

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners Jason Hickman, Marguerite S. Lopez, Belen Zepeda; Vice Chair Paula Fraijo; Chair Dan Diaz

Also present: Dan Grijalva, Recreation Manager; Pedro Rodriguez Jr., Maintenance Lead Worker; and Armando Hegdahl, Records Technician

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

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 June 1, 2016.

RECREATION
MANAGER UPDATE

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MANAGER GRIJALVA

Recreation Manager Grijalva presented the following update:

- 1) The Summer Lunch program began on June 20 and has an average of 40 children participating daily.
- 2) Ongoing adult programs: Yoga at Noon classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center; Saturday Zumba classes only have two members currently but staff anticipates that participation will increase. Monday and Wednesday classes have 11 registered. The patrons seem to really enjoy the instructor.
- 3) The Day Camp program currently has 28 children registered, with the first trip held yesterday to the movies. Fifteen attended today's beach trip. The first beach trip that was scheduled was cancelled due to a lack of signups.
- 4) The first session of the Music in the Park concert series will begin tomorrow with the Mariachi Divas. Staff anticipates a large turnout. He thanked Mike Touhey and Associates for sponsoring the event.

- 5) The Aqua Fitness class has tremendous participation with 68 participants. The next class will need to be limited to a maximum of 60 participants.
- 6) The first Swim Lessons classes had 78 participants. This class has ended; the next class currently has 68 participants registered to attend.
- 7) The Mommy and Me classes have 15 participants for classes held on Saturdays and Sundays. Mariana Lara is doing a great job and is very innovative and energetic.
- 8) The Summer Tots program has 15 participants.
- 9) The Volleyball Clinic has 15 participants.
- 10) The Whiffle Ball program has 18 participants.
- 11) The 4th of July activities went very well. Staff estimates that about 4,000 people attend the events at the park. The entertainment was very well-received, especially the ballet folklorico group. Staff will request that the ballet folklorico group return to the September 16 celebration.
- 12) The new school bus should be received by Friday.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO

Responding to several questions by Vice Chair Fraijo, Recreation Manager Grijalva advised that beach trips were moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays to allow interested persons enough time to attend the trips and not have to rush to also attend the Thursday afternoon concerts at the park; a Lifeguard and Pool Manager is on duty during the Aqua Fitness classes; participants of this class stay in the shallow end of the pool so that they can easily walk out if necessary; the Summer Lunch Program will continue until about a week before school resumes in August; the new school bus can be used before the start of the school year, though the school bus signs would need to be covered; the maximum number of participants in the Day Camp trips is 30; sponsors of the summer concerts enjoy advertisements on banners, microphone time, and a few other things.

Vice Chair Fraijo stated that the summer concerts may receive more sponsors if the city prepared its own banner to advertise the events, to which Recreation Manager Grijalva indicated that he would look into it. He acknowledged receipt of a \$2,000 sponsorship check from Superior Communications.

COMMISSIONER ZEPEDA

Commissioner Zepeda noted that the snack bar that participants of the beach trips usually visit has been closed.

COMMISSIONER
LOPEZ

Commissioner Lopez thanked staff for arranging the 4th of July activities.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO

Vice Chair Fraijo asked about the installation of skate-stoppers around the park benches and the new fountain, to which Lead Worker Rodriguez advised that staff plans to install them soon. He noted that some of the decorative skate-stoppers that were installed at the Skate Park have been pried off.

Responding to a comment by Vice Chair Fraijo, Recreation Manager Grijalva advised that signs prohibiting skating in unauthorized areas have already been installed at the park.

Vice Chair Fraijo also asked about the watering schedule for the park landscape, to which Lead Worker Rodriguez advised that it is watered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, in order to comply with watering restrictions.

COMMISSIONER
HICKMAN

Commissioner Hickman suggested painting the gate at the stairs behind the gym, to which Lead Worker Rodriguez advised that the paint has been ordered already.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO

Vice Chair Fraijo asked about recent vandalism, to which Lead Worker Rodriguez advised that staff has already cleaned much of it up in order to have the park ready for the 4th of July activities. Vice Chair Fraijo also asked about a graffiti reward, to which Lead Worker Rodriguez noted that the extent of damage to public property needs to reach a certain monetary threshold in order to prosecute the offender(s) in court.

CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz advised that everything seems to be fine at El Nido Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Armando Hegdahl, Records Technician

Approved as presented at the meeting held August 3, 2016.