

South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Varas called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE - by Vice Chair Flores

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

Present: Chair Adolfo Varas, Secretary Jennifer Cypert and Commissioners Alan Flores, Joshua Barron.

Commissioner Robert Montalvo had an unexcused absence.

Staff: Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey and Acting Recreation Supt. Ian Kokot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

At this time Secretary Barron stated the Agenda incorrectly identified Commissioner Cypert as Secretary; he was elected Secretary at the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daisy Prieto, from Family Health Care Center of Greater LA thanked Interim Director Costley, Chair Varas and Recreation Specialist Gonzalez, for their assistance on her being able to hold a Covid vaccine event at SG Park. Chair Barron asked for the flyer to be emailed to the Commissioners.

PRESENTATION - Helping Youth Through Golf (H.Y.T.G)

Claudia Tovar explained the H.Y.T.G. program; and Snag Ball a discussion ensued. Secretary Barron asked her to speak about the golf lessons. They are a non-profit organization, doing free lessons for the past 11 years; there's an average of 20 kids in the program; they have been playing during the pandemic.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

1. HSA ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Recommended Motion: The Commission must nominate and approve a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the coming year.

Interim Rec. Supt. Kokot introduced Lety Rico, Education Specialist who explained this item. A discussion ensued.

M/S/C: Commissioner Cypert/Secretary Barron; a roll call vote was unanimous

2. SOCIAL & CULTURAL DIVISION REPORT 2020

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Secretary Barron/Vice Chair Flores; a roll call vote was unanimous

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot reviewed this item. A discussion ensued.

Secretary Barron stated he enjoyed most of the activities that were offered. Commissioner Cypert has read good comments on the online classes, will staff continue to offer? Interim Rec. Supt.

Kokot replied that staff is looking into it. Chair Varas and Vice Chair Flores thanked staff for all they did during the pandemic.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parks Supt. Massey: Staff is preparing for summer; explained about the 20-inch water valve being repaired behind the Auditorium.

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot: There were a lot less people at the Fourth of July fireworks display than usual, it was estimated the attendance was 10,000. Summer concerts have started with about 200 people attending. Recreation programs will begin on Monday, July 12. Staff has started taking Sports Center/Aquatics memberships and Movies in the Park will begin in August.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Cypert: Asked about the incidents at the Skate Park; can it be patrolled or monitored by Recreation staff? Parks Supt. Massey replied that he will speak with the Rangers. A discussion ensued.

Secretary Barron: Thought the fireworks display was amazing, glad it is back; staff cleaned up quickly. There is an increase in graffiti at SG Park between the Small Quad and restroom wall at Diamond #2; asked for more patrolling during the day.

Vice Chair Flores: Stated that Parks Supt. Massey and his staff work behind the scenes; asked about the status of the Boy Scout huts.

Chair Varas: A certain group are drinking at SG Park, how is the patrolling done and how it could be curtailed? Parks Supt. Massey explained what the Rangers do to contain the problem. Asked how often trash is picked up; Parks Supt. Massey explained the procedure and that Community Service Workers assist by walking the Park picking up littered trash; on the weekends there is only one staff member but the CSW's are working on the weekend now too.

Vice Chair Flores: Excused himself

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Commissioner Cypert asked for a report to be brought back at a future date on Snag Ball golf
Chair Varas asked for info on having a Pride event at SG Park

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joshua Barron, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission