

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 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, CAPRCBM Award Nominations, Smart Kids Handouts, and Work Plan Questions & Answers. The workshop was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Commissioner Baker, with Chairperson Tahan (arrived at 5:28 p.m.), Commissioners Echandi, Hall, Thomas, and Wibert present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Garth Nelson; Community Services Managers Kyla Brown, and Frances Hernandez; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Luis Villalobos; Community Services Supervisors Karen Gerber; Rafael Gonzalez; Michael Wright; and Mariana Rodriguez; Community Services Coordinators II Rick Dean, Leslie Ramirez, and Hector Vasquez; City Clerk Tonia Lewis; and Commission Secretary Orvene Steenbock.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS:

SARAH BROWN, COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR I, FACILITY RENTALS

Sarah Brown introduced herself as the new Community Services Coordinator I in charge of facility rental. She formerly worked part-time at the Art Depot.

PRESENTATIONS:

**CHERYL LAIRD AND SUSIE GARCIA – JOSEPHINE KNOPF SENIOR CENTER STAFF
– KYLA BROWN**

Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized Senior Transportation Driver Cheryl Laird and Dispatcher Susie Garcia, from Josephine Knopf Senior Center for the exceptional execution of their duties and demonstrating personal care to Mrs. Franklin and all of the many senior passengers that are served by our transportation program.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE TERESA RAMIREZ, CHERYL SALAZAR, AND EMMANUEL LUNA, POOL MANAGERS

Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized Teresa Ramirez, Cheryl Salazar and Emmanuel Luna, Pool Managers as Employees of the Month, for the excellent job they did during this past summer's aquatic season.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE TARA CLOKE AS THE AUGUST COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized Tara Cloke as full-time Employee of the Month for August. Tara has been an innovative leader of the After School Program since 2006.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE EYDEE JIMENEZ AS THE AUGUST COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized Eydee Jimenez as part-time Employee of the Month for August. She has taken a lead role in the planning of the monthly Cruise Night and assisted in many other City of Fontana Special Events.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approve minutes from the August 13, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports
 - a. Community Services Department – July 2008 – Garth W. Nelson, Community Services Director
 - b. Parks and Landscape Division – August 2008 – Dan West, Public Works Manager

Motion made by Commissioner Wibert, 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 Park snack bar & restroom facility, San Sevaine Park Basketball Court Lights, Sierra and I-10 Freeway landscape installation, Fernandez Park, and Fontana Park progress update.

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, 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 August: Cruise Night, Variety Nights, Family Fun Nights, Summer Concert Series, and Dive-In Movie Nights.

He informed the Parks and Recreation Commission of the following upcoming events for the month October, which include: Kids Count Fair, Women's Expo, Cruise Night, Teen Fest, Artist Showcase, Family Art Day, Red Ribbon Breakfast, Fontana Park Grand Opening, and various Halloween events.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMMER CAMPS RECAP – HECTOR VASQUEZ, LESLIE RAMIREZ, MARIANA RODRIGUEZ AND RICK DEAN

Leslie Ramirez recapped the Camp Journey, Explore & Discover summer camp held at Heritage Neighborhood Center. Rick Dean recapped the Art in Nature summer camp, Hector Vasquez recapped the various youth sports summer camps. Mariana Rodriguez recapped the Jack Bulik Teen Summer Camp.

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

AQUATIC RECAP – RAFAEL GONZALEZ, CHRISTINA ENRIQUE AND JENNIFER BRIDGES

Rafael Gonzalez, Christina Enrique, and Jennifer Bridges recapped the summer's aquatic activities. They presented the Parks and Recreation Commission with the future plans for the new aquatic facility at the new Fontana Park.

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

FONTANA PARK/GRAND OPENING JESSIE TURNER ORAL REPORT – KAREN GERBER

Supervisor Gerber reviewed plans for the October 25, 2008, Grand Opening of Fontana Park. She stated that all classes will be free between October 26, and November 16, 2008.

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

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their appreciated support. He stated the new fall brochure should be delivered within the next week. He commended staff for the value of the programming and the impact it makes on the Fontana Community.

Manager Brown encouraged residents to participate in the following events: Artist Showcase on October 13, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; "Art in the Park" on November 15; Teen Fest on October 11; and the Senior Talent Showcase, Saturday, in the Steelworkers Auditorium.

Manager Hernandez stated roller hockey, flag football and adult softball will be starting soon.

Manager West stated we will have one more Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in the Council Chamber before renovations will begin.

City Clerk Lewis stated the Fontana Historical Society will be hosting their quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 13th at Bono's Restaurant, at which Fontana City Manager, Ken Hunt will be the guest speaker.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Wibert invited everyone to attend the Children's Safety Fair on September 20th at the Fontana Police Department; and this Saturday's graffiti clean up at Veterans Park West. She encouraged everyone to continue to support our troops, the BFW, and the American Legion. She encouraged everyone to wear red, white and blue tomorrow in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Commissioner Echandi commended staff for the quality, success and achievements of this summer's programming.

Commissioner Hall encouraged everyone to come out to the Grand Opening of the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, with free programming between October 26th and November 16th, 2008

Commissioner Baker stated it was a privilege to honor our Youth Community Hero Phillip Cothran, Jr., and our Adult Community Hero Don Lewis. He had Tracy of the Fontana Aquatic Club listed the youth participants of the Junior Olympics. He thanked Frances Hernandez and Dan West for the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Tour this past Saturday. He encouraged everyone to come out to "Art in the Park" this November.

Commissioner Thomas stated his appreciation for staff's hard work and planning of this summer's programs. He encouraged the community to get out and get involved, especially in the upcoming free programming at the new Fontana Park, Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center.

Commissioner Tahan echoed the comments of the commission in regards to the wonderful summer programs, and stated they were above the bar. He encouraged the community to watch for the new fall brochure in their mail. He encouraged resident to come out and enjoy the Senior Talent Show. He requested everyone remember those that lost their lives in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and those serving our country in military service.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m., to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission workshop on October 8, 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