



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Via Telecommunication**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Executive Secretary Gus Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ
3. ROLL CALL – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

Members Present: Ralph Aranda, Eddie Barrios, David Diaz-Infante, Elizabeth Ford, Lisa Garcia, Kurt Hamra, Jeannette Lizarraga, William Logan, Sylvia Perez, Dolores Romero, Mark Scoggins

Members Absent: Mary Anderson, Ken Arnold, Joe Avila, Blake Carter, Gina Hernandez, Nancy Krueger, Andrea Lopez, Kayla Perez, Priscilla Rodriguez, William Rounds

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 – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ
None.
5. APPROVAL OF January 5, 2022 MINUTES – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ
A motion was made by Lisa Garcia and seconded by Kurt Hamra, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2022. The motion carried.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – COUNCILMEMBER JOHN MORA
The following items were reported on by John Mora-
 - Councilmember John Mora reported that COVID-19 cases and deaths are peaking and will hopefully decline soon. There was one recent COVID-19 related death in Santa Fe Springs.
 - Guard-A-Heart will be offering COVID Testing at Little Lake Park on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Guard-A-Heart offers Antigen (Rapid) and PCR testing. CORE will be offering PCR COVID Testing Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the same location.

- Councilmember Mora wished the Committee a Happy Lunar New Year, the year of the Tiger.
- The I-5 Carpool will be fully open this month.
- Home Depot is hiring 100,000 new employees.

William Logan ask Councilmember Mora about the recent violence at Los Nietos Park and if the City had a plan. Councilmember Mora stated that there was a baracade in place for roughly two and a half months that was to deter drive-by shootings. The City will be upgrading the lights throughout the city over the next few years to LED lighting. License plate readers will be installed at entry points into the city and cameras will be installed throughout the city.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

a. **Project Updates**

Executive Secretary Hernandez briefly went over the following:

i. *Fitness Court Project*

The new Fitness Court Project is underway with equipment being installed the week of February 7th. The ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, February 26th. Executive Secretary Hernandez shared a brief video with the committee. Councilmember Mora asked if the City had considered commissioning a local artist to do the artwork on the structure. Executive Secretary Hernandez replied that the use of a local artist was not in the approved budget for this project, however the City will revisit this option in 5-10 years when restoration and upkeep are needed. Ralph Aranda asked if the Art in Public Places Committee could fund such a thing. Councilmember Mora said that he would look into it.

ii. *Lakeview Park Playground Update*

Lakeview Park playground area has been closed to the public since November due to damage to parts of the play structure. Public Works has ordered the parts but there has been a delay in delivery and the parts are on back order. Ralph Aranda asked who the manufacture of the parts was and Executive Secretary Hernandez will follow up.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

a. **Parks and Recreation Services Division Upcoming Programs & Events**

Community Services Supervisor Leanne Iezza gave a brief recap of the reports in the Parks & Recreation Committee packet including the Penny Carnival and Presidential Rocks events. She urged the members to refer back to the packet for more information.

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

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on multiple programs including the Club, T.E.E.N.S. Meetings, Tech Tuesdays, the Meal Program, Spring Cap, and Family Fun Excursions. Mr. Bergeron encouraged members to read the reports in the packet.

9. OLD BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS* - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

Nothing to report

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR WAYNE BERGERON
Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron debriefed the committee on the Santa Float attendance per stop.

The Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held at Town Center Hall on Wednesday, February 23rd. Invitations are being sent.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

None

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

- Ralph Aranda announced the LLEAF Golf Tournament Fund Raiser will be held at the Montebello Country Club on March 11th. For more information, please visit the LLEAF website.
- Executive Secretary Hernandez encouraged the committee members to register for the 5k Family Fun Run on March 12th and to follow us on social media.

14. ADJOURNMENT – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUS HERNANDEZ

William Logan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ralph Aranda. Chairperson William Rounds adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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



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