

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2008**

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 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 Commissioner Baker, with Chairperson Tahan (arrived at 6:22 p.m.), Commissioners Echandi, Hall, Thomas (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Tigner, and Wibert present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Tahan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tigner, and an Invocation given by Commissioner Thomas.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Present: Community Services Director Ken Herron; Public Works Director Chuck Hays, 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; Aquatic Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinators II Rick Dean, Doug Johnson, Leslie Ramirez, and Michael Wright; Recreation Coordinator Victoria Zendejas; Youth Services Coordinators Nick Johnson, and Hector Vasquez; City Clerk Tonia Lewis; and Commission Secretary Orvene Steenbock.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS:

BIANCA GUTIERREZ

Coordinator Wright introduced Bianca Gutierrez as one of the newest employees of the City of Fontana helping with Special Event. She comes from Rancho Cucamonga where she has worked the last couple of years.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

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

CHRISTINA ENRIQUEZ

Christina Enriquez has been a part of the Community Services Department since 2002. Starting as a Lifeguard at the Miller Pool, she moved up the ranks and is now a Community Services Coordinator. Being in this role for 9 months, Christina has supervised the Miller Fitness Center's daily activities while overseeing the Aquatics program and has been instrumental in keeping both programs operating professionally and efficiently.

Christina has been exceptional in resolving unexpected challenges that have come up in the Aquatics program. Without hesitation Christina executes quality solutions that don't just solve problems, but offer long-term solutions. Her devotion to providing superb customer service has been adopted by staff and is noticeable by participants.

Since last June Christina has kept her facilities well staff with property trained employees and has continued to improve programs offered through our Aquatics program. This has been a tremendous accomplishment and we look forward to the continuing progress in Aquatics.

Thank you for your hard work and determination Christina!

ASHLEY JOHNSON

Ashley Johnson began working with the City of Fontana as an After School Community Services Assistant III in the Smart Kids Program in June of 2007. Ms. Johnson began as a program site supervisor overseeing program activities, providing structure to participants and support to program staff.

Ms. Johnson has assisted with the development and change of program components and has also contributed many new creative and innovative ideas. It is in this position that she has displayed the positive qualities she possesses that assist her in being the role model that she is to those around her. Ms. Johnson is a very responsible and dedicated asset to the Smart Kids Program as well as the city.

Ms. Johnson's hard work has paid off with her recent promotion to the Community Services Coordinator I. We are proud to have Ms. Johnson as a part of our Fontana Team and would like to congratulate her for all of her hard work and positive attitude!

HONORARY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2008:

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

HELEN FISHER

Chairperson Tahan thanked Helen Fisher for her hard work during the grand opening. Helen the Youth Coordinator at the New Lewis Library and Technology Center.

LEONARD HERNANDEZ

Chairperson Tahan thanked Leonard Hernandez for his hard work during the grand opening. Leonard is the Regional Manager at the New Lewis Library and Technology Center,

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Larry Clark, 10791 Nutmeg, expressed his thanks for all who participated in this year's Relay for Life.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approve minutes from the April 9, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports
 - a. Community Services Department – March 2008 – Ken Herron, Community Services Director
 - b. Parks and Landscape Division – April 2008 – Dan West, Public Works Manager

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, 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: San Sevaine Park lighting, Village of Heritage Community Center, Village Park restroom/snack bar, Sierra and I-10 Freeway beautification, Fernandez Park, and Fontana Park.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – MICHAEL WRIGHT

Supervisor Wright reviewed the recent events which occurred during the month of April: Cruise Night, Family Art Day, the Artist Showcase, Mayor's Gala, and the grand opening Lewis Library and Technology Center.

He informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the following upcoming events for the months of May and June, which include: Senior Health Fair, Fiesta de las Americas Picnic, Heritage Neighborhood Center Grand Opening, Fontana Days Festival, Cruise Night, 53rd Annual Fontana Days Run, San Bernardino County Health and Safety Fair, Summer Concert Series, Dive-In Movies, Martin Luther King Jr. Children's Library Grand Opening, Summer Concert Series, and Music Under the Stars.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

**LIBRARY GRAND OPENING AND PROGRAMS – JENNIFER HUNT – HELEN FISHER
– LEONARD HERNANDEZ**

Helen Fisher reviewed past programs, which included: Jungle Jamboree, Tot Art, Summer Reading Program, Library Adventure Club, Author visits, Library open house, and Arts for Teens.

Leonard Hernandez reviewed the opening days events, and stated that attendance was 60,000 during the first 4 days. He stated that some of current programs include early learning activities, elementary programs, teen programs, adult literacy and ESL programs, a Paula Poundstone program in the Steelworkers Auditorium, and the summer reading program.

Jennifer Hunt informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the current programs, which includes the following: Family Art hour, Art for Teens, Cultural Art performances, Bookmark Café and the Historical Room.

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

AQUATIC UPDATE – RAFAEL GONZALEZ

Supervisor Gonzalez reviewed and discussed the summer aquatic program with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Some of the upcoming programs are: the American Red Cross learn-to-swim program, the Jr. Lifeguard program, morning and evening swim lessons, also semi-private swim lessons, and, a swim clinic. He informed the commission of the swim hours for the Miller, Heritage, and Don Day Pools. He stated there would be 3 special events planned for 2008 summer, which are: Dive In Movies at the Heritage Pool on Friday nights, the Summer Exhibition displays at all three pools on Saturday, June 14th, and, Water Safety Day at all three pools on Saturday, June 21st. He stated that adult swim activities will include low impact aerobic activities, as well as a swim clinic. He stated that the city pools will be available for private events with reservation required in advance.

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

HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER GRAND OPENING – KAREN GERBER

Supervisor Gerber informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Heritage Neighborhood Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, May 31st, at 11:00 a.m. She reviewed the seven points of interest for the public, which include: pool area, technology/resource center, small conference room, multipurpose/activity room, banquet/assembly hall, arts and crafts room, and tiny tot room. She stated that the center will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

CO-SPONSORSHIPS UPDATE – MIKE WRIGHT

Coordinator Wright reviewed the sixteen application received for co-sponsorship for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. He stated that the Mayor’s Gala is listed for approval tonight and that information will be brought back to the commission at a later date, as to what the co-sponsorship request will be in detail.

He stated that staff is recommending to approval fifteen of these, and requesting denial of one due to the fact that the event is scheduled for a time when the facility is not open for business, but this co-sponsorship may be brought back at a later day if it is rescheduled for a time when the facility is open.

By consensus, the Parks and Recreation Commission appointed, Commissioners Baker, Hall, and Tahan, to form a sub-committee to assist staff when needed with co-sponsorship applications.

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tigner to approve fifteen and deny one co-sponsorship applications received from various organizations for fiscal year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, and forward a recommendation to the City Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

SKATE PARK UPDATE – FRANCES HERNANDEZ

Manager Hernandez stated that at the City Council’s request the Community Services Department has explored alternative resources to provide programming and supervision at the Jack Bulik Skate Park, as well as the future Fontana Park Skate Park. She stated that staff has found that Skate Park Alliance will be able to provide what the city is looking for, including staff to enforce gear ordinance, monitor facility during operation hours and conduct classes, clinics, camps, demos, and special events. Staff recommends contracting with Action Park Alliance(Skate Park Management Company).

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

FACILITY TOUR DATES – KYLA BROWN

Manager Brown discussed possible dates and times for the next facility tour. The tour will include the cultural arts facilities in downtown Fontana, which include: Lewis Library – Steelworkers’ Auditorium, Miller Amphitheater, Center Stage, Art Depot, and, the Art Center – Art Association.

By consensus, the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed to meet at the Lewis Library on June 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. for the next facility tour.

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

SUMMER CAMPS UPDATE – VICTORIA ZENDEJAS, LESLIE RAMIREZ AND RICK DEAN

Coordinators Dean, Ramirez, and Zendejas gave a power point presentation on the summer camp programs, which are:

Heritage Camp, four, 2-week sessions that extends from June 16th through August 8th, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for ages 7 – 12.

- Session 1: Journey Around the World
- Session 2: Explore the Arts
- Session 3: Discover Science
- Session 4: Journey, Explore, & Discover the Decades

Artist in Nature four, 1-week sessions that extends from July 7th through August 1st, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for ages 7 – 12.

Jack Bulik Teen Summer Camp – Experience the Adventure, three, 2-week sessions, June 16th through July 25th, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for ages 10 – 18.

Theme weeks

- Week 1: Tropical Getaway
- Week 2: Water Crazy
- Week 3: Fun in the Sun
- Week 4: Adventure Week
- Week 5: Behind the Scenes
- Week 6: Wonderful World of Sports

Summer Excursions

Santa Monica Pier & Beach	Wednesday, June 18
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor	Wednesday, June 25
Heritage Pool	Friday, June 27
Santa Monica Pier & Beach	Wednesday, July 2
Six Flags Magic Mountain	Thursday, July 9
Heritage Pool	Friday, July 11
Santa Monica Pier & Beach	Wednesday, July 16
Angels vs. Indians Baseball Game	Wednesday, July 23
Knott’s Berry Farm	Wednesday, July 30
Heritage Pool	Friday, August 8
Castle Park	Wednesday, August 13
Santa Monica Pier & Beach	Wednesday, August 20

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

ERNIE KENT COACHING CLINIC UPDATE ORAL REPORT – ROB BOCK

Supervisor Bock gave a power point presentation that covered the 2008 spring basketball program, including both the youth and teen programs and the Ernie Kent Coaching Clinic.

He stated that Ernie Kent is the men's head basketball coach at the University of Oregon, also present for the skills clinic were Newton Chellete, Antelope Valley College Athletic Director & former Division I Coach; Martin Cota, NCAA Division I Basketball Official & NBA Officials Observer; and, John Romagnoli, boys varsity head basketball coach at A. B. Miller High School.

He stated that the Coaching Clinic included a coach lunch roundtable with Ernie Kent; a workshop teaching press break; zone and man to man defense; zone offense, overloading the defense; interactive demonstrations; and inbound plays. The NCAA Officials session teaching area of responsibility; communication between coaches & officials; most common misinterpreted rules; and, questions & answer session.

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

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Herron stated that he is amazed at staff and the quality of programming they continue to provide to the City of Fontana. He stated that the City of Fontana staff is the best he has experienced in his 30 year career. He expressed that this evening's presentations were great, and commended staff on there loyalty and dedication.

Director Hays thanked the commission for their assistance in updating the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. He thanked staff for the updates on city's parks projects, and the many recreation programs.

Manager West congratulated Chuck Hays on becoming the "official" Public Works Director, as of today.

Manager Brown congratulated Director Hays. She thanked staff for the many sports programs, summer camps, summer programs, and the coaching clinic.

Manager Hernandez thanked staff for their awesome work.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tigner thanked staff for their hard work and commended them on the fantastic summer programs.

Commissioner Wibert requested that staff agendize a workshop for the next meeting to speak with the organizations that presently sell fireworks, to discuss with them other ways of fundraising for next year. She thanked all of the volunteers that help with the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall, and stated that they did an awesome job. She thanked Community Services, Public Works, and the Fontana Police Department for providing items that she was able to give away earlier today. She thanked Robert for the many graffiti and park clean ups, and to all of the high school students who have donated many hours to help throughout the past year. She encouraged everyone to continue to keep our troops and their families in the thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Echandi thanked city staff for their combined efforts with the Kiwanis Club and the Fontana Unified School District for this year's Special Olympics. She also thanked the many FUSD students who also helped with Special Olympics.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated Director Hays and stated that he is very deserving of the position. He stated that he is very appreciative of the new Lewis Library and Technology Center, and that he has brought many family members and friends to the library to show it off. He expressed his excitement for the quickly approaching opening of Fontana Park. He encouraged everyone to get out of the house and join the many summer programs. He suggested parents get their children enrolled in the programs, pools and camps offered by the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Hall congratulated Director Hays. She thanked staff for their efforts and hard work for the summer programs and stated that she is very impress with the various themes of the summer. She expressed that she is excited about the implementation of the skate park program.

Commissioner Baker congratulated Director Hays. He stated that the City of Fontana has been a busy place with the Mayor's Gala, the Grand Opening of the Lewis Library and Technology Center, the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall, and Relay for Life. He stated there are many events coming in the near future. He congratulated the City Council and staff for the forward thinking. He stated that the grand opening Lewis Library and Technology Center was a great event. He stated the Vietnam Moving Memorial Wall was a solemn reminder, of an event that changed many lives. He commented that the Relay for Life was a great event. He wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day. He encouraged everyone to be careful of the children that are playing outside later in the evening, this time of the year.

Commissioner Tahan congratulated Director Hays. He thanked staff for their hard work. He stated that it is no wonder that the City of Fontana was named "Best Community for Young People to live", with all of the events that have been taking place, such as: the grand opening of the Lewis Library and Technology Center, the Vietnam Moving Memorial Wall, the Mayor's Gala, and many more. He encouraged everyone to come out to the Wilmer Amina Carter's Veteran's event on May 15, 2008, in Rialto. He congratulated the new Miss Fontana, Amanda Cothran. He stated that the Oldtimers Foundation will be hosted a fundraiser, "Casino Night" at Sons of Italy, to raise fund for "Meals on Wheels". He stated that he is looking forward to the implementation of the new skate park management. He stated that he attend the recent field allocation meeting, and thanked staff for listening to the many need of our community. He thanked staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m., to the Parks Tour on June 9, 2008, at the Lewis Library and Technology Center, at 6:00 p.m., then to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission workshop on June 11, 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