

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: Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager; Pedro Rodriguez Jr., Public Works Maintenance Supervisor and Armando Hegdahl, Deputy City Clerk

**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 February 7, 2018.

**RECREATION
DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

**RECREATION
MANAGER ZEPEDA**

Recreation Manager Zepeda provided the following update:

- 1) Registrations are being accepted for the March 17 trip to San Juan Capistrano.
- 2) The Irwindale Cheerleaders placed first at their February 11 competition at Arroyo High School, and at their March 4 competition at El Monte High School.
- 3) Interviews will be held tomorrow for the Recreation Aide vacancies.
- 4) She reported on her attendance at last week's Homeless Workshop, where information regarding the needs of local homeless was discussed.
- 5) Recreation staff will attend next week's CPRS conference in Long Beach, where they will learn about the newest trends in Recreation and will have the opportunity to network with other peers.
- 6) The Annual Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for March 31.

- 7) The City Council unanimously approved an appropriation of funds for the playground renovations. Staff hopes to have playgrounds at Irwindale and El Nido Parks installed by May, and at Jardin de Roca and Little Park by June.

PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT UPDATE

**SUPERVISOR
RODRIGUEZ** Supervisor Rodriguez advised that staff will be setting up “brown is the new green” signs throughout the city parks. Also, trees have been installed at all the tree wells at Jardin de Roca Park, and will be maintained by city staff.

**COMMISSIONER
LOPEZ** Responding to a question by Commissioner Lopez, Supervisor Rodriguez indicated that these signs will be made of a durable plastic similar to poster board.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Responding to several questions by Vice Chair Fraijo regarding the Homeless Workshop, Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that Irwindale, along with the city of Duarte, is a recipient of the Measure M Homeless Grant, which allows both cities to prepare plans to address homelessness issues within the communities. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm regarding areas of concern as well as to identify potential resources.

Vice Chair Fraijo expressed concern over whether individuals spend the night at the parks or in the park restrooms, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that there has been an increase in homelessness along the Metro Gold Line area, and that staff is working to resolve the issue as much as possible.

**SUPERVISOR
RODRIGUEZ** Supervisor Rodriguez advised that homeless individuals can be seen near the parks during the day, but noted that park restrooms are locked at night. Should there be any issues with patrons at the park at any time of day, staff will notify the Police Department.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo reiterated her desire to maintain safe parks for the community.

MANAGER ZEPEDA Manager Zepeda advised that she has ordered the new playground equipment today and that staff hopes to complete the installation process at the first two parks in May, and the second two parks in June.


VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo congratulated the Irwindale Cheer Team for their outstanding efforts.

COMMISSIONER
HICKMAN

Commissioner Hickman commended staff for keeping the parks safe and looking wonderful.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as presented at the meeting held April 4, 2018.