

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griego at 6:00 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 Garcia
Commissioner: Aguilar, Perez & Zavala
Absent: None

**APPEARANCES AND
PRESENTATIONS**

The Commission recognized former P&R Commissioners Nicky Ann Leon and Randy “Sax” Romero for their years of service to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former Commissioner Nicky Ann Leon approached the Commission and expressed her gratitude for being allowed to serve as a Commissioner and praised Director Lipton for his hard work and dedication to the Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aguilar approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2018. Commissioner Zavala seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RELAY FOR LIFE

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**COMMERCE SPORTS
REPORT**

At the request of Vice Chairperson Garcia, the Commission received a report with respect to the Commerce Sports Program. Sports Supervisor Garcia explained the process and requirements required to participate.

**2018 CIVIC ORGANIZATION
RENEWAL LIST**

The Commissioner reviewed and approved to recommend the 2018 Civic Organization list to City Council.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION
– TRAVEL BASEBALL
COACH MIGUEL
MARAVILLA**

The Commission reviewed, approved and signed a letter written on their behalf to Travel Baseball Coach Miguel Maravilla for his great work with the Aces Baseball Travel Team.

STAFF REPORT

Director Lipton updated the Commission on the upcoming Parks & Recreation Events and Happenings. Reported on the swings on order for the parks. Reported on the retirement parties recently held and thanked Commissioner Aguilar for assisting in the presentation

of the commendation.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Aguilar reported on his attendance Lucinda's and Ruben's retirement parties. Stating both were very nice.

Commissioner Zavala reported on her attendance to the Commissioner's training. She had a lot of questions answered. She attended the Unplugged Performance at Schurr High School and praised the performers. She felt it was not as organized as it could have been in Commerce. She understands people get nervous but stated the kids did a good job. She attended the Holiday Craft Faire at the Senior Center. This was her first time and she really enjoyed it. She stated is going to do this every year. She shared her experience making a craft to hold her granddaughters ashes. She attended and enjoyed the recent Sports Banquet and Bandini Park. She stated the certificates were nice. She attended the Kids Club performance of Little Mermaid, stating it was cute. She will go to as many activities as she can.

Vice Chairperson Garcia inquired as to how the Department schedules banquets. Sports Supervisor Frank Garcia responded that banquets are set by each park midseason trying to schedule around Council Meeting and Commission Meetings. Mr. acknowledged that the Department did not get the information out to the Commission as the Department should. Ms. Garcia expressed that the Commission would like to participate as much as they can.

Chairperson Griego thanked the City of the Commissioner's training and asked if there were additional training for the Commissioners. Director Lipton informed the Commission of the CPRS Conference and took confirmation as to who would like to attend. Attending the Sports Banquet at Veterans Park, stating it was well attended but very cold. Suggested heaters for the parents and athletes. Attended the Tiny Pajama Party and attended the Children's Holiday Craft Faire at Bandini. Inquired as to who was invited to the Commissioner's training. He felt it was a good training. * Director Lipton announced the CPRS 2018 Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned in memory of Valentina Bassett. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2018.