



City of Corona

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Minutes - Final

Public Services Committee

VICE MAYOR JIM STEINER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLANDA CARRILLO

ADVISORY MEMBER
PARKS & REC COMMISSIONER
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Board Room

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner at 3:00 p.m. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Kerry Eden, Asst. City Mgr. /Admin Svcs. Dir.
David Montgomery-Scott, Library & Recreation Svcs. Dir.
Abigail Schellberg, Library & Recreation Svcs. Asst. Dir.
James Patton, Police Captain
Cindi Schmidt, Fire Marshal
Jason Lass, Recreation Svcs. Manager
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.

Others Present:

Karen Alexander, Planning & Housing Commission
Elizabeth McCreary, Parks & Recreation Commission
Michele Wentworth, Parks & Recreation Commission

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0203](#) Discussion of Logistics of Independence Day Celebration.
(Library & Recreation Services)
Action: Information & Discussion

Mr. David Montgomery-Scott, Library & Recreation Services Director, introduced the item and provided the committee with a PowerPoint regarding logistics for the 2019 Independence Day Celebration. He presented the committee with one of the main concerns which was the firework vendor. The vendor that was used in past years is unavailable to provide their services for 2019. Library & Recreation Services Department has been looking for a replacement but have encountered a few concerns

with availability and cost.

Vice Mayor Steiner inquired about the previous years' donations/ sponsorships and the services that were provided because of those donations and sponsorships. Mr. Montgomery-Scott provided the committee with examples of previous donors/ sponsorship. He noted that in 2018, Miguel's Restaurant donation was used to cover the cost of the stage for that year only. The other big sponsorship was from the Corona Rotary Club to cover the cost of the parade. The Corona Rotary will not be covering the cost of the parade for 2019. Without donations or sponsorships there will be no other funds to have the parade or entertainment.

Ms. Michele Wentworth, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, stated that Mr. Montgomery-Scott has done a fine job at presenting the issues to the commission and discussed all potential issues and ideas.

Ms. Elizabeth McCreary, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, noted that it would be beneficial to review the item after the event and once more as we start to plan for the next year. This would help get a better count of donations/ sponsorships and allow for more public engagement.

Council Member Yolanda Carrillo inquired about the total cost difference for the 2019 Independence Day Celebration event. Staff informed the committee that the amount approved in the budget for the event would be to cover the festival at Santana Park and related costs like fencing, portable restrooms, traffic control, staffing, etc. The needs for 2019 would be funds to cover the cost of the entire parade and the stage entertainment.

Mr. Montgomery-Scott presented the next item to the committee for discussion which was staff recommendations to continue the paid parking option at Santana Park, that was first introduced in 2018.

Council Member Carrillo is in favor of continuing the paid parking option and suggested that staff have a pre-sale of the parking pass at lower price and on the day of the event offer the parking pass at a higher price.

Mr. Montgomery-Scott presented the committee with the concerns regarding barbecues being used at the festival. He noted that only charcoal grills are permitted as of now and presented several options for committee discussion and recommendation.

Council Member Carrillo inquired about the issues staff has been presented with in prior years regarding barbecues. Staff responded that one of the issues is the enforcement difficulties, and the main concern is

the safety of public and staff. Council Member Carrillo suggested that a having designated area that allowed barbecues would help with the enforcement issues and staff would be able to charge a fee for those wanting to reserve a spot.

Ms. McCreary noted that it could be appealing if they offered reserved sections that allowed for festival attendees to stay in the area and barbecue and allow for multiple sections to be reserved for those with a bigger group.

Ms. Wentworth noted that there are many safety issues with barbecues being allowed inside the park and would like to see no grills on the grass area.

Vice Mayor Steiner requested that staff give the public plenty of notice on any changes and to keep the committee updated on the deadlines for donations/ sponsorships.

The committee was in favor of continuing with paid parking as well as having a designated barbecue/ grilling area.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.