



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Wednesday, March 1, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson John Mora called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – GUS HERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Eddie Barrios, Kerry Cobos, Dani Cook, Elizabeth Ford, Kurt Hamra, Johnny Hernandez, Nancy Krueger, Jeannette Lizarraga, Andrea Lopez, John Mora,

Members Absent: Mary Anderson, Ralph Aranda, Joe Avila, Blake Carter, Lisa Garcia, William Logan, Priscilla Rodriguez, Dolores Romero, Mark Scoggins

Council Liaison: Councilmember William K. Rounds

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

Guests: Jerry Reyes, Sargent of Whittier Police Department
Dino Torres, Director of Police Services
Jake Junje, Sargent of Whittier Police Department

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Guest Jerry Reyes led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – GUS HERNANDEZ
None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – GUS HERNANDEZ

a. Minutes approval for February 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Nancy Krueger and seconded by Dani Cook, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2023. The motion carried.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – COUNCILMEMBER, WILLIAM K. ROUNDS
None. Councilmember William K. Rounds was absent.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – GUS HERNANDEZ

a. Shop With A Cop

Santa Fe Springs Director of Police Services, Dino Torres, Whittier Police Department Sergeant Jake Junge and Sergeant Jimmy Reyes, provided a report on the Shop With A Cop program that already exists.

b. Update on Upcoming Park Projects

c. Los Nietos Park Playground Improvement Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Recap

- d. Penny Carnival Recap
- e. Update on Aquatic Center
- f. Hours of Operation at Town Center Hall
- g. Department Spotlight in Newsletter
- h. Shamrock 5K
- i. 2023 Art Fest
- j. Easter
- k. Training for Advisory Committee Members on the Brown Act

8. OLD BUSINESS – CHAIRPERSON, JOHN MORA
None.

9. NEW BUSINESS – CHAIRPERSON, JOHN MORA
None.

10. DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATES – LEANNE IEZZA

- a. Boxing
- b. Adult Sports
- c. Youth Basketball League
- d. Hoopstars
- e. Pee Wee Sports
- f. Middle School Sports
- g. T.E.N.S. and The Club Programs
- h. Contract Classes
- i. Camps - Spring Break Day Camps
- j. Family Camp Trip
- k. Excursions
- l. Community Garden Cleanup April 1, 2023

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – CHAIRPERSON, JOHN MORA
None.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOHN MORA

- a. Committee Member Andrea Lopez asked for volunteers for the Sister City Pancake Breakfast Saturday April 8, 2023.
 - i. Committee Member Johnny Hernandez asked for a status on the Heritage Park concession stand and Library Cafe.
- b. Committee Member Johnny Hernandez inquired about the status of the Aquatic Center.

13. ADJOURNMENT – JOHN MORA

Chairperson John Mora adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.



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Gustavo Hernandez, Executive Secretary