

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griego at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Griego led those present in the salute to the flag and invocation.

Chairperson Griego
Vice Chairperson Garcia
Commissioner: Aguilar, Perez & Zavala
Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Nezahualcoyotl. 7206 Paseo Del Rio. Approached the Commission with concerns with the weekend Camp Commerce kitchen service personnel. The weekends are split up in two. Monday through Thursday and Friday through Sunday. She sees Commissioner Perez at camp but would like to see the other commissioners at camp so they can see for themselves the difference in service. 4:58 She also questioned the cameras pointed towards her at camp. She wonders what happened at Camp? There is a camera in the lodge, a camera pointing towards her cabin and a camera looking towards the pool. She does not know the rational to put up all those cameras. The cameras should be pointed in the direction of coming into camp. She also requested yellow and green uniforms to be spotted from far away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After discussion with respect to the status of the Commerce Deserves Better organization, Commissioner Aguilar motioned to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018, Chairperson Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed, the Department will provide a summary of each organization at the next meeting.

**2018 CIVIC
ORGANIZATION
RENEWAL LIST**

The Commission reviewed and approved additional civic organizations who submitted renewal forms for the 2018 calendar year. Commissioner Perez motioned to approve, Commissioner Aguilar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion followed inquiring about what each organization does.

**SPORTS DIVISION
REPORT**

Summary:
At the request of Chairperson Griego, Sports Supervisor Garcia explained the process of starting a travel team. The coach expresses the needs, supervisor meets with director to discuss. Once funding is identified, tryouts are set and age groups are set. Depending on result, staff reports back to the Director with cost. Uniforms are paid for by parents. Practices start, leagues are identified to compete in, the city sponsors entry fees. Parent meetings are held, explaining that kids are

not guaranteed playing time. Uniforms are discussed, priced and ordered. The teams must go through a budget process. They try things out and proceed with what works. 25 Director Lipton explained the established programs that been here for 30 years, has a following of siblings coming into the program. Crush started as a volunteer program, until FSLA standards came up. Council voted to fund the program.

Chairperson Griego inquired about the coach's approach the department and the research that is done prior to saying yet. Is the coach who approaches the Department selected as the coach? Frank: For the most part, yes.

Sports Supervisor Garcia reported on the Girls Soccer Program, the girls are with the Whittier WAYS program.

Chairperson Griego inquired about practice space. Sports Supervisor explained. Same with Crush, every level has a certain practice date. Some may change, including holiday schedules.

Chairperson Griego reported on the trouble that was had in the ordering of the uniforms, you guys learned from it and hopefully we can put it behind us. Asked if we get multiple quotes from different vendors?

Sports Supervisor Garcia explained that most vendors go through the same representative. Presented some uniform samples and will now always ask for time and delivery. Discussion followed and Mr. Garcia explained that he gets at least two quotes. Reported on what traveling soccer is receiving through Nikki Sports.

The City purchasing uniforms policy was discussed. Director Lipton explained that the City may purchase uniforms if the City is going to keep them. A packet to just get them out on the court would be ordered, no extras.

Discussion with respect what it means to be a true club teams. The City of Commerce team is unlike other club teams.

Chairperson Griego inquired about packet to all parents? Sports Supervisor Garcia explained the packet distributed to parents.

Vice Chairperson Garcia inquired whether all coaches are employees. Sports Supervisor Garcia explained that we have some volunteer coaches. Inquired about the procedure to be a volunteer coach. Sports Supervisor Garcia explained the Friends of Recreation Process. Inquired how the coach is selected to coach the travel team. Sports Supervisor Garcia explained that some volunteer to coach, some coaches are scouted from within. We have one volunteer for volleyball that's been coaching for about 5 yrs.

Short discussion on senior softball uniforms.

CPRS 2018 REPORT

Commissioner Zavala stated she did not go the first day, she went the second day and had a lot of fun, and it was interesting just to see everything that had to do with parks. She forgot her notes. She talked to people from northern California; she got her name in every raffle. She thanked the city for allowing them to go.

*Frank reported on an abilities sports forum with other cities on April 23. He will attend a round table for inclusion sports.

Vice Chairperson Garcia thanked the Department for lunch after the CPRS Conference, she appreciates that.

Commissioner Aguilar reported this is one of the better conferences he has been to. Art in the park was one of his favorites. Contacting volunteers, conducting surveys. Staff was there, they took notes and they know where to go with it. He enjoyed listening to people.

Commissioner Perez echoed what everyone said, the session were very informative and thanked the City for lunch.

Chairperson Griego apologized for not attending. Thanked the City for sponsoring the Commissioner who attended.

STAFF REPORT

Director Lipton reported on the success of the Spring Festival. Reported on the upcoming events.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zavala did not make it to the Spring Festival but heard good reviews. It's good to hear that everything was positive. Attending the Miss Commerce Pageant. It was an awesome evening. They are all winners. It was a good turnout. Reminded the Commission of the Relay for Life event at Bandini Park.

Commissioner Perez reported on her attendance at Miss Commerce everyone did a great job. Enjoyed the Spring Festival festivities. Suggested to divide the egg hunt in half. It was a big area, the older kids waiting for a long time. Everything else was great. Attended the Royal Tea but noticed the little ones did not like tea, suggested apple juice or chocolate milk to avoid too much sugar. Kuddos to Maryanne.

Commissioner Aguilar attended the Miss Commerce Pageant and said everyone did a great job. Was unable to make the Spring Festival events.

Vice Chairperson Garcia attended the Sports Banquet at Bristow Park, the decoration were great, the event was nice. Attended the Miss Commerce Pageant. Great job with the backup lights, really enjoyed it this year, very nice event, the staffing was perfect. Everything looked very nice and professional.

Chairperson Griego asked why we only had 3 judges at the Miss Commerce Pageant. It was great. Attended the Bristow Park Sports Banquet, it was one of the best one he has been to. Laura did a great job. The Spring Festival was great. The magician was great, would like the stage closer. Inquired why each park does not have their own event? Recommended to break up the age groups. He felt there was a lot of waiting around.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018.