

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission*  
*Meeting Minutes*  
*August 12, 2021*

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Varas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE** - by Director Costley

**ROLL CALL** - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

Present: Chair Adolfo Varas, Vice Chair Alan Flores, Secretary Joshua Barron, Commissioners Jennifer Cypert and Robert Montalvo had an excused absence.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - May 13, 2021

Motion to approve minutes as presented

**M/S/C:** Vice Chair Flores/Secretary Barron to approve minutes as presented

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

**1. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROJECTS UPDATES**

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to receive and file

**M/S/C:** Secretary Barron/Vice Chair Flores; to approve recommended motion

Director Costley reviewed this item; gave information on the Circle Park improvements, and the Urban Orchard project; Vice Chair Flores asked about the entrance and if there would be bike amenities; Staff will keep it in mind. Secretary Barron asked about the status of the Pool windows and the Boy Scout Huts' roofs; updates provided by Director Costley; a discussion ensued.

**2. RECREATION DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REVIEW**

**Recommended Motion:** Receive and file.

**M/S/C:** Secretary Barron/Vice Chair Flores; to approve recommended motion

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot reviewed this item. All four Partner Organizations are back in operation; a discussion ensued. Vice Chair Flores asked about the golf classes; they are still going on, Snag ball is still being looked into. Vice Chair Flores will use his Facebook page to promote Parks events. Chair Varas asked if there were any issues in bringing back the sports programs; staff is glad to be back inside. It was momentous work taking the equipment in and out of the Sports Center every day; a discussion ensued.

**3. GROUNDS & FACILITY DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REVIEW**

**Recommended Motion:** Receive and file.

**M/S/C:** Vice Chair Flores /Secretary Barron; to approve recommended motion

Parks Supt. Massey reviewed this item, he explained the irrigation issues. Staff has worked on the grounds at the horse corral in Hollydale Regional Park. Secretary Barron asked about installing turf and if the Hollydale Regional has been mowed, Parks Supt. Massey explained the issues with

maintaining turf and Hollydale was mowed this morning and gopher abatement is going well; a discussion ensued.

**COMMISSIONER MONTALVO ARRIVED DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Director Costley: As we return to programming bear in mind that we were at zero participants; we are slowly rebuilding. The senior lunch program will start in September, seniors are more afraid to come out. Staff is concentrating on outdoor activities, also having problems hiring staff due to benefits of staying home. Art Walk event will be October 1; already have 40+ vendors, very good for the first time this event is offered. Family Day in the Park is October 9, Movies in the Park started last Friday and the Covid vaccine clinic is still going on. Staff is working on the logistics for Halloween; asked the Commissioners to be judges for the costume contests.

Parks Supt. Massey: Nothing additional to report.

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot: Recreation Coordinators Nicki Salazar and Sergio Dennis have traded positions. Nicki is back at the Sports Center and Sergio is at the Girls Club House.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Montalvo: Asked if the Park has any say where the monies from Assemblymember Rendon will be used? Director Costley replied that they have been applied towards Circle Park improvements the plans are ready just waiting for money. There aren't any plans for a new dog park, there currently aren't any feasible locations; it can't be in SG Park due to high volume of use. Regarding the scoreboards, working on the final cost for install.

Secretary Barron: Happy about the scoreboards; asked for updates on football / Golf Course issues; Director Costley stated that Council and City Manager are meeting with LAUSD.

Vice Chair Flores: Nothing to report at this time

Chair Varas: Thank you to staff for their hard work and dedication.

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** - At 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Joshua Barron, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission