

**IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**APRIL 6, 2016
WEDNESDAY
6:00 P.M.**

The Irwindale **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners Veronica S. Barbosa Lara, Marguerite S. Lopez, Belen Zepeda; Vice Chair Paula Fraijo; Chair Dan Diaz

Also present: Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Supervisor; Pedro Rodriguez Jr., Maintenance Lead Worker; and Armando Hegdahl, Records Technician

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

SUZANNE GOMEZ Suzanne Gomez spoke in support of expanding the hours of operation for the swimming pool, possibly keeping the pool programs running until October.

FRED BARBOSA Fred Barbosa agreed with Mrs. Gomez that the hours of the pool hours should be expanded since it would improve the patrons' quality of life.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Barbosa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES**

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The following minutes were approved as presented:

- 1) Regular meeting held February 3, 2016.

**RECREATION
MANAGER UPDATE**

**RECREATION
SUPERVISOR ZEPEDA**

Recreation Supervisor Zepeda presented the following update:

- 1) The February 19th trip to the Dirty Dancing play was sold out with 23 participants.
- 2) The February 27 trip to the Santa Monica Pier and Promenade had 14 participants.
- 3) The March 19 trip to San Juan Capistrano had 11 participants.
- 4) The March 29 trip to the AMC Covina movie theatre had 9 campers registered.

- 5) The trip to Magic Mountain that was scheduled for March 31 was cancelled due to a lack of sign-ups.
- 6) The Teen Trip to Knott's Berry Farm was held on March 30 and had ten teens in attendance.
- 7) The April 1 trip to watch the Dodgers vs. Angels baseball game was sold out with 33 in attendance.
- 8) A trip to CityWalk has been scheduled for April 23.
- 9) The Easter Eggstravaganza was a huge success with over 400 people in attendance. She thanked all the volunteers and commended the Recreation Department, especially Recreation Manager Grijalva and Senior Recreation Leader Osterheim for their participation in arranging for the special events throughout the year.
- 10) Registration will begin soon for the next session of Yoga at Noon and Zumba.
- 11) All Recreation staff members were re-certified on Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED.
- 12) Summer concert series schedule has been finalized and staff hopes to have the Movies in the Park scheduled finalized by the end of the month.
- 13) The Irwindale Cheer Team competed in its first competition of the season at Downey High School on April 2. She congratulated the coaches and the team for finishing in 2nd place.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A

**CONSIDERATION OF
RE-IMPLEMENTING
THE SEPTEMBER
FIESTA AT IRWINDALE
PARK**

**CONSIDERATION OF RE-IMPLEMENTING THE SEPTEMBER
FIESTA AT IRWINDALE PARK (Verbal discussion; requested by
City Council Member H. Manuel Ortiz**

SUPERVISOR ZEPEDA

Supervisor Zepeda advised that the department is currently considering holding a Mexican Independence ("MI") Fiesta in September. The September Fiesta that the city used to have years ago was discontinued due to a large drop in attendance, due mostly to competition from the Los Angeles County Fair. The MI Fiesta would probably be a smaller event, possibly including senior folkloric dancers, a fundraiser, and other activities on a smaller scale. She noted, however, that full details have not been decided yet.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO

Vice Chair Fraijo agreed that a smaller event should be scheduled. If it is a success, a larger event can be scheduled for next year.

**COMMISSIONER
LOPEZ**

Commissioner Lopez suggested asking for donations for the event from local businesses.

SUZANNE GOMEZ Suzanne Gomez agreed that the MI Fiesta should be smaller and spoke very highly of last year's Music in the Park concerts. She also commended the great work performed by the Recreation and Public Works Departments.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

COMMISSIONER BARBOSA Commissioner Barbosa commended the cheer team for its performance at the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Responding to a question by Commissioner Barbosa, Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that the Magic Mountain has a section of the park reserved for children, which is actually bigger than the children's area of Knott's Berry Farm. She added that the kids already had a trip to Knott's so staff did not want to schedule another one.

PAULINE ACOSTA Pauline Acosta asked about the Playbiller's Club, to which Supervisor Zepeda indicated that the club members get together to decide which plays they want to attend. There is an annual membership fee, and new registrations will be accepted at the start of the next fiscal year. She noted, however, that the Recreation Department also schedules theatre trips that are not part of the Playbiller program.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ Commissioner Lopez asked whether the Resident ID card is necessary to join the Playbiller's Club, to which Supervisor Zepeda confirmed that it is. The Recreation Card, however, is not required to join.

SUZANNE GOMEZ Responding to several questions by Suzanne Gomez, Supervisor Zepeda advised that the Playbiller's Club also requires a deposit from its members. She continued discussing program requirements.

Mrs. Gomez also requested that first aid/cpr classes be provided to residents.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo requested that a list of summer programs, classes, and trips, along with the number of people that participated in these classes last year, be provided to the Commission to see whether it is feasible to extend the pool classes.

COMMISSIONER BARBOSA Commissioner Barbosa also asked whether all the pool personnel have their certifications updated.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ Commissioner Lopez commended staff on the wonderful Easter Eggstravaganza activities.

- VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo asked how often the lawn at the parks is mowed, to which Maintenance Lead Worker Rodriguez advised that it is mowed weekly.
- FRED BARBOSA Fred Barbosa suggested that local kids can adopt a tree and volunteer to water it regularly.
- PAULINE ACOSTA Pauline Acosta complained about weeds near her curb, to which Maintenance Lead Worker Rodriguez indicated that staff is spraying weed killer where needed throughout the city.
- SUZANNE GOMEZ Suzanne Gomez spoke highly of the park, noted that some individuals litter after hours at the park, and indicated that the Summer Youth Program is wonderful. She added that the park restrooms are not locked every night.
- COMMISSIONER BARBOSA Commissioner Barbosa requested that a representative from the Police Department be present at the next Commission meeting to discuss summer park patrol arrangements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Armando Hegdahl, Records Technician

Approved as presented at the meeting held May 4, 2016.