

# City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.  
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## Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers- 6:00 p.m.

## Parks and Recreation Commission

*Chris Miller, Chair*  
*Elizabeth McCreary, Vice Chair*  
*Joe Almasy, Commissioner*  
*Dominick Verrette, Commissioner*  
*Michele Wentworth, Commissioner*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Verrette lead the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Almasy, Miller, Verrette, and Wentworth

Commissioner absent: McCreary

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Chair Almasy, to approve the May 13th meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Almasy, Miller Wentworth

Noes: None

Abstain: Verrette

Minutes approved

A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Chair Almasy, to approve the August 12th meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Almasy, Miller Verrette, Wentworth

Noes: None

Minutes approved

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Chair Almasy, that this was accepted.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

1. Approval of the May 13, 2020 meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the August 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No communication from the public.

**YOUTH UPDATE**

Teen Advisory Council (TAC) member Rylee Townsend provided an update on TAC activities. TAC will participate in Star Wars Read program by making a video and judging the costume contest. TAC will participate in the Banned Books Week via Zoom. In October, TAC will host a booth at the Halloweekend event. Lastly, TAC will hold elections for the social media officer.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. Park Updates**

Mr. Moody provided Park updates. In August, 517 trees were trimmed and 1150 inches of tree removed. With the CalFire grant, 110 trees were removed. Staff removed 25,069 sq feet of graffiti and completed a park clean-up at City Park on August 6th. The next City Park clean-up is scheduled for September 10th. Maintenance staff also performed a clean-up at the Civic Center and Library on August 27th. The Zone 10 LDM CIP project is now in the maintenance period.

The playground rubberized surfacing project is scheduled to begin at Victoria, Promenade, and Citrus Parks. The woodchips at these parks will be re-purposed at other park sites. Maintenance staff will begin preparing for winter rains by clearing drains and v-ditches September and October. Lastly, sports fields have been turned over to youth sports leagues for practice use.

Mr. Moody reviewed what is open to the community per state guidelines: parks are open for passive use (i.e walking), tennis and pickle ball courts are available, and Skyline trail is open. Sports fields were recently opened for youth sports leagues but only for practice and conditioning. Playgrounds and picnic shelters remain closed.

Commissioner Wentworth asked for an update on the Park Facilities and Amenities Inventory. Mr. Moody will provide an update next month. Chair Miller has concerns regarding graffiti at City Park and asked if graffiti was being removed. Mr. Moody replied staff are removing as quickly as they can. Staff are also considering a public mural to deter stakepark graffiti.

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

Ms. Lenning reviewed the Library and Recreation Services Annual Report for 19-20. She reviewed new programs, data on community engagement, and staffs' special assignments during facility closures and response to COVID. She reviewed plans for FY 20-21 which includes

expanding library operational hours through Open+ program, installation of the Automated Materials Handling System, playground improvements, and the Parks Facilities and Amenities Inventory.

Commissioner Verrette highlighted the high level of social media engagement. Commission Almasy was impressed with the 16,000 Volunteer hours. Chair Miller praised the Department on their work in response to closures and for keeping the community engaged.

Mr. Lass provided an update on the September and October programs. The Corona Public Library is open for in-person appointments and pick-ups. Camp programs, Kids Club After-school program, and outdoor fitness classes are open. Field use for youth leagues is now allowable with field use permits. Parks are open for passive use, trails, and tennis courts.

Mr. Lass announced the Parks for Pollinators Bio Blitz is occurring the month of September and reviewed the schedule for LaRS on The GO. Star Wars Read is scheduled from September 26 through October 10th with a variety of virtual activities. The Halloween "Treat Trail" will be held on October 24th, 5pm-8pm at City Hall. This is a drive-thru "trunk or treat" experience. Lastly, the Parks and Recreation Facilities and Amenities Inventory project survey is available online. There were two focus group meetings, 6,000 surveys were sent by mail and another will be available online.

Commissioner Almasy asked if the Department has been in contact with Corona Norco Unified School District regarding BioBlitz has he feels it would be a great tool for teachers to use with students. Commissioner Wentworth asked if the Corona Norco Unified School District has reached out to the City regarding use of WiFi enabled facilities. Ms. Lenning stated they had not, but the study rooms and computer access were available at the library.

3. LaRS FY 19-20 Annual Report
4. September and October Programming Update (oral report)
5. Recreation Services Participation Report August 2020 (received and filed).
6. Development Impact Fee Fund Balance/Bond Repayment (received and filed).

**COMMISSION MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Verrette is impressed with Library and Recreation Services Department's efforts and postings on social media. He also likes the Halloween "Truck or Treat" flyer.

Commissioner Almasy congratulated the Library and Recreation Services Department for using technology to provide services to the community. He was impressed with the annual report.

Commissioner Wentworth thanked Ms. Townsend for the TAC report and staff for their reports. She was also impressed with the LaRS Annual report and is pleased with the participation numbers.

Chair Miller provided no comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Chair Almasy, that this be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**MEETING MINUTES**