PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2016
SENIOR CITIZENS/COMMUNITY CENTER – MEETING ROOM
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS MAILED

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

   A. Elect Commission Chair and Vice Chair

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
   A. Director of Parks and Recreation
      1. Commissioner Term Expirations
      2. Updates on Via Verde Park and Marchant Park Plans
      3. Update on Via Verde Avenue and Foothill Frontage Median Island Landscape Projects
      4. Update on Freedom Park sign
      5. Update on Walnut Creek Open Space Project
      6. Calendar of Upcoming Events
   B. Members of the Commission
   C. City Council Liaison

6. ADJOURNMENT
   Next meeting July 19, 2016

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CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
March 15, 2016
SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Davis at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Susan Davis, Vice-Chairperson
Paolo Kespradit
Frank Neal
Paul McClure
Kathryn Perkins (arrived during Items of Business)
Baylee Smith

John Ebiner, City Councilmember
Theresa Bruns, Director of Parks and Recreation
Steve Farmer, Landscape Maintenance Manager
Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER NEAL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION IN THE SPELLING OF COMMISSIONER KESPRADIT'S FIRST NAME, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLURE AND APPROVED UNAMINOUSLY.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Consider a Request from San Dimas HEROES for the Installation of a Park Monument Sign at Freedom Park

Director Bruns welcomed and thanked the HEROES committee members present. She then provided a brief history of the HEROES involvement in the HEROES Memorial Monument project and presented her staff report. At the conclusion of the staff report Commissioner Davis asked for questions from the commission members. Commissioner Kespradit inquired about the need and cost of moving irrigation for a park monument sign installation. Director Bruns responded the irrigation modifications could be accomplished with in-house staff and cost would be minimal for materials.

Commissioner Neal questioned if the pergolas could be relocated to another area. Mr. Enderle representing the HEROES organization indicated the committee is not intending for the pergolas to be built in the future. Director Bruns requested the HEROES to indicate this change formally, since the original approved design of the monument and park plan did include two entry pergolas.

Mr. Enderle addressed the following points of the staff report:

- HEROES is in favor of the suggested location for the monument sign
- HEROES does plan to change the south mural wall every 4 to 5 years

- He does not think that most of the individuals currently looking for the Veterans' Monument currently are computer savvy enough to do a search and find the physical location without a park monument sign
- Freedom Park Monument was built by HEROES and the community, and they continue to invest in the upkeep and maintenance of the park
- The HEROES organization with the help of the community raised $350,000 to build the monument with no financial support from the City
- HEROES feel strongly that the new monument sign should include their name

Councilmember Ebiner inquired if the power lines on this site were scheduled for undergrounding, Director Bruns indicated that they were not.

Commissioner Davis suggested a monument sign would cheapen the current beautiful monument and she was not in favor of a separate sign for the park.

Commissioner McClure liked the idea of promoting the HEROES element of the park, but thought the monument sign if installed should only say "Freedom Park" in big print.

Commissioner Neal commented that the sign should be closer to the street.

Commissioner Perkins responded that installing a park monument sign at this location may create confusion for the general public, because it is not a park in the sense that most people think of, it does not have play equipment, etc. She mentioned that the current walkways lead you directly to the monument.

Commissioner Neal suggested that perhaps the park should be renamed to "HEROES Park".

Commissioner Kespradit commented that the addition of a monument sign would take away from the overall beauty of the Veterans' monument.

COMMISSIONER KESPRADIT MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT A PARK MONUMENT SIGN NOT BE INSTALLATED AT FREEDOM PARK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCCLURE AND APPROVED UNANMOUSILY.

B. <u>Review of Nominations and Selection of the 2016 Distinguished Service to Youth Award Recipients</u>

Director Bruns distributed the submitted nomination packets and reviewed the nomination criteria and purpose for each category.

The nominees in the Volunteer Category were: Rosario Reyes and Shooting Stars Parents.

THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED 6 – 0 TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF ROSARIO REYES. THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED 6 – 0 TO MOVE THE SHOOTING STARS PARENTS TO THE GROUP CATEGORY AND AWARD THEM.

The nominees in the Professional Category were: Donavan Behen, Jamie Clark and Herb Perez.

THE COMMISSION APPROVED ALL OF THE PROFESSIONAL NOMINEES BY A 6 – 0 VOTE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT STAFF WILL CONFIRM THAT MR. BEHEN IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

The nomination in the Group Category was Autism Spectrum Athletics.

THE COMMISSION APPROVED AUTISM SPECTRUM ATHLETICS NOMINATION BY A 6 – 0 VOTE.

Recipients and their nominators will be invited to attend the Distinguished Service to Youth Awards Reception to be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the April 12 City Council meeting. Recipients will be recognized at the City Council meeting. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Update on Projects

Director Bruns provided the following update on the current projects:

- Via Verde and Foothill Median projects are in progress
- The Swim and Racquet Club assessment has begun and staff is working with the consultant to complete
- Staff is reviewing the information obtained from the Walnut Creek Trail Preview Event. The CEQA document and the modified project plan will be presented City Council at their April 12 meeting for their recommendation for approval by the WCA

Director Bruns informed the Commission that Commissioner Kenney has resigned due to his recent move to another city.

2. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Manager Raya distributed a calendar of events for March through May; he highlighted the upcoming events such as the Youth Basketball Awards, Family Festival, Spring Break activities and the start of the Farmers' Market.

B. Members of the Audience

None

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Kespradit extended an invitation to the other commissioners to become involved in the California Parks and Recreation Society's section for commissioners. He commented that the events provide are good networking opportunities.

D. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Ebiner reported that the Gold Line station planning is continuing. He commented that the downtown focus planning process is moving forward with a goal of creating a plan for the future. He stated that he appreciated the commissioners' review and recommendation on the request from the HEROES organization.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M. to May 17, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Karon DeLeon

Karon DeLeon, Facilities Manager