

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

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 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 the agenda. The workshop was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairperson Tahan, with Commissioners Baker, Echandi, Hall, Thomas, and Wibert present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Tahan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Wibert, and an Invocation given by Commissioner Thomas.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioner 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, Karen Gerber, and Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Coordinators II Rick Dean, Jason Hendrix, Nathan Hunt, Leslie Ramirez, and Michael Wright; Community Services Coordinator I Courtney Hodnick; Accountant I Lynn Rogers; City Clerk Tonia Lewis; and Commission Secretary Orvene Steenbock.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

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

RICK DEAN

Rick Dean began working for Community Services in June 2007. In less than one year, Rick has proven to be an asset to the Mary Vagle Nature Center. Rick has incorporated his professional work experience and his passion for children's education into this facility. Over the course of the last several months, Rick has created a thorough interpretive plan for the facility including educational school field trips, nature specific programming for community groups and a facility enhancement plan to complete this vision. He regularly

finds creative solutions and resources to assist with his overall concept plan. Rick's outgoing personality and his enthusiasm for the Nature Center is to be commended. He has demonstrated his commitment and dedication to enhancing one of the cities under utilized facilities into a place that will become a regional nature center in our area. Thank you, Rick for all of your hard work!

SARAH BROWN

Sarah Brown began working for the Community Services and the Cultural Arts in April of 2007. In the past year, Sarah has proven to become one of the Cultural Arts and the Art Depot most valuable employees. Sarah received a bachelor's degree in Art History from California State University, San Bernardino and has used her knowledge to help develop lesson plans, art shows and event planning. Sarah is always willing to learn about the arts and teach new staff about different aspects of art and how we can expand that to the community. Sarah's outgoing personality made her the perfect candidate to help with the solicitation of sponsorships for the annual Artist Showcase event. Sarah secured the largest donation to date! Her hard work with the Art Depot's Open Studio program, getting to know the kids by name and talking with the parents regularly she has helped to make the program grow over the past year and made it what it is today. With any luck, she will be around for a long time to come. Thank you, Sarah for all of your hard work. Community Services is lucky to have you!

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY, DISTRICT XI AWARDS:

Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized the following reciprocates of the California Park and Recreation Society, District XI Awards:

VOLUNTEER LAYMAN:

- MAYOR'S GALA COMMITTEE
- CRUISE NIGHT COMMITTEE

SCHOLARSHIP

- COURTNEY HODNICK

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- JENNIFER HUNT

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- KEN HERRON

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Michelle Jackson, R.N., 5312 Pescara Way, offered her instructional skills to the City of Fontana, to teach either first aid or CPR, as needed.

Annamarie Baker, 9406 Encina Avenue, spoke regarding the Art Association.

Gloria Zapata, Fontana Aquatics Club, 16555 Athol Street, Apt. 113, spoke regarding the status of the Fontana Aquatics program.

Tonia Lewis, Fontana Historical Society, spoke regarding the Rose Garden.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approve minutes from the March 12, 2007, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports
 - a. Community Services Department – February 2008 – Ken Herron, Community Services Director
 - b. Parks and Landscape Division – March 2008 – Dan West, Public Works Manager

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ORAL REPORT – LUIS VILLALOBOS

Supervisor Villalobos updated the Parks and Recreation Commission on the following parks and facilities development: Village of Heritage Community Center, Village Park restroom/snack bar, Sierra and I-10 Freeway beautification, Fernandez Park, and Fontana Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – MICHAEL WRIGHT

Supervisor Wright reviewed the recent events which occurred during the month of March, which include Cruise Night, Arbor Day, various Easter Egg Hunts, and the 7th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

He informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the following upcoming events for the months of April, and May, which include: Mayor's Gala & State of the City Address, City Track & Field Meet, Lewis Library and Technology Center Grand Opening, Kids Fitness Challenge, Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall, Cruise Night, Relay for Life, Miss Fontana Pageant, Senior Health Fair, Fiesta las de Americas Picnic, and Heritage Neighborhood Center Grand Opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

CIP BUDGET – LYNN ROGERS

Accountant Rogers reviewed and discussed the Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2008-2009 with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

COUNCIL GOALS – KEN HERRON

Director Herron informed, directed and discussed with the Parks and Recreation Commission of the goals set-forth by the City Council for the upcoming year.

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

HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER UPDATE – KAREN GERBER

Supervisor Gerber stated that Leslie Ramirez will be assigned to the Heritage Neighborhood Center.

Coordinator Ramirez informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the various programs and available facilities at the center, which include a technology room, small conference room, multipurpose room, banquet/assembly hall, arts & craft room, and a Tiny Tots room. She explained the plans for the opening the Heritage Neighborhood Center. She stated that the center would have a soft opening on April 28, 2008, and that the Grand Opening would be on May 31, 2008.

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

EASTER EGG HUNTS EVALUATION – JASON HENDRIX

Coordinator Hendrix summarized the many Easter Egg Hunts that took place at the various facilities throughout the City of Fontana.

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

CULTURAL/LIBRARY UPDATE – JENNIFER HUNT – COURTNEY HODNICK – NATHAN HUNT

Supervisor Hunt, Coordinators Hodnick and Hunt presented the Parks and Recreation Commission with a Cultural Arts Update, which included the Steelworkers' Auditorium, Bookmark Café, Center Stage, Performing Art Enhancements (Amphitheatre Programming, Cultural Arts throughout Special Events, Cultural Arts Classes, Center Stage Semi-Professional Productions), Art Depot (Artist Showcase, Additional Classes,

Open Studio, Outreach Programs, Art Cart, monthly trips and excursions), Art Association Update, and Downtown Cultural and Historical Alliance.

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

SPORTS SPRING UPDATE – ROB BOCK

Supervisor Bock reviewed the Pee Wee, Youth - Teen, and Adult Sports programs that are set for this spring season. He informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the plans for a basketball clinic featuring Oregon University head basketball coach Ernie Kent to be held at A. B. Miller High School on April 19, 2008.

He stated the City of Fontana hosted the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Inland Valleys Youth Boys "B" Basketball Championship on March 15, 2008, at various middle and high schools through the city.

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

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Hays thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their help updating the Parks Master Plan.

Manager West stated that last night the City Council approved the replacement of the playground equipment at Village Park.

Manager Brown reminded all of the upcoming Mayor's Gala & State of the City Address on April 12, 2008, the Grand Opening of the Lewis Library and Technology Center on April 19, 2008, and the Kid's Fitness Challenge at California Speedway on April 19, 2008.

Manager Hernandez encouraged the children to come out to the Fitness Challenge at California Speedway. She stated that the Healthy Fontana Relay for Life Team would be meeting soon. She encouraged anyone interesting to come out to the Boot Camp on Saturday at Koehler Park.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Thomas congratulated Commissioner Tahan on being elected Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the upcoming year, and also on his wife expecting their second child. He welcomed Commissioner Hall to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He expressed his excitement on the many up-coming grand openings of city facilities. He encouraged the citizens to become involved and help make a difference in the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Hall expressed her excitement with all of the up-coming openings throughout the City, and stated that she is glad to be able to help contribute to the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Baker congratulated the many reciprocated of the California Parks and Recreation Society Awards, especially Director Herron, and stated that it is great to be able to work with him.

Commissioner Wibert thanked staff for all of the recent festivals. She invited the residents to come out to the many upcoming city events. She congratulated all of reciprocates of the California Parks and Recreation Society Awards, especially the Mayor's Gala Committee. She thanked Police Chief Rod Jones, and FUSD Chief Bob Ratcliff for making this a safe place to live and go to school. She thanked all who are making it possible for the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall to come to the City of Fontana. She encouraged everyone to continue to keep our troops and their families in the thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Echandi congratulated the reciprocates of the California Parks and Recreation Society Awards. She stated that the upcoming Saturday will be very busy with the Special Olympics at Fontana High School in the morning, and the Mayor's Gala at the new Lewis Library and Technology Center in the evening.

Commissioner Tahan thanked the city for the many projects, successes and great quality of life offered in the City of Fontana. He stated that he is very excited to see the inside of the new library building this weekend while attending the Mayor's Gala. He thanked and congratulated the many volunteers that were recognized and appreciated at the Volunteer Dinner last month.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m., to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission workshop on May 14, 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

Michael Tahan
Chairperson