

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
November 17, 2015
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Kathryn Perkins, Vice-Chairperson
Susan Davis
Baylee Smith
Tom Diaz
Paul McClure

John Ebiner, City Councilmember
Theresa Bruns, Director of Parks and Recreation
Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
Katie Blair, Parks and Recreation Intern

Absent:

Frank Neal, excused
Kevin Kenney, excused

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER PERKINS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 MEETING AS SUBMITTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DIAZ AND APPROVED BY A VOTE OF FIVE – ZERO.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2016

Commissioner Perkins opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2016. COMMISSIONER DIAZ NOMINATED COMMISSIONER KENNEY AS CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERKINS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER DIAZ NOMINATED COMMISSIONER DAVIS AS VICE CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLURE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Update on Parks and Recreation Projects

Director Bruns informed the commission regarding several projects:

Marchant Park has completed design phase and the construction document phase is approximately 50% complete. Once construction document phase is completed it will enter into Plan Check, which will last about two to three weeks.

The Median Projects, both at Via Verde Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, continue to progress. Both projects went out to bid and came back last Tuesday. The department is currently evaluating bids and expects to request award of contract at the City Council Meeting next Tuesday. Within twenty-four days of award, work should commence.

The Via Verde Park Playground project has completed design phase and the construction document phase is about 90% complete.

Pioneer Park playground equipment project will move forward with a playground design in the Spring. The HCD Grant documents were recently received.

The Swim and Racquet Club has \$50,000 in the budget for facility assessment. Managers Karon DeLeon and Leon Raya are reviewing three proposals from architects for the top-to-bottom building evaluation regarding how to redesign the facility to look and function more efficiently and effectively.

The Walnut Creek Open Space Project continues to garner conversation. There have been two meetings with the neighborhood representatives about the project since the last Commission meeting. The first was a trail walk where trail routes were reviewed. The second meeting included discussion of the residents' "sticking points", which includes their request for no access from Avenida Loma Vista and no trail connection in the middle section of the project. They also request that all existing WCA buildings be demolished. Discussion continues regarding finding a design and use that will be accepted by the neighborhood.

Commissioner McClure asked to attend any additional Walnut Creek meetings, and Director Bruns affirmed that he would be notified. Commissioner McClure mentioned that if there was a call to remove the WCA buildings, several historical societies would want to comment on the matter.

Councilman Ebner asked for clarification of the groups' trail request, which Director Bruns confirmed was for two separate trail loops, one on each end of the project area. Commissioner Perkins asked about their proposed entrance to the Project, and Director Bruns confirmed that the residents do not want an entrance through Loma Vista Park. Councilman Ebner asked for a timeline, and Director Bruns replied there is no set timeline as of yet. Director Bruns commented that staff is not making decisions but instead negotiating good options.

2. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Manager Raya discussed the following upcoming events:

- The Bowser Bash was last Saturday, and he passed around pictures taken by Commissioner McClure.
- There is a Teen Thanksgiving party on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

- The Saturday Stroll will take place this Saturday, November 21, at 8:00AM. After the stroll there will be a talk from a nutritionist.
- December 5, 2015 is the Holiday Extravaganza in downtown San Dimas.
- Registration for Youth Basketball is underway, and the games begin on December 9.

B. Members of the Audience

None.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Diaz stated that this will be his last meeting as a member of the Commission, as he is moving to LaVerne. Staff and Commissioners thanked him for his service.

D. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Ebner inquired about the release date for the Frontier Newsletter. Manager Raya stated that it would be released at the end of this week.

Councilmember Ebner reported that a Downtown Specific Plan Study will be starting in March. At the last Council meeting they discussed boundaries for the project and had a consultant look at it. Councilman Ebner reminded the commission that they first looked at the possibility of this project in 2006 but nothing ever came of it. He is hopeful something will come of it this time.

Councilmember Ebner also asked about the Boy/Frog Sculpture, and Director Bruns replied that we have received it and have to work on an installation design.

He then reported that on Wednesday, November 18, there is a meeting with Gold Line Station artists in San Pedro, and that the City Council passed an ordinance allowing for microbreweries in San Dimas.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.



Katie Blair, Parks and Recreation Intern

