

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
November 19, 2013
SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Martinez at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jose Martinez, Chairperson
John Margis, Vice Chairperson
Thomas Diaz
Kevin Kenney
Frank Neal

John Ebiner, City Councilmember
Theresa Bruns, Parks and Recreation Director
Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager

Absent:

Kathryn Perkins, excused
Baylee Smith, unexcused

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER NEAL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 MEETING AS SUBMITTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARGIS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014

Chair Martinez opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2014. COMMISSIONER NEAL NOMINATED COMMISSIONER DIAZ AS CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENNEY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER MARGIS NOMINATED COMMISSIONER NEAL AS VICE CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DIAZ AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Director Bruns informed the commission that the Heroes Organization has completed Phase Three of the Freedom Park Veterans' Monument and had a dedication ceremony on November 11, 2013. This completes the approved phases to date.

Director Bruns distributed a memo inviting the commissioners to attend the Annual California Park and Recreation Society luncheon hosted by the Department at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course on December 4, 2013.

Manager Raya distributed a calendar of events from November through January and encouraged the commissioners to attend events. Manager Raya provided a brief review of the Recreation Special Events that had been conducted in September and October.

September 28 – 5K and Family Fun Run, had 151 - 1 mile participants and 220 - 5K runners.

October 12 – Bowser Bash, was a well-attended event.

October 26 – Family Bike Day, in partnership with InCycle and SC Velo, 72 riders participated and the event met its established goals.

October 31 – Halloween Event, there was a steady stream of families enjoying the carnival games, the Haunted Hall and the Costume Contest. Thank you to the commissioners that helped judged the contest.

November 16 – Downtown Saturday Stroll, 7 individuals participated in the 1.5 mile stroll through the historic downtown and San Dimas Community Hospital presented a workshop on healthy lifestyles.

Commissioner Kenney commented that he attended the stroll and said that the lecture was very informative.

Manager Raya reminded everyone of the Holiday Extravaganza being held on December 7, at the Walker House with the evening concluding at the Depot with the Tree Lighting ceremony hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Audience

None

B. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Neal informed the commission that he had been very busy participating with his bicycle information booth at the Pomona Fair, Western Days, Family Bike Day, and the Chuck Coin Day at the FairPlex. He also enjoyed judging the Halloween Costume Contest and making announcements at the City Council meetings regarding the Family Bike Day. Commissioner Neal also wanted to thank the Parks and Recreation Department for the coordination of the Family Bike Day and the many sponsors and volunteers that participated: SC Velo, InCycle, Hammer Nutrition, Ocean Potion, Road ID, San Dimas High School to mention a few. Manager Raya thanked Commissioner Neal for all of the support and coordination that he provided for this first time event.

Commissioner Diaz stated that he participated in the 1 Mile Fun Run and had attended the San Dimas Western Days Rodeo with his family.

Commissioner Kenney inquired about the status of the name change for the Swim and Racquet Club; Director Bruns responded that the staff is still coordinating the change in programming that would accompany a name change. He inquired about the summary of the Commission's Community Meetings; Director Bruns indicated that the information had been presented during the July meeting and that she would provide Commissioner Kenney the summary. She also informed the Commission that at their January meeting they would be discussing the upcoming budget and requesting input from them. Councilmember Ebner requested that available budget amounts for improvements be a part of that discussion so that the Commissioners can make decisions based on available funding.

Commissioner Diaz wondered how far in advance the Parks and Recreation Department was taking private rental reservations at the Walker House. Director Bruns replied that at this time only until the

end of the 2013 calendar year, due to the fact that the City was moving forward with securing a permanent food service provider for the first floor space.

Chair Martinez wondered if the City was planning on converting any of the parks, parkways or median turf areas to reduce water use. Director Bruns answered that the Department has been reviewing medians to either convert to drought tolerant plantings, placing chips in them, rocking them in or installing other reduced water landscape items, but there is no plan for wholesale conversion.

Commissioner Margis commented that he had worked the late registration table at the 5K event, road in the Family Bike Day, judged the Halloween Costume Contest, participated in the Lone Hill playground dedication ceremony and had recently hiked the Horsethief Canyon Park loop. He mentioned that the trail is in good shape and recommends it.

C. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Ebner congratulated Commissioner Neal on the successful Family Bike Day. He informed the Commission that the City Council had approved a 2.5% cost of living increase for City employees. He also stated that the City Council had adopted a new chicken ordinance that permits families to have 3 chickens per household.

ADJOURNMENT

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:53 PM.



Karon DeLeon, Facilities Manager