

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Chairperson Griego

Vice Chairperson Garcia

Commissioner: Aguilar, Perez & Zavala

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2018. Commissioner Zavala seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITY OF COMMERCE
SPONSORED
EXCURSION &
PROGRAMS**

At the request of Commissioner Griego, the Commission received a report by Aquatics Manager Baltierra who handed out resident card materials and explained in detail, the reason, the process and all documents required for obtaining a resident activity card. Mrs. Baltierra reported on past incidents with respect to reverification incidents. All approvals are appropriately saved. Chairperson Griego inquired about the wireless bills allowed and shared concerns received within the last couple of years. Mr. Griego inquired whether staff conducts random checks on the Active Net System. Mr. Griego suggested staff look into the address when signing up a child for sports. Commissioner Zavala stated that her family member popped up on the system when obtaining a card for her daughter. Chairperson Griego questioned whether staff inquires when there is a large number of children, all of the same age. Chairperson Griego explained that his main concern is when there are individuals signing up for majorly funded programs, like the Cultural Excursion or the YES program, that have found a way to obtain resident cards without actually residing in our City. Robert explained that the department investigates when a complaint is received. There is a process for the residency investigation and there are consequences set up for anyone who fraudulently obtains a resident card. Chairperson Griego suggested that official school transcripts be required to sign up for the Cultural Excursion. Mr. Lipton explained that it may be inaccurate to refer to transcripts for addresses as there may be Commerce residents enrolled in schools outside of the City. Chairperson Griego feels there should be more requested to prove residency of individuals applying for major programs. Commissioner Aguilar asked for clarification on the restrictions of a grandchild resident card. Mr. Lipton explained that resident grandchildren cannot

participate in the Cultural Excursion, the Miss Commerce Pageant, the YES program, or the College Scholarship program. Industrial residents have access to fitness classes, the fitness center, the pool, kids club and day camps.

STAFF REPORT

The Commissioners are invited to the Day Camp Showcase tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Park. Saturday, August 11 at 4 p.m. is the Summer Jam and Friday, August 17 is the Back to School Bash and the Glow Run at Veterans Park starting at 5:00 p.m. The department has a new food truck and game night event at Rosewood Park. The first one is coming up on August 30 and the second one will take place on September 27. 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Aguilar attended the Crush travel volley ball banquet. The program was celebrating their twenty fifth anniversary. He was very impressed with the event that was held at Stevens Steak House. It was a great turnout. He congratulated Frank Garcia, Sports Supervisor and the staff for a wonderful event and for the special milestone.

Vice-Chairperson Garcia thanked Aquatics Manager Rachel Baltierra for her presentation.

Chairperson Griego commended the youth soccer program. He has noticed that there are a lot of participants and looks like it is now our biggest sport. He is glad to see do many people interested in the sport and appreciates seeing all the parents and friends out on the field cheering their children on. He reminded everyone that it is important for everyone to act professionally when they meet and it is important for everyone to be respectful to one another.

Commissioner Perez reported that she attended the Crush Volleyball banquet at Stevens Steak House. It was a very nice event. She would like to commend Parks and Recreation employee Denise Barajas for the great craft class she attended. She also asked about the possibility of allowing adults to exercise in the boxing room, not for sparring but for the purpose of working out. Mr. Lipton said he would consider this request and gather more info for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Zavala also commended Denise Barajas. They made a beautiful fairy garden and it was a lot of fun. Denise did a phenomenal job. She would like to recommend more classes like that be held at Bandini Park. She attended the Crush banquet and it was very nice to see all the girls dressed up. It was a lot of fun and she really enjoyed it. This Tuesday is National Night Out. She thanked the Parks and Recreation department for the awesome job they do.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. to September 6, 2018 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.