

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chris Griego at 6:07 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Commissioner Aguilar led those present in the salute to the flag and invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Griego
Vice Chairperson Perez
Commissioner: Aguilar, Leon and Romero
Absent:

REORGANIZATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor opened to nomination for the position of Chairperson. Vice Chairperson Laura Perez was nominated for Chairperson, there being no other nomination, Laura Perez was unanimously voted as Parks & Recreation Chairperson. Commissioner Nicky Ann Leon was nominated for the position of Vice Chairperson, there being no other nominations, Nicky Leon was unanimously voted as Parks & Recreation Vice Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Perez approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 4, 2016. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**METROPOLITAN AUTHORITIES
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

City Administrator Jorge Rifá reported on the pros and cons of the Metropolitan Authorities Transportation Plan. Discussion followed.

STATUS REPORT

This item may be discussed at a future meeting.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

At the request of Commissioner Romero, the Commission reviewed, approved and signed a letter written on their behalf to all staff involved in the success of the 2016 Day Camp Parent Showcase.

STAFF REPORT

Director Lipton reported on the success of the Grandparent's Day Luncheon, the End of Summer programming and the start of Hot Shot Soccer and Football. New sound systems are being installed at parks for exercise classes. Bristow Park already has the new system and it is impressive. The Scout Hut at Bristow Park needs to be removed and reported on the upcoming Turkey Trot.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Romero reported on his attendance to the Fiestas Patrias event and stated that the event was great, the only problem was that it was too hot. The kids enjoyed the exhibition game. It was well attended, a great show. Attending the Holiday Faire series and enjoyed the Halloween craft stating it was easy, great and all in attendance had a great time. Reported on the grass area near City Hall being too dark for his Tuesday practice (6:30 – 6:45 p.m.). He has noticed more people are using the space near the horseshoe pit.

Commissioner Leon reported on her attendance to the Fiestas Patrias event stating it was a great event, they had a good time. She enjoyed the folklorico dancers, the booths were great and the arts & crafts were nice.

Commissioner Aguilar reported on his attendance to the Teen Center's Performance and was amazed at the parent participation stating that it was nice to see. He thinks the program is great and it's expanding. Attended the Fiestas Patrias event and enjoyed watching the performances. Attended the Sports Banquet at Bristow Park.

Chairperson Perez reported on her attendance to the Fiestas Patrias and Holiday Faire event stating they were well organized and great events. Reported on a concern with the Camp Commerce departure time being delayed due to waiting for some families. It was reported to leave around 3:30 – 3:45.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Perez adjourned the meeting to Thursday, November 3, 2016 in memory of Eddie Espinoza.