

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

**FLAG SALUTE /
INVOCATION**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 – Chairperson Griego
Vice Chairperson Zavala
Commissioner Garcia
Commissioner Perez

Absent: 2 – Commissioner Aguilar

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Perez moved, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 6, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 – Chairperson Griego, Vice Chairperson Zavala, Commissioner Garcia, and Commissioner Perez

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Aguilar

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING**

Director Alaniz met with the City Manager about Commission's request to move the Tree Lighting ceremony to a Friday or Saturday. City Manager is open to the idea, however he would like the Commission to decide on one day to present to the City Council. Chairperson Griego and Commissioner Perez voiced their suggestion for combining the Snow Day program with the Tree Lighting ceremony and making it an all day event. Commissioner Perez suggested Saturday, December 5. Director Alaniz will move forward with asking for funding if he is given the go ahead from City Manager and Council. Commissioner Garcia suggested having two Santas with a curtain separating the two so they are not seen together. This would help to eliminate the excessively long line. Commissioner Perez suggested having a Santa for the performers at their practice location since they are not able to get into the public line. Greg will explore options and report back as we get closer to the date.

STAFF REPORT

Director Alaniz was sad to report that Assistant Parks and Rec Director Adolfo Marquez' mother passed away. Services for Maria Marquez will be next Friday. We are supporting him through this tough time. Kids are Cute and Super Hero Day are being postponed out of an abundance of caution and safety for our community because of the concerns about Covid-19. Commissioners and staff will be attending CPRS Conference starting on Wednesday and concluding on Friday,

March 13. Dinner is scheduled at a local restaurant on Thursday night at 4L15 pm. Hall of Champions application has been advertised and we have received some nominations. Our department will be submitting a video highlighting our programs to a L.A. County Parks and Rec contest. Videos of all cities submitting will be shown at a recreation summit.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Perez attended the Royal Queen's Breakfast. She commended staff member Jessica Cruz for decorating the room beautifully. She, and the staff that helps her, do an outstanding job every time. Congratulations to Javier Molina, resident boxer for winning his most recent Welterweight bout. Congratulations to the teams with Commerce residents that won CIF Championships in Divisions 3, 4 and 5 for women's water polo. Commissioner Perez asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Adolfo's mother.

Commissioner Garcia attended the Royal Queen's Breakfast and it was put together very well. Everything was nice and the participants were excited.

Vice Chairperson Zavala attended the Royal Queen's Breakfast and it was very beautiful. She noticed that real roses were used to decorate. The event speaker was excellent and was very encouraging to the young ladies and women in the audience. Congratulations to Man of the Year Tony Trandafir. Residents have been asking her if we can get more exciting carnival rides for 4th of July.

Chairperson Griego attended the Royal Queen's Breakfast. It is always a great event to attend. He suggests having a female Commerce resident, or someone who was a Commerce resident, be invited to be the guest speaker in the future. There are many that have gone to do some amazing things. He attended tryouts for the Commerce Aces Baseball team. Coach Miguel had a great turnout and it went well. Griego suggested that Miguel should be given some help out there. Griego was proud to announce that his daughter also won a CIF Championship with her team this past Saturday. He recommends in the future we recognize any Commerce athletes and coaches who win CIF or State Championships at the Commission meetings and Council meetings. Griego asked if the Commissioners can get polo shirts.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. in memory of Maria Marquez, long-time resident and mother of Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Adolfo Marquez.