

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM
2535 COMMERCE WAY, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Chairperson Griego

Vice Chairperson Garcia

Commissioner: Aguilar, Perez & Zavala

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2018. Commissioner Zavala seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION**

The Commission received a report by Assistant Director Marquez with respect to the success of the Independence Day Celebration. Mr. Marquez reported on the Kid Run, the 5K Run, the luncheon, the 2 p.m. Welcome, the 7 recreation dance classes, Firecracker 500, the Happy Birthday American Ceremony honoring resident Diego Diaz, the Children's Pavilion, Commerce's Got Talent, the Unplugged Performance, the Chico band, DJ Bookie, the 22 minute fireworks show, the success of the 8 food booths, the shuttle riders and concluded that there were no incidents to report. Carnival sale report was provided.

STAFF REPORT

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zavala reported on her attendance to the Abilities Run and really loved it. It was nice, it was awesome, and her grandson had a great time. Good turnout. Grandson enjoyed the jumpers. Attended Sports Banquet, every park is different. Did not like the Rosewood Park Sports Banquet outside. Kids were not paying attention; kids were on the side playing. She would like it inside. Staff did a great job with what they had. Overall, each banquet was awesome and loved the way the coach's praised the kids. Attended the carnival every night with her grandson. The 4th of July Celebration change in the raffle process by listing the winning name. It was awesome.

Commissioner Perez attended all events that Commissioner Zavala attended. Ms. Perez also attended the Movie Night. She loved the idea of the Unplugged Group entertaining the audience at the 4th of July Celebration. She heard a lot of people liked the engagement/participation. Diego's family was very thankful for recognizing their son at the event (Director Lipton provided update on gym equipment).

Chairperson Griego attended the same activities as well as the 5K run. He liked the Kid Run and the awards given out. (Director Lipton provided update on the Kid Run – parent running with child). Chairperson Griego requested an agenda item for trips and excursions that the City pays 100%. Anything that is 100% free.

Vice Chairperson Garcia reported on the Summer Fun Fest, she liked the setup, the Quiet Room was nice, the resources were informative, but unfortunately, the Abilities Walk was confusing, first, the walkers were upfront, then the runners in the back, then they switched them. The participants with disabilities were lost in the race somewhere and they were kind of forgotten (Director Lipton updated/reported on Grand Marshal and Quiet Room and ideas for next year). The participants running (preteens) were falling into the rails and hitting the walk rails, they were coming from a big space coming into a small space (Director Lipton updated ideas for next year). Ms. Garcia would like an itinerary of when they are going to be introduced because she sometimes does special events where she works and she would like to come to as many events. She would like to be present and an itinerary would help. Vice Chairperson inquired about the subtitles for the movie night, would like to see them on future movie nights and received a concern with respect to the un-organization and long wait time for the inflatable soccer ball area. The resident reporting was very frustrated. Ms. Garcia inquired whether the department has debriefings with staff.

Commissioner Aguilar reported on the Kid Print at the Summer Fun Fest, it was successful; everyone seemed to have a good time. He enjoyed watching the little kids run and this year, for some reason, there was less traffic on the streets. The ComCats usually watch for cars.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018.