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

MAY 4, 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 Marguerite S. Lopez, Belen Zepeda; Vice Chair Paula Fraijo; Chair Dan Diaz

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

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

IRIS RODRIGUEZ — Iris Rodriguez spoke in support of extending the water aerobics classes past its usual six-week run.

SERGEANT SAPIEN — Police Sergeant Sapian spoke briefly of the Police Department's plans to patrol the park during the summer.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO — Responding to a question by Vice Chair Fraijo, Sergeant Sapien indicated that officers will patrol the park after the swimming classes close for the night.

PAULINE ACOSTA — Pauline Acosta complained about dog owners that do not clean up after their pets at the park.

CARMEN ROMAN — Responding to a question by Carmen Roman, Recreation Supervisor Zepeda explained how sign-ups for the Playbillers' Club are accepted. Mrs. Roman also asked about obtaining tickets to the Hamilton play, to which Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that the city does not have the funding to offer this trip since tickets are very expensive.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION — A motion was made by Vice Chair Fraijo, 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 April 6, 2016.

RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE

RECREATION SUPERVISOR ZEPEDA

Recreation Supervisor Zepeda presented the following update:

1) Eight participants attended the April 23 trip to Citywalk.
2) She congratulated the Irwindale Cheer Team, which placed first in two recent cheer competitions.
3) AM Fit, Canvas Kids and Pint Size Picassos classes began in April.
4) The Teeny Tots program concluded last week with a field trip to Magical Playground in West Covina.
5) The programs and classes for the summer have been finalized.
6) The Community to School Partnership with Manzanita Elementary has been prepared.
7) Both the Movies and Music in the Park schedules have also been finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
2016 SUMMER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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RECREATION SUPERVISOR ZEPEDA

Recreation Supervisor Zepeda discussed the staff report.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO

Responding to a question by Vice Chair Fraijo, Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that this year's summer schedule looks nearly identical to last year's, though this year will include two new additions: the Teeny Tots and Painters Club programs.

Vice Chair Fraijo also asked about offering other, different classes, such as gymnastics or martial arts, to which Recreation Supervisor indicated that staff was checking into having an outside organization hold their classes at the city facility. The organization would open the classes to residents of surrounding communities, and their fees would need to be paid weekly, which Irwindale residents are not accustomed to doing. Vice Chair Fraijo suggested pursuing new classes and activities.

ITEM NO. 2B POOL OPEN/CLOSURE SCHEDULE	POOL OPEN/CLOSURE SCHEDULE
RECREATION SUPERVISOR ZEPEDA	Recreation Supervisor Zepeda discussed the staff report.
VICE CHAIR FRAIJO	Responding to a question by Vice Chair Fraijo, Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that staff has requested additional funding to continue the aqua fitness class through August, which would extend the class by about two or three weeks. Also, Mt. Sac is holding 5-day classes at the city pool, instead of the usual 4-day classes.
CARMEN ROMAN	Carmen Roman asked about the schedule for water aquatics, to which Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that it is currently a 6-week class that will run from June 20 through July 29, 5 days per week. The additional weeks that staff requested cannot be promoted yet since it has not yet been approved. Mrs. Roman suggested that the class be offered until the end of August, to which Supervisor Zepeda advised that the dates have been selected by Mt. Sac.
VICE CHAIR FRAIJO	Vice Chair Fraijo said that city residents are fortunate that the city offers these classes.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez asked to know the timeline for the extension of pool classes that staff requested so that she can lobby her councilmen for their support.
VICE CHAIR FRAIJO	Vice Chair Fraijo thanked those present for their attendance and for speaking their concerns and interests.
PAULINE ACOSTA	Pauline Acosta spoke in support of extending the pool schedule.
VICE CHAIR FRAIJO	Vice Chair Fraijo asked to receive the schedule for the extended pool classes that staff has requested, and the date when staff anticipates that the funding request would be considered.
IRIS RODRIGUEZ	Iris Rodriguez asked whether individuals can pay for these classes if the city does not approve the funding request, to which Supervisor Zepeda indicated that staff can check into that.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO	Vice Chair Fraijo asked whether staff also invites Merwin School to participate in the Community to School program, to which Recreation Supervisor Zepeda indicated that invitations are extended to all

schools that service our community. However, Manzanita is the only school that has confirmed participation.

Vice Chair Fraijo also asked about participation in the Teeny Tiny Tots program, to which Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that the program currently has eight participants, though some or all of these may continue on to the Tiny Tots program.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO — Vice Chair Fraijo congratulated the cheer program coaches for their hard work and dedication.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ — Commissioner Lopez requested that an anti-bullying program be implemented.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO — Vice Chair Fraijo thanked residents for their use of the recreational programs and thanked the Recreation Department staff for all their hard work.

PAULINE ACOSTA — Responding to a question by Pauline Acosta, Recreation Supervisor Zepeda advised that some type of celebration in September is pending funding.

CARMEN ROMAN — Carmen Roman commented that the September Fiesta used to be a big event in the past, but that it was eclipsed by the Los Angeles County Fair. She said she would rather divert funding to the 4th of July celebration instead of a September celebration.

SUZANNE GOMEZ — Suzanne Gomez commented on people drinking alcohol at the park, to which Sergeant Sapien encouraged those who observe this type of activity to contact the police department.

CHAIR DIAZ — Chair Diaz spoke highly of the Music in the Park concerts and commended the police department for their patrol efforts.

Responding to a question by Chair Diaz, Maintenance Lead Worker Rodriguez noted that burned-out lights at the park have been replaced. He added that the lights at the fountain also received maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT — There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Armando Hegdahl, Records Technician

Approved as presented at the meeting held June 1, 2016.