



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Via Telecommunication**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Andrea Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CHAIRPERSON ANDREA LOPEZ
3. ROLL CALL – GUS HERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Joe Avila, Eddie Barrios, Blake Carter, Elizabeth Ford, Lisa Garcia, Kurt Hamra, Nancy Krueger, Jeannette Lizarraga, William Logan, Andrea Lopez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Dolores Romero, William Rounds, Mark Scoggins

Members Absent: Mary Anderson, David Diaz-Infante, Gina Hernandez, Kayla Perez, Sylvia Perez

Council Liaison: Councilmember John Mora

Staff: Gustavo Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Services Manager/Executive Secretary
Wayne B. Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor
Leanne Iezza, Community Services Supervisor

Guests: None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ
None.

5. APPROVAL OF November 4, 2020 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ
A motion was made by Dolores Romero and seconded by Elizabeth Ford, to approve the minutes of November 7, 2020. The motion carried.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA

The following items were reported on by John Mora-

- Mayor Mora welcomed everyone back after the long break in meetings.
- The City is paying close attention to the Covid-19 case numbers and the CDC Guidelines for handling day to day operations in the City.
- The City has a Covid-19 Memorial on the City website to memorialize those that have passed due to Covid-19. There has been a memorial bench installed at the Santa Fe Springs Library.
- Mayor Mora thanked City staff for all their efforts and creativity to keep the City running as well as providing services and events for residents during the months since the shutdown.

- Los Nietos Road has been paved. The next paving project will be Pioneer Blvd from Los Nietos Road to Charlesworth Road.
- There will be an outdoor fitness court installed at Los Nietos Park.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – GUS HERNANDEZ

a. Review of Advisory Committee Bylaws

Mr. Hernandez gave a brief overview of the new committee bylaws and will provide a written copy in the February meeting packet. In brief, each member is appointed for a term of two (2) years, from January 2020 and ending in December of 2022. A member will be removed once they have missed three (3) meetings. Being tardy by fifteen (15) minutes or more will qualify as an absence.

b. Project Updates

Mr. Hernandez briefly went over the following:

i. *Grant from LA County 4th District Supervisor, Janice Hahn*

This grant funded new scoreboards at the Activity Center, Lake Center Athletic Park, Santa Fe Springs Athletic Park, and Los Nietos Park. It also funded basketball backboard and hoop replacement at Los Nietos Park, Santa Fe Springs Park, and Little Lake Park. Funding was also used to paint the park building at Little Lake Park, the park building and picnic shelter at Santa Fe Springs Park, as well as replace the cabinets in the Santa Fe Springs Park building.

ii. *Proposition A Grant*

During the November 2, 2021 Council meeting, it was approved to use the remaining Proposition A Grant money to remove and replace the carpet at the historic Clarke Estate and to remove and replace the flooring and paint the Betty Wilson Center.

iii. *Measure A Grant*

Over the first 3 years, since Measure A was approved, the City's Measure A funded budget has grown to \$438,337.66. These funds must be spent in order to continuing accruing Measure A funding for park and open space improvements. Staff is currently working with the RPOSD on an application to receive funds at the tail-end of the project as a reimbursement. The Measure A funds will be used to improve the Los Nietos Park playground as the community has expressed a desire for new equipment for children to play on. The project will consist of the removal of all existing playground equipment, wood chips, expansion of the playground foot print to accommodate a 2-5 Year Old and 5-12 Year Old equipment zone. The construction of new sidewalk/curbs around the north end of the playground, relocation of light pole, installation of artificial turf as walking surface, removal/replacement of benches/trash receptacles and the restoration of impacted landscaping.

iv. *Prop 68 Grant*

On June 5, 2018, California voters approved Prop 68, also known as "Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018." The Prop 68 Per Capita Program offers funding for local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvement grants to local governments on a per capita basis. At the April 20, 2021 City Council meeting, council voted to add the Fitness Court project at Los Nietos Park to the Capital Improvement Plan and gave direction to staff to apply for the Prop 68 per capita funding. Construction began in December 2020 and the Fitness Court project is scheduled to be completed in January 2020.

- Ralph Aranda asked for information regarding the Santa Fe Springs Aquatic. Mr. Hernandez reported the Aquatic Center is in need of major repairs. The concrete deck is failing, the pump house needs to be replaced, and additional plastering needs to be done. The facility has been deemed unsafe to use as is. City Council was made aware of the situation at the November Council meeting. Public Works will take this information to Council for guidance.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES – GUS HERNANDEZ

Executive Secretary Gus Hernandez reported on the following:

a. **Parks and Recreation Services Division & Program Recap**

Mr. Hernandez commented on Parks & Recreation Division staffs adaptability to the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff was able to pivot from in-person activities to virtual, then to distance and drive-thru activities, and back to socially distancing in-person activities over the past 22 months. Our main goal was to keep the public engaged.

Mr. Hernandez asked the committee members to read through the packet for detailed information regarding the past 22 months.

b. **Parks and Recreation Services Division & Upcoming Program and Events**

Mr. Hernandez urged committee members to read through packet for detailed information.

9. OLD BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS* - GUS HERNANDEZ

a. Excursions (April, May, June, July)

Executive Secretary Hernandez posted a link in the ZOOM chat to a survey for committee members to complete on which excursions that would like the Parks and Recreation Division to offer to the community for the months of April, May, June, and July. Mr. Hernandez asked that the survey be complete by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 6th. Wayne Bergeron asked that the link be emailed to all committee members. Ralph Aranda asked if there could be an area added for suggestions.

b. Nomination and election of:

i. Chairperson for 2022

Chairperson Andrea Lopez opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. Andrea Lopez nominated Bill Rounds, Bill Rounds accepts nomination. Nomination was seconded by Ken Arnold. Dolores Romero nominated Ralph Aranda, Ralph Aranda accepts nomination. Nomination is seconded by Blake Carter. Dolores Romeo moved to close nominations, seconded by Eddie Barrios. Motion moved. Votes were taken, Bill Rounds was voted in as PRAC Chairperson for 2022.

ii. Vice-Chairperson for 2022

Chairperson Bill Rounds opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairperson. Lisa Garcia nominated Andrea Lopez, Andrea Lopez accepts nomination. Nomination is seconded by Kurt Hamra. No other nominations were made. Nancy Krueger motioned to close nominations, seconded by Elizabeth Ford. Motion moved. Andrea Lopez was named Vice-Chairperson of PRAC for 2022.

iii. Chairperson Appointment of Float Working Group Chair 2022

Chairman Bill Rounds appoints Ken Arnold to be Float Working Group Chair for 2022. Ken Arnold accepts.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Vice-Chairperson Andrea Lopez reported that the Christmas Float ran from December 6th thru December 18th and was seen by 2936 people in the City. Wayne Bergeron mentioned that only one night was canceled due to rain.

Chairperson Rounds spoke about the history of the Float, starting on the front lawn of Bill Price. Chairperson Rounds was able to get in contact with George Price, son of Bill Price, and obtain some photos of the float in Mr. Price's front yard. Chairperson Rounds hopes to include a small article with the history of the float and original photos in the next winter quarterly.

Wayne Bergeron announced that the Volunteer Recognition Dinner planned for January 26th has been postponed due the rise in Covid-19 cases.

Joe Avila asked if there would be a meeting with the Float Working Group in order to do a wrap-up meeting on the 2021 season.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – WILLIAM ROUNDS
Lakeview Park playground.

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – WILLIAM ROUNDS

- Vice-Chairperson Andrea Lopez thanked the Committee for her supporting and working with her while she was Chairperson of PRAC.
- Several committee members thanked Andrea Lopez for her work with the committee.
- Chairperson Rounds thanked the committee for voting him in as chairperson. Chairperson Rounds is glad to be back on the committee. He encouraged members to reach out to him with any questions or ideas.

14. ADJOURNMENT – WILLIAM ROUNDS

Dolores Romero motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Andrea Lopez. Chairperson William Rounds adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom or phone.



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