



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Hall Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 2, 2013

MINUTES

Chairperson Jimmy Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jimmy Mendoza

1. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Sheila Archuleta, Ken Arnold, Jennie Carlos, Fred Earl, Miguel Estevez, Albert Hayes, Bernie Landin, Frank Leader, Richard Legarreta, Andrea Lopez, Jesse Mendoza, Jimmy Mendoza, Brandy Ordway-Roach, John Salgado, Lynda Short, Luigi Trujillo

Absent: Sally Gaitan, Mark Scoggins

Excused: Angie Miranda, Arcelia Miranda, Raul Miranda Jr., Janet Rock

Staff: William Rounds, Council Liaison
Carole Joseph, Executive Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jennie Carlos and seconded by Jesse Mendoza to approve the Minutes of September 4, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

John Salgado notified the committee that with the construction of the new businesses on Smith Avenue between Norwalk Blvd and Arlee the traffic control is poorly managed creating a hazard. Carole Joseph confirmed that she would take care of notifying the proper people accordingly.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- Councilmember William Rounds reminded everyone that Election Day is on November 5, 2013. He encouraged everyone to go out and vote and for those who are not yet registered to vote he reminded them that they still have time to register.
- Per the City's Planning Department, new businesses are continuing to come into the City, which is good news.
- Councilmember Rounds shared that the Valley View Grade Separation Project is on track and should hopefully be finalized in a year.
- On November 18, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The City of Santa Fe Springs and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) will be hosting an I-5 South Corridor Improvements Project Community Meeting at Town Center Hall. Attendees will hear directly from City Officials and Caltrans. Caltrans will be available to answer any questions or concerns on construction

- activities, traffic mitigation, design plans and right-of-way. The I-5 Project is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT – CAROLE JOSEPH

Dog Park Surfaces - Carole Joseph mentioned that once we get closer to the planning stages for the construction of the new dog park she will invite the Public Works Engineering Department to attend a meeting and give committee members a detailed power point presentation on the specifics of the Dog Park. However, for the time being she was able to gather some information from the City of Whittier and the City of Southgate regarding the most important and expensive component of the park which would be the turf. She mentioned that both cities are using decomposed granite for their surface. Through their research and from their own task force they have gathered that it is far easier to clean, maintain, and combat germs, with decomposed granite than it would be if they had grass. Ms. Joseph will keep the committee informed as the planning stages approach.

Future of the Certified Farmers Market – It has been confirmed that the Farmers Market will be going year round every Thursday from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m. (the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursdays of the month) and from 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m. (the 3rd Thursday of the month) in the Town Center Plaza.

Presentation on Certified Farmers Market Health and Wellness Component – John Salgado gave a presentation on the research he did to establish the vision, mission and goals for the new Health and Wellness Committee that he would like to see formed within the city to promote healthier lifestyles in our community. During the presentation Mr. Salgado included how he thinks the Farmers Market could serve as an initiative and/or open up opportunities for the committee to achieve their goals.

6. PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATE- CAROLE JOSEPH

The Committee reviewed the programs and projects.

- Haunted House will be opened to the public beginning Monday, October 28, 2013 through Thursday, October 31, 2013.
- Pumpkin Carving at all parks on Friday, October 25, 2013
- Sugar Skull Workshop – Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
- Halloween Carnival at Los Nietos Park on Thursday, October 31, 2013
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting on November 6, 2013
- Veterans Day Holiday recognized on Monday November 11, 2013 – City Facilities Closed
- Holiday Fest and Tree Lighting Program – Saturday, December 7, 2013
- Christmas Float begins Monday, December 9, 2013 through December 20, 2013
- Santa Home Visits – Saturday, December 14 and December 21, 2013
- First Night Postponed

7. PROGRAM REVIEW- CAROLE JOSEPH

The Committee reviewed and discussed the programs.

- Fiestas Patrias Event – Recap
- Relay for Life at Lake Center Athletic Park – Recap

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy Mendoza notified the committee that he would like to see some involvement/participation from members of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in programs such as the Thanksgiving Basket Program and the Neighborly Elf Christmas Program. He mentioned that he himself had the opportunity to participate in these programs last year and he found it to be very rewarding. Mr. Mendoza will bring sign-up sheets to the next meeting so that committee members who are interested in volunteering their time or getting involved may sign up. Carole Joseph will work on getting the exact dates of these programs so that those interested in signing up could determine their availability as well.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Luigi Trujillo reported that the committee is currently working on details such as changing the order of the stops for the Christmas float. He also announced that they will be having a Volunteer Meeting On November 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Center Hall for those who are interested in working the float.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

T-Shirts - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (for events)

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Rounds invited everyone to attend the Safety Expo on Saturday October 5, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. hosted by the Department of Police Services, the Department of Fire Rescue and the Safe Neighborhood Team.

Andrea Lopez invited everyone to attend the “Paint the Town Pink” event at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on Saturday October 5, 2013, from 10: a.m. -12Noon

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Salgado, and seconded by Fred Earl to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously. Jimmy Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Joseph
Executive Secretary

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