

**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 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairperson Griego
Vice Chairperson Garcia
Commissioner: Aguilar, Perez & Zavala
Absent:
Director Lipton
Recreation Program Supervisor Fierro
Senior Office Specialist Moran
Sports Supervisor Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2018. Commissioner Zavala seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TRICK OR TROT 5K RUN

At the request of Commissioner Perez, the Commission discussed and shared ideas with respect to the Trick or Trot 5K Run. Commissioner Perez discussed the possibility of giving out participation medals and selling shirts in hopes to increase participation. Sports Supervisor Garcia reported on what most participants receive, explained that most participants finish the race, look at their time and do not stay for the award ceremony. Estimated \$200 for all to receive a participation medal. Estimated attendance was between 280 to low 400. Keeping Fastest and Oldest category. Keeping the Trick or Trunk Run. Commissioner Perez motioned to recommend medals to all participants to finish the race and remove other awards, Commissioner Aguilar seconded the motion, Commissioner Zavala also motioned to approve.

Commissioner Perez discussed Snow Day and the possibility of a Harvest Festival. Ms. Perez also discussed the possibility of asking organizations to sponsor the Trick or Trunk 5K Run.

STAFF REPORT

Director Lipton reported reminded the Commission of the upcoming Holiday Fair and invited the Commission. Reported on change of location for the Rosewood Park Sports Banquet, wished the Commission Happy Holidays and hopes all keep moving forward with new ideas. Discussed openings for full time positions, specifically a Full Time Travel Coach, Camp Commerce Program Manager and announced the retirement of Sports Coordinator Veronica Hannah.

Recreation Program Supervisor Fierro reported on the success of the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony, stating it was a good event, about 800 people in attendance, the event was 1 hour long, the weather was good, started the Santa line right away and all children were done with Santa about 20 or 30 minutes after the Tree Lighting.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zavala reported on the success of the Veterans Day Ceremony, stating it was awesome, her son did an awesome job, she was more nervous than her son was, he is a Marine and now a CHP Officer. Enjoyed the Senior Center reception, thanked all the men and women who serve and said it is a big sacrifice. Thanked the City for the ceremony and staff for putting it together. Enjoyed the Fall craft and looks forward to next year. Can't wait for Christmas, gave Parks & Recreation 2 thumbs up and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and announced the passing of her brother Rudy's wife, Debbie.

Commissioner Perez reported on the success of Clippers Night, stating it was a great event, thanked the Commerce Casino and Hotel, the kids had great seat. Attended Camp Commerce and complimented Tina Fierro and staff for a great job. Camp is decorated great. Enjoyed the Tree Lighting Ceremony and gave kudos to all involved. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

Chairperson Griego reported on his attendance to the Veterans Day Ceremony, stating it was good, good participation, the guest speaker was great and the luncheon was good. Reported the football field looks great (looks bigger). Discussed his observation while at the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center, during tournaments, a lot of trash is left out, outside the trash cans. Thanked Director Lipton for the gift.

Vice Chairperson Garcia thanked Director Lipton for the gift, complimented the decorations, stating they are always awesome and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Aguilar reported on this trip to Mexico City, enjoyed great food and the pyramids. Reported on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and recommended passing out churros, hot chocolate and lemonade (went fast). Not so much cutting in line to see Santa, the ComCats helped and reported that starting the Santa line sooner makes sense.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. in memory of Debbie Borbora.