

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
January 19, 2016  
STANLEY PLUMMER COMMUNITY BUILDING

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Kenney at 6:40 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Kevin Kenney, Chairperson  
Susan Davis, Vice-Chairperson  
Paulo Kespradit  
Paul McClure  
Frank Neal  
Baylee Smith

John Ebiner, City Councilmember  
Theresa Bruns, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager  
Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager  
Steve Farmer, Landscape Maintenance Manager  
Dominique Borba, Recreation Coordinator  
Jeff Freeth, Recreation Coordinator  
Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator  
LaToyia Ward, Recreation Coordinator

Absent:

Kathryn Perkins, excused

Manager Raya welcomed the audience to the meeting and provided a brief review of the process for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING AS SUBMITTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLURE AND APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THREE - ZERO - THREE; WITH KENNEY, KESPRADIT AND NEAL ABSTAINING.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**A. Review of Criteria and Nomination Process for Distinguished Service to Youth Awards**

Director Bruns distributed and reviewed the Distinguished Service to Youth Awards criteria and nomination form. She reminded the Commission of the purpose and process for the program. Director Bruns informed the Commission and the audience that nominations will be accepted until March 4, 2016 and will be reviewed at the March Commission meeting; the recipients will be recognized at the April 12, 2016 City Council meeting.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE NOMINATION FORM AND CRITERIA BY A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO.

## **B. Parks Needs Assessment Presentation and Community Engagement**

Director Bruns welcomed the audience and provided a brief overview of the purpose for the community meeting and desired outcomes. She introduced the Parks and Recreation staff to make the presentation.

The presentation lasted approximately 1 hour 45 minutes and included:

An overview of the LA County Park Assessment Project, meeting ground rules, park inventory, park metrics, a community profile, potential park project guidelines, and an exercise to identify additional potential projects.

After presenting the overview of the program, staff led the audience in a brainstorming exercise to develop a list of additional potential projects. Eighteen additional project ideas were identified which included some for Bonelli Regional Park.

All potential projects were placed on individual scoring sheets and grouped by project location on tables for the attendees to “vote” on their priorities. At the conclusion of the voting process, staff tallied the votes presented the top 10 projects. They were as follows:

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
A dance room with mirrors	42	TBD
Hiking and equestrian trail upgrades and development	29	Walnut Creek OS
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Soccer complex	25	TBD
Lights for dog park	23	HTC
Facility rehabilitation; all infrastructure and amenities	21	SRC
Third dog park area	16	HTC
BMX bike park	14	TBD
Exercise equipment in parks	13	Civic Center Park
Replace playground equipment	13	Loma Vista Park

Other ideas that were identified were:

Shaded playgrounds, more benches at the dog park, sail boat launch and dock repair at Bonelli Park, lights at Lone Hill Park ball field, security cameras at all parks, drinking fountains at all parks with dog bowls, bike/roller blade path at Via Verde Park, replace/repair wood chips at LA County Park playgrounds, walking path at Marchant Park, fenced tot lot playground at Civic Center Park, toddler trot path at Via Verde Park, volleyball courts at parks and lights at Via Verde Park.

The staff thanked the audience for their participation and the commission meeting continued.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

### **A. Director of Parks and Recreation**

#### 1. Update on Projects

Director Bruns updated the Commission regarding the progress of the Marchant Park Rehabilitation Project, the Via Verde Park Project, the Via Verde and Foothill Median Projects, the Swim and Racquet Club Assessment Process, the Pioneer Park Playground Replacement and the Walnut Creek Open Space Project. She took the opportunity to invite the Commission and audience to an Open Trail Walk, tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2016, to provide a detailed review of the Walnut Creek Open Space Project for the community.

## 2. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Manager Raya distributed a calendar of events for January through March, highlighting the upcoming events such as Students in Government Day, City Olympics, Family Festival and Easter Egg Hunts.

### **B. Members of the Audience**

None

### **C. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Ebner stated that he appreciated the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Staff hosting tonight's meeting and thanked them. He inquired about the timing of the replacement for the bronze sculpture in the Civic Center Plaza fountain. Director Bruns responded that staff is continuing to evaluate installation options and no date has been determined. He informed the Commission focus groups are beginning to be formed to develop a specific plan for the future of the downtown area.

### **D. Members of the Commission**

Commissioner Kespradit expressed his excitement about being appointed to the Commission and looks forward to working with everyone.

Commissioner McClure thanked the staff for excellent presentation at the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.



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Karon DeLeon, Facilities Manager