

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griego at 6:06 p.m.

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

Vice Chairperson Garcia

Commissioner: Perez & Zavala

Absent: Chairperson Griego, Commissioner Aguilar

Director Lipton

Recreation Administrative Coordinator Borunda

Recreation Coordinator Muniz

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2018. Commissioner Zavala seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**FIESTAS PATRIAS
REPORT**

Recreation Coordinator Adrian Muniz reported on the success of the Fiestas Patrias event held Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Bristow Park. A power point presentation showcasing the fiesta and boxing exhibition was provided.

**FOOD TRUCK & FAMILY
NIGHT REPORT**

Recreation Coordinator Adrian Muniz reported on the success of the Food Truck & Family Night events held at Rosewood Park. The Hot Shot games and the swim lesson registration allowed for a good crowd.

STAFF REPORT

Director Lipton reported on the success of the Dia de los Muertos events held at Bristow Park. Community Center Supervisor Laura Logan coordinated the event which included mini mariachis with an estimated 300 people in attendance. Mr. Lipton reported on the upcoming Las Vegas excursion. The Commission was also reminded of the CPRS Conference. Chairperson Griego will attend and Commissioner Perez will attend. Vice Chairperson Garcia will attend as a representative of City of Los Angeles.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zavala reported on her attendance to the Fiestas Patrias event, the Food Truck & Family Night event and loved it. She would like it to continue. She thanked Recreation Coordinator Muniz and all staff involved. She attended the Mary Poppins performance and expressed her appreciation of talent and those who encourage the kids. Mrs. Zavala reported on her attendance to the Ceramics class at Bandini Park and inquired about supplies. Attended the Concert in the Park event, enjoyed the mariachi and once again thanked Recreation Coordinator Muniz. Requested more advertisement of the Holiday Faire and confirmed her attendance to the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Commissioner Perez reported on her attendance to all the same events Commissioner Zavala attended, she also reported on the Trick or Trot 5K event and liked that participants dressed up for the events. Mentioned the possibility of having no winners, rather, having all participants receive a medal (agenda item).

Chairperson Griego reported on the Food Truck & Family Night event, stating it was a nice activity to get the community together, complimented Veterans Park Community Center Supervisor for running the Trick or Trot 5K, a good challenge for employees. Would like to have shade for the award presentation at the 5K. Enjoyed the theme. Mr. Griego attended the Halloween Costume Parade at Rosewood Park and complimented the event, stating it was top notch with some great costumes.

Vice Chairperson Garcia reported she was unable to attend a few events but was able to attend events coordinated by Recreation Coordinator Muniz and complimented his work, stating the set up was on time, staff was at their stations, the attendance is great, she and the community have fun at these events. Ms. Garcia expressed concern of too many staff members in the information booth at the Fiestas Patrias event and suggested customer service training for the staff in the information booth, stating they did not know the answers, they were a little rude and whether they like the person or not, they still need to provide the customer service. Ms. Garcia followed up with an inquiry regarding the Commission going up to Camp Commerce and asked for transportation, she'd like to see the difference from when the former Manager was running to the current management. Mr. Lipton encouraged all Commissioner to register for Camp Commerce for the weekend.

Commissioner Aguilar reported on the Day Camp Showcase, stating it was beautiful, participated in the National Night Out event, attended the Crush Banquet at Steven's Steak House, reported on the windows at the Senior Center, stating they did a good job, visited Camp Commerce and complimented Recreation Program Supervisor's good job, attended the Veterans Park Gym Soft Opening stating it was a successful event, notice some programs came over to the Senior Center, specifically the Dance Classes, attended the Sports Banquet at Bandini Park and Bristow Park, enjoyed the pictures and enjoyed the Mary Poppins play at the Teen Center and stated the Teen Center needs more space, discussion followed. Mr. Aguilar shared the power of voice and speaking out to their Councilmembers. Expressing the needs of the community to the Councilmember that appointed them, discussion followed on space needs. Mr. Aguilar reported on the costume parade and suggested different categories for homemade costumes, discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

*January Agenda items 1. Discussion program space needs.