

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2008**

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, in the City Hall Executive Conference Room, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California prior to the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to review agenda, and selection process for Employee of the Year 2007. The workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Thomas, with Commissioners Baker, Echandi, Tahan (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), and Wibert present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Chairperson Thomas, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Wibert, there was a moment of silence in memory of Fontana Police Officer Miles Frank, Public Works Employee Brian Wren, and Coach Les Waleszonia, then the invocation was given by Chairperson Thomas.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Thomas, Vice Chairperson Tahan, Commissioners Baker, Echandi, and Wibert.

Absent: Commissioners Kakuska, and Tigner.

Present: Community Services Director Ken Herron; Acting Community Services Managers Kyla Brown, and Frances Hernandez; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Luis Villalobos; Community Services Supervisors Rob Bock, Jason Hendrix, and Michael Wright; Community Services Coordinator II Victoria Zendejas and Nick Johnson; City Clerk Tonia Lewis; and Commission Secretary Orvene Steenbock.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Vice Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized the following employees as Employees of the Month for December:

MICHAEL WRIGHT

Mike Wright is currently an Acting Supervisor for the Community Services Department and has been serving off and on in the capacity for the better part of 2007. Mike has stepped up to fill in the gaps when the department has been in need – supervising special events, marketing, KFON, cultural arts, and most recently senior services. He is dependable, hard working, and committed to bringing quality programs and services to the community. Mike had the vision to

expand the Festival of Winter festivities, raise the bar for the summer events, and enhance the Fourth of July Spectacular. He has also been the key to securing needed sponsorship dollars to ensure the department can offer superior events.

Thanks to Mike's leadership and foresight, our department continues to provide successful events. In addition, Mike has been willing to learn new program areas to guarantee we meet goals set out in the department work plan. The City of Fontana is lucky to have such a passionate and devoted member of the Community Services Team. Thank you, Mike, for all that you contribute to our success.

KWAN GREEN

Kwan Green has been with the city for approximately two years now in which he has been employed by the Smart Kids after school program. Mr. Green has been an outstanding all around team player assisting in the many areas throughout the Community Services Department. He has played a tremendous role in all areas he has taken part in ranging anywhere from Mobile Recreation, Special Events, and even Healthy Fontana.

Kwan is currently an After School Community Services Assistant III and plays the site supervisor role over at Oleander Elementary School. He excels in all duties assigned and is well liked by all he comes in contact with. Kwan is dedicated to all tasks and always does it with a smile.

This is why we are happy to declare Kwan Green as Employee of the Month. Congratulations Kwan!

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Fontana Middle School Travel Club, Daniel Quirosa and Matthew Slowik spoke regarding fundraiser at McDonald, Foothill Boulevard and Citrus Avenue on February 6, 2008.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approve minutes from the December 12, 2007, Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings

B. Accept Staff Reports

- a. Community Services Department – November 2007 – Ken Herron, Community Services Director
- b. Parks and Landscape Division – December 2007 – Dan West, Public Works Manager

Motion made by Commissioner Tahan, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RECOGNITION AT THE JACK BULIK SKATE PARK ORAL REPORT – DAN WEST

Paul Deveny, 9208 Citrus Avenue, #B; Vicent Bowman, 14219 Monterra Drive; and, Josh Torres, 7908 Mango Avenue, Apt. K-15, spoke regarding Michael Reed, Jr. and their request to memorialize him at the skate park.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and staff discussed staff's recommendation on a memorial at the skate park, and the need for a sub-committee to meet with Michael's Family and Friends to determine the wording of the memorial plaque to be placed in the skate park.

Motion made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Tahan, to establish a sub-committee of Commissioners Baker, Tahan, and Manager West to meet with Michael's Family and Friends to develop wording for the memorial plaque, and bring back a report to the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ORAL REPORT – LUIS VILLALOBOS

Supervisor Villalobos updated the Parks and Recreation Commission on the following park development: Village of Heritage Community Center, Village Park Restroom and Snack Bar Facilities, Fernandez Park, and Fontana Park, all of which should be completed in 2008.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MICHAEL WRIGHT

Supervisor Wright reviewed the recent events which occurred during the month of December, including Cruise Night, Exchange Club Christmas Parade, 8th Annual Festival of Winter, and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. He informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the following upcoming events: Artist Showcase, Mayor's Roundtable, Family Art Day, Cruise Night, Teen Fest (Career Fair), and Race Weekend.

Motion made by Commissioner Wibert, seconded by Commissioner Echandi, to accept the staff report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECAP BASKETBALL CAMP ORAL REPORT – NICK JOHNSON

Coordinator Johnson reported on the 3rd Annual Basketball Camp held December 26th through the 28th at the Paul Biane Sports Pavillion, with 44 participates. He stated that due to the weather the camp was moved to the First Baptist Church and then to the Fontana High School Gymnasium. He thanked the First Baptist Church and Coach Vance at Fontana High School for letting them use the facilities on such short notice.

Motion made by Commissioner Tahan, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to accept the staff report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TEEN FEST REPORT – VICTORIA ZENDEJAS

Coordinator Zendejas stated that City of Fontana will be holding three different Teen Fest day events. The first will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2009 at the Paul Biane Sports Pavilion. It will be a Career Fair with many employers in attendance to accept applications

and conduct job interviews. At the Jack Bulik Teen Center Cyber Café, teens will have the opportunity to go on-line for job searches and to work on their résumés.

Motion made by Commissioner Wibert, seconded by Commissioner Tahan, to accept the staff report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RECAP OF FLAG FOOTBALL SCMAF TOURNAMENTS – JASON HENDRIX

Supervisor Hendrix reported on two separate Tournaments hosted by the City during the month of December. The first was the 2007 SCMAF Inland Valleys Flag Football Tournament held on December 1, 2007, at the Ralph M. Lewis Sports Complex, with a total of 23 teams participating from 8 separate cities. The second was the 2007 SCMAF Division B Youth Flag Football Championship, held on December 15th and 16th, with 14 teams representing 11 municipalities and agencies.

Motion made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Echandi, to accept the staff report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR SELECTION – KYLA BROWN

Manager Brown reviewed the 2007 Employees of the Months with the Parks and Recreation Commission and requested that they vote on their favorite for Employee of the Year. She stated that staff would also be voting and that there will also be a Director's Award presented at a later date.

Motion made by Commissioner Tahan, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to accept the staff report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Manager West stated he had no comments.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone a Happy New Year. She stated that basketball season started this week for both peewee and youth division. She stated that the hockey season will start at the end of January. She stated that adult soccer and softball will start soon. She stated SMART KIDS are gearing back up after the holiday season.

Manager Brown encouraged people to apply for the openings for the City of Fontana Community Services Department, and stated the City would be having a Job Fair in March.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Echandi thanked staff for the outstanding job they did in 2007, and stated that she is sure that 2008 will be even better.

Commissioner Wibert stated that this Saturday is graffiti clean up day. She stated that the Fontana Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fontana are currently taking applications for their Military Banner Program, with the banners to be hung soon. She congratulated Chief Larry Clark on his retirement, Chief Rod Jones and Deputy Chief Al Holstetter on

their new positions. She requested that they be recognized at the next Parks and Recreation Commission.

By consensus, the Parks and Recreation Commission requested that Chiefs Clark and Jones, as well as Deputy Chief Al Holstetter be recognized at the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Wibert thanked the four missionaries from the Church of Latter Days Saints for all of their help with the Fontana Santas, and stated that they did an outstanding job. She thanked everyone who contributed to the Fontana Santas. She stated that she had attended the Senior Christmas Party at the Cypress Center and it was awesome. She congratulated the new Fontana Unified School District Police Chief Bob Radcliff. She encouraged everyone to remember our troops and their families in their thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Baker congratulated Michael Wright and Kwan Green on receiving Employee of the Month Awards. He encouraged everyone to come out to the Fontana Middle School Travel Club's fundraiser at McDonalds on February 6, 2008. He thanked City Clerk Lewis and the Fontana Historical Society for donating the rose in memory of Michael Reed.

Commissioner Tahan expressed his condolences to the families of Brian Wren and Officer Miles Frank, as well as city staff on their loss. He thanked Chief Larry Clark for a job well done, and congratulated Chief Rod Jones.

Chairperson Thomas thanked Chief Larry Clark for the support he showed throughout all city events. He congratulated Chief Rod Jones. He encouraged everyone to pray for the safety of our children in the schools, parks and community. He requested prayers for the Wren, Frank, and Waleszonia families for their recent losses. He requested prayers for everyone dealing with all of the foreclosures on homes across the nation, and stated everyone should be supportive. He requested prayers for the City Council, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and city staff. He thanked staff for another great year, stated that each year they raise the bar, and that he is sure that 2008 will not be an exception. He requested that everyone come out to the Art Showcase featuring "African Art" by Ms. Houston, on January 22, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers Foyer, and to the Family Art Day at the Art Depot on Saturday, January 26, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m., in Memory of Brian Wren, Officer Miles Frank and Les Waleszonia, to the Park Tour of Fontana Park and Heritage Neighborhood Center on January 30, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Shady Trails Park House, then to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission workshop on February 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room, prior to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber, at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA.

Orvene Steenbock
Commission Secretary

D.C. Thomas
Chairperson