

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2009**

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009, in the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center, 15556 Summit Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to review the agenda, discuss the Proclamation to recognize Parks and Recreation Month, a new Park Project, and Parks and Recreation Master Calendar for FY 2009-2010. The workshop was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson Baker, Commissioners Burgo, Tigner and Vaquera were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 25, 2009, in the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center, 15556 Summit Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Commissioner Baker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Burgo and an Invocation given by Commissioner Thomas.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Baker, Commissioners Burgo, Thomas, Tigner and Vaquera

Absent: Commissioners Hall and Perron

Staff Present: Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez, Acting Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Luis Villalobos; Community Services Supervisor, Rob Bock; Jeff Moriarty, Finance Department; City Clerk Tonia Lewis; Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE LARRY WATSON FOR 19 YEARS OF SERVICE.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE PAT LEHMAN FOR 11 YEARS OF SERVICE.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approve minutes of the May 13, 2009, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

- B. Accept Staff Reports
- Community Services Department – Frances Hernandez, Community Services Manager
 - Parks and Landscape Division – Dan West, Public Works Manager

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ORAL REPORT – LUIS VILLALOBOS, PARK DEVELOPMENT COORIDNATOR**

Coordinator Villalobos reported on the Grand Opening of Benjamin Fernandez Park on Friday, June 26, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. Fernandez Park is located at Miller and Locust. The park features a playground, meandering sidewalk, parking, and a plaque dedicated to Benjamin Fernandez.

Commissioner Thomas inquired about the maintenance specifications for the outdoor gym equipment. Coordinator Villalobos did not have an answer. He commented that the equipment does not require much maintenance and is designed to withstand the weather. Manager West added that the equipment has a powder coating that makes it designed to be out in the open and withstand the elements.

Commissioner Thomas asked if citizens could call Public Works Department if they find something wrong at the parks. Public Works Department can be reached at (909) 428-7275. A weekly inspection is done. Commissioner Thomas commented that he thought it was an awesome idea especially since some people have let their gym membership lapse due to the recession and this outdoor equipment takes the place. Manager West commented that this was a pilot and they are looking at getting it done at other parks.

B. **SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – ROB BOCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR**

Community Services Supervisor, Rob Bock, reviewed recent events which occurred during the month of May:

- Cruise Night on May 1st, with 2,000 participants, 300 hotrods, the artwork of Ricki Dickerson;
- Relay for Life on May 2nd at Fontana High School, with about 1,500 participants, the youngest was 5 years old and the oldest was 80 years old, and approximately 300 walked the final closing lap. About \$42,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society.
- Mariachi Divas Concert on May 15th at Steelworkers' Auditorium with two shows that were both sell outs with about 700 people attending. It featured fantastic music with 12 skilled vocalist;

- Filipino Cultural Event on May 16th, with 300 participants. They had instruments, dances and was done in collaboration with the County of San Bernardino;
- Birch High School Graduation on May 27th, at the Fontana Park Pavilion with 900 participants
- Fontana Days Festival on May 28th-31st. The theme was Adventures of a Bookworm. It started with a kickoff celebration with sponsors on Wednesday, opening day on Thursday, a parade down Sierra Avenue on Saturday with 50 entries, and closing on Sunday. Over 10,000 community members participated.

He also provided an update for events coming up in July:

- Cruise Night on July 3rd. The band Optimist will perform, there will be two DJs, one artist and Fusion Friday, crafts and projects will be available for the kids.
- Independence Day celebration on July 4th, at the Auto Club Speedway. A collaboration with the speedway and KROG. Activities include performances by Jimmy Wayne, Taylor Hicks, and other artists, a children's fun zone, bounce houses, military displays, vintage police and fire vehicles, a men's zone, a woman's zone, a Harley ride. Discount tickets are available through June 30 and can be purchased at Don Day Community Center, Heritage Park Community Center, Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Miller Fitness Center and the Community Services Department. Starting July 1st, tickets will be sold at the Auto Club Speedway. Children six and under are free. Call (909) 428-8360 for information. He looks forward to seeing all residents at the events.

Supervisor Bock also provided information on the summer events, most of which are free, being held throughout the city during this year's summer theme of Stretch Your Imagination:

- Variety Nights will be held on Tuesdays - July 7 at Martin Tudor Park; July 14 at Fontana Park; July 21 at Southridge Park; July 28 at Miller Park; August 4 at Sycamore Hills Park; and August 11 at Koehlor Park
- Family Fun Nights will be held on Wednesdays – July 8 at Bill Martin Park; July 15 at Jack Bulik Park; July 22 at Fontana Park; July 29 at Rosena Park East; August 5 at Veterans Park West; and August 12 at Oak Park
- Concerts in the Park will be held on Thursdays at Miller Park Amphitheatre, the schedule of bands is – July 9 Bumptown; July 16 Reno Jones; July 23 Michael Sullivan Band; July 30 DocRock-It
- Dive In Movie Nights will be held on Fridays at Heritage Park, the schedule of movies is – July 10 Wall-E; July 17 Dumbo; July 24 Jungle Book; July 31 The Jetsons
- Dive In Re-Runs will be held on Saturdays at Fontana Park Aquatics Center, the movies played on Friday will be played again on Saturday. The schedule of movies is – July 11 Wall-E; July 18 Dumbo; July 25 Jungle Book; August 1 The Jetsons

Everyone is invited to enjoy cool weather in the evening while they have their children stretch their imagination.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas to add Koehlor Park Cell Tower Lease as Item B to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera. Motion carried unanimously. *Current Item B will become Item C.*

A. MARTIN TUDOR PARK CELL TOWER LEASE – JEFF MORIARITY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moriarity submitted for the Commission’s review a lease with Verizon Wireless to install a wireless communications structure (cell tower) on the grounds of Martin Tudor Park. Verizon would comply with City Municipal Code requirements, and would work with the Planning Department, Engineering, and Building and Safety. The initial monthly rent payments will be \$2,000 and will be adjusted annually.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Burgo, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera to recommend to City Council the approval of a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless. Motion passed unanimously.

B. KOEHLOR PARK CELL TOWER LEASE – JEFF MORIARITY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moriarity submitted for the Commission’s review a lease with T-Mobile to install a wireless communications structure (cell tower) on the grounds of Koehler Park. T-Mobile would comply with City Municipal Code requirements, and would work with the Planning Department, Engineering, and Building and Safety. The initial monthly rent payments will be \$2,000 and will be adjusted annually.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tigner to recommend to City Council the approval of a lease agreement with T-Mobile. Motion passed unanimously.

C. PROCLAMATION JULY PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH – FRANCES HERNANDEZ, COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

Manager Hernandez presented information on National Parks and Recreation month during July. The Community Services Department recommends that the City Council program “July is Parks and Recreation Month” in Fontana.

This summer, the Community Services Department is excited to “Stretch Your Imagination” with Fontana’s summer of events in local parks and pools. These are unique and exciting opportunities for residents to get out of the house, meet with friends and neighbors and experience their local recreation amenities. The proclamation will be read and presented at the July 8th City Council meeting by Commissioner Baker and Director Nelson.

Motion made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to present the “July is Parks and Recreation Month” proclamation at the July 8, 2009, City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

Manager West – No comments.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hernandez invited all residents, especially during these hard economic times, to join a lot of exciting opportunities going on in pools and centers. The City Council has provided the budget to provide these opportunities for all residents. She invited residents to join the first annual Arts Festival at Miller Park Amphitheatre on July 23rd, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be art projects and dance art workshops. She also invited everyone to join the summer concert series.

City Clerk Lewis reported that the Fontana Historical Society held a Flag Day celebration on June 14 with about 140 attending. It honored veterans at the Rose Garden and dedicated the flag pole. She thanked Manager West for his work. Ceremonies were held by VFW, US Coast Guard, and the American Legion. An open house will be held in September at the Pepper Street Museum. And invitation was extended to the public to attend. Cub scouts have been taken on a tour of the Rose Garden that is becoming very popular. Call (909) 350-7655 for information.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Thomas – No comments.

Commissioner Burgo encouraged everyone in the City to utilize the summer events. She participated in a park tour last month. She invited everyone to get out of the house and visit parks. She congratulated all high school graduates and acknowledged a Miller High School student who was honored for 13 years of perfect attendance. She shared that a Summit High School student was the 1 millionth grad night entrant at Disneyland. The student received gifts including a free night at the Fantasy Suite at Pirates of the Caribbean.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged everyone to enjoy the parks and take advantage of them. He also invited everyone to attend a fiesta at Blessed John the 23rd on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be food and carnival rides. Cost is \$1 to enter.

Commissioner Tigner echoed other Commissioner’s thoughts and encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy our facilities and for everyone to be mindful of kids out on the streets during summer breaks and to slow down when driving.

Commissioner Baker shared that Center Stage Theater received an award for architectural design and is offering free summer movies on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with concessions available. Tuesday’s schedule is July 7 High School Musical 3; July 14 Tales of Despero; July 21 Madagascar; July 28 Bolt. Wednesday’s schedule is July 8 Benjamin Button; July 15 Get Smart; July 22 Quantum of Solace; July 27 Twilight.

He commented that June Cruise night was fun. He thanked staff for the Fontana Days run. He had the opportunity to participate in run and did finish the race. Jennifer Hunt was by his side encouraging him to finish. The Fontana Art Association will have an Artist Reception on June 6 with a formal dedication ceremony in honor of the Koehler family, who are great friends of Fontana.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to the July 23, 2009, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 909.350-7200, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Ysela Aguirre
Commission Secretary

Robert Baker
Chairperson