

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Perez at 6:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE /  
INVOCATION**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: 3 - Commissioner Aguilar  
Commissioner Garcia  
Commissioner Perez

Absent: 2 - Chairperson Griego  
Vice Chairperson Zavala

**APPEARANCES AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

Moore Lacofano Goltsman Inc. (MIG) (City consultant) Principal, Esmeralda Garcia, gave a presentation on the City's General Plan Update they are leading.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals wishing to address the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Aguilar moved, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 2, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 – Commissioner Aguilar, Commissioner Garcia, and Commissioner Perez  
**Absent:** 2 – Chairperson Griego, Vice Chairperson Zavala

**APPROVAL OF THE 2020  
CIVIC ORGANIZATION  
RENEWAL LIST**

**Commissioner Perez moved, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to approve the 2020 Civic Organization Renewal List. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 – Commissioner Aguilar, Commissioner Garcia, and Commissioner Perez  
**Absent:** 2 – Chairperson Griego, Vice Chairperson Zavala

**TRICK OR TROT 5K  
RUN/WALK**

**Commissioner Perez moved, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to change the Trick or Trot 5k Run/Walk back to the Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk and to move it back the original date in November. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 – Commissioner Aguilar, Commissioner Garcia, and Commissioner Perez  
**Absent:** 2 – Chairperson Griego, Vice Chairperson Zavala

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
TREE LIGHTING**

Director Alaniz and the Commissioners discussed some concerns parents brought forth regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony being on a school night and the long Santa line. There was a specific concern for the young dancers who arrive early to perform but end up at the end of the line after their performance. There was a consensus to continue this discussion after Director Alaniz does some research concerning the day of the event and after consulting with staff.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Director Alaniz reported on past items that Commissioners had questions about. He provided the attendance at 9/11 events from surrounding cities. He has had discussions with the City Manager and there are hopes to move forward in the future with a 9/11 memorial at Veterans Park after the renovations. Director Alaniz will be meeting with Assistant Director Marquez to discuss the recommendation from Chairperson Griego to recognize coaches. Director Alaniz spoke with staff about ensuring bus departure times to excursions correspond with the starting time of the actual events. Director Alaniz commended staff for the fantastic job during the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday activities. Miss Commerce Pageant is coming up on March 28.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Garcia asked if the Veterans Park memorial plaques can be brought back and displayed. She asked if the Commission can receive a brief summary of what each civic organization does.

Commissioner Aguilar commended the Parks and Recreation staff who assisted when the sister city association of Aguascalientes visited last week. He attended the In The Heights play. Nice to have programs for non-athlete youth as well.

Commissioner Perez attended the Senior Winter Ball, Cirque du Soleil excursion, Employee Service Awards, Appreciation Breakfast, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday festivities, and the In The Heights Play. All events were wonderful and very well organized.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.