the only maintenance at the park includes mowing and maintenance of the park's front entry, weed abatement and pest control within the park several times annually. Annual cost of current maintenance is \$11,500. Mr. Moody stated that community meetings were held to discuss possible future renovations of the park. Four concepts were developed which include a walking track, a nature walk, a hiking trail, and a dog park. Initial drawings were created with estimated construction cost of up to \$1.7 million. City staff applied for a grant with Habitat Conservation Fund Program and were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant. The City will continue to seek other funding sources. Commissioner Wentworth requested a follow up of the cost analysis for parks, i.e., the Parks Report Card, so the Commission is aware of individual parks needs. Her concern is there is a decline in funding which has resulted in a decline in services. Mr. Moody noted that the cost of services has also increased for the City. The Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending that City Council consider reopening Griffin Park. Commissioner Wentworth will provide an update at the next City Council meeting.

Regarding Pickleball Discussion, Commissioner Wentworth requested a meeting with City staff and a local Pickleball group to discuss painting pickleball lines on tennis courts. Commissioner Wentworth requested the meeting be open to the public for their input. Commissioner McCreary will also attend the meeting.

Parks Update

Attachments: [Parks Updates](#)

Griffin Park update

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B. Library and Recreation Services Updates

Mr. Montgomery-Scott presented information on the Youth Sports Advisory

Committee and Facility Use. He noted that the City has been in communication with the YSAC groups regarding fees for the past three years from December 2015 through December 2018. The purpose of the fee study is to ensure fees are affordable, comply with state law, and to enable the City to evaluate its rate program cost recovery. YSAC memberships consists of non-profit youth sports organization including Crocs, Corona American Little League, Corona National Little League, Corona Pony, West Corona Little League, Corona Chargers Football, Corona Angles Girls Softball, Corona Girls Softball, Corona Rebels Girls Softball, Corona/Norco AYSO, Corona United Soccer Club and Corona Youth Tennis. Mr. Montgomery-Scott reviewed the YSAC participation numbers from last season and indicated field allocations are conducted bi-annually. He noted that historically, YSAC members do not pay for use of City sports fields and pay actual cost for light usage.

The information was presented in meetings with YSAC quarterly/bi-annual meetings beginning in December 2015 and one-on-one meetings with organizations in 2018. Fees were reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in October 2018 and reviewed by the FLED Subcommittee and adopted by the City Council in November 2018. The approved fees for field use are \$3 per hour per acre for baseball field, general field, small soccer field and \$4 for soccer field. The fees are based on the cost of maintenance and operations of sports fields, ancillary facility costs, and City overhead. The costs were also determined as a percentage of park operational hours and total park acreage and common use facilities. YSAC groups were informed of the actual approved fees in december 2018 and told they would only be charged for field used. Mr. Montgomery-Scott discussed some of the YSAC response to the fees which included that they were not informed, they already pay for maintenance, and assessing fees will put them out of business. He also stated that other non-profit organization pay for the use of city facilities and the YSAC members are the only ones not paying their fair share. Thus the City subsidized their use.

Commissioner McCreary thanked the public for attending the meeting and reiterated that the fees were approved by City Council. She suggested a tiered system of implementation of the fees over a few years to help the leagues plan for the increased costs. Vice Chair Miller recommended that the fees be discussed with the City Council and possibly a tiered implementation schedule could be adopted to allow the leagues to slowly adjust to the new fees. Commissioner Wentworth thanked the public for attending the meeting and will report to City Council that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council to reevaluate the field fees and review the field allocation policy. Chair Almasy cautioned against setting up a "pay for play" model and wants to ensure there is

equity for the community.

Recreation Supervisor Gabbi Cao presented on the proposed changes to the Facility Use policy. She highlighted the policy and reviewed the reservation process, the types of reservable facilities, and cancellation, alcohol beverage, and food preparation and warming policies. Commissioner Wentworth stated that the review of the user group definition and field allocation policy needs to have an in-depth evaluation.

Ms. Schellberg reviewed a January Public Services Subcommittee meeting discussion of a proposal by Mayor Scott to have a high school and college representative serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. A suggestion was to add this function to the Library's Teen Advisory Council (TAC). The TAC indicated support for the idea. Chair Almasy suggested having an appointment from the Mayor's youth council. Commissioner Wentworth would like to hear from the youth to see how they want to participate. This item will be placed on the March Parks and Recreation Commission agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Schellberg announced the Social Programs and Opportunities for Teens (S.P.O.T) meets the third Friday of the month at the Circle City Center in the evenings and the Ladders and Linguini event will be held on February 21, 2019 at the Library.

Recreation Services Monthly Participation Report Nov. & Dec. 2018

Attachments: [Nov. & Dec 2018 Recreation Services Monthly Participation Report](#)

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chair Miller thanked staff for their reports.

Commissioner McCreary thanked the public for attending and encouraged the public to sign up for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting notifications through the City's website. She attended the Corona Trails Master Inventory Plan community workshop on Feb 7, 2019.

Commissioner Wentworth reported that she attended the Trails Subcommittee meeting. In January, she attended the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Advisory meeting on homelessness in regional parks and attended a conference dealing with homeless issues in parks and watershed areas. She will also attend the Purple City Alliance meeting focusing on dementia awareness for cities.

Chair Almasy thanked Vice Chair for his participation at the Senior Center Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. Chair Almasy thanked the public for attending the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made during the Library and Recreation Services reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

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Meeting Reconvened

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