

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Chairman Woolwine called the meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission to order at 7:33 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was not done.

ROLL CALL

- A. Commissioners Present: Steven Dyson, Terri Haase, Eddy Lee Mathews, and Woods Woolwine
- B. Also Present: Stephany Santin, Recreation and Human Services Director
Nikki Sweeney, Recreation Program Administrator
Janina Hartwill, Recreation Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 9, 2020
- B. Commissioner Dyson made a motion to approve the March 9, 2020 Minutes with the following correction:
Correct spelling of Commissioner Haase in adjournment.
Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Motion was passed and carried."

Correction to March 9 Commission Minutes:

ADJOURNMENT

- A. *There being no further business, Commissioner Haase made motion to adjourn the meeting.*

COMMUNICATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland
 - a. No update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. In-Lieu Service Contracts
 - a. None
- B. Facility Upgrades
 - a. Human Services building was updated with new lighting, flooring and furniture.
- C. Park Needs Assessments/Park Improvements
 - a. Construction for new sunshade was approved by City Council.
- D. Recreation Management System
 - a. A presentation by Janina Hartwill was done to highlight our new system. Additional training will be provided to staff and commissioners once the system goes live. We are currently doing a soft launch.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Events to Attend
 - a. Food Drive, Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 10:00am – 12:00pm
 - b. Back to School Safety Sack Give-Away, Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 10:00a-

City Hall Lawn.

1. Donations were received by Gardena Police Officers Association, Charitable Fund Benefitting Gardena and local businesses.

RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES – ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Staff Training
- B. Youth Sports
 - a. Basketball Banquets – Canceled due to COVID-19
 - b. Soccer Banquets – Canceled due to COVID- 19
- C. After School Program/Day Camp
 - a. Currently, have 24 kids enrolled at Johnson and Freeman Parks. The class size is smaller, and we are following LA County Guidelines to ensure safety for the children.
 - b. Considering extending the program depending on LAUSD and return to school date.
- D. Excursions
 - a. No upcoming excursions scheduled at this time.
- E. Past Events
 - a. Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – Well attended
 - b. Easter Drive- Thru Give-a-way- Saturday, April 11, 2020 – Very popular over 500 vehicles drove by and Easter Egg bags were provided to each child.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mathews had some concerns with regard to the Corona virus and the camp program. A discussion was had regarding the safety protocols and the benefits of the program. Staff explained the changes to class size, additional cleaning schedule and the overall feedback from parents and staff was positive.

Commissioner Mathews inquired about online programs (e.g. Chess Tournaments) to engage our youth but keep them safe. Staff discussed the way we currently advertise events and information and how staff is working to incorporate online learning/activities.

ADJOURNMENT

- B. There being no further business, Commissioner Woolwine made motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephany Santin
Recreation and Human Services Director