

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission*  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
*April 12, 2012*

1. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 7:00 p.m., Chair Cypert called to order the regular meeting of the City of South Gate Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. FLAG SALUTE - Was lead by Secretary Santana  
ROLL CALL - the following were present: Chair Cypert, Vice Chair Nixon, Secretary Santana; Commissioner Hicklin and Commissioner Monroy had unexcused absences.  
Staff: Director Adams and Recreation Supt. Costley.
3. REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana V. Medina, Sr. Secretary  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Secretary Santana, to approve the Agenda.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2012.  
M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Secretary Santana to approve the minutes as written.

**MEETING COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE** - Read by Ana V. Medina, Sr. Secretary

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

5. S.G. SWIM TEAM - RECOMMENDED MOTION: To receive & file
6. A.Y.S.O. FINANCIAL REPORT - RECOMMENDED MOTION: To receive & file
7. S.G. ART ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT - RECOMMENDED MOTION: To receive & file  
M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Chair Cypert to receive and file these reports

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Recognized: Angel J. Cotello, South Gate resident voiced his concern on the lack of maintenance of the golf course; asked that staff correct the issues with regard to the basic maintenance needed. Director Adams explained that due to budget cuts for the last five years and staff leaving and not being replaced, we no longer have enough grounds staff for all of the parks maintenance. Director Adams stated he will meet with staff to evaluate the condition of the golf course, and see what improvements can be done with the resources available.

**PRESENTATIONS**

9. NONE

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

10. ANNUAL PROGRAM FEE RECOMMENDATIONS - Reviewed by Director Adams; fees are to be increased by three percent and rounded up. There are new membership fees to reflect the new Fitness Center that is being created in the Sports Center. Recreation Supt. Costley introduced James Markel the new Fitness Coordinator. Director Adams reminded the commission that the funding for the fitness center came from a grant and the employment conditions for the Fitness Coordinator are that within a year there is enough revenue to pay for his salary. James Markel gave some background about himself; he explained the new equipment and the new membership fee structures. Vice Chair Nixon

asked what will be the Fitness Center hours; for now the hours are 1pm - 9pm; changes will be considered in the future depending on need. Recreation Supt. Costley stated that James is working on bringing new exercise classes and a Silver Sneakers program for seniors, which helps pay their membership. Vice Chair Nixon asked if they have asked insurances companies to donate money, James is looking into methods of bringing in revenue. Secretary Santana asked if fees were increased by three percent last year; Recreation Supt. Costley replied that staff asked for a five percent increase, but Commission decided to not increase fees. The other fees were reviewed; Vice Chair Nixon suggested rounding up the golf course nonresident fee from \$8.50 to \$9. A discussion ensued.

M/S/C: Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to accept the fee schedule with the change to the golf course nonresident fee.

11. RECOMMENDATION ON PROVIDING ADDITONAL NIGHTS OF FIELD LIGHTS FOR SGJAA - Director Adams reviewed this item; Vice Chair Nixon asked to table this item to the May meeting.  
Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident; stated that one of the issues was in November and December teams were not allowed to pay full fees for the lights; Director Adams stated that has been corrected.  
M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Vice Chair Nixon to table this item to the May meeting.
12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS - Director Adams introduced this item; Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed it. A discussion ensued.  
M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Secretary Santana to receive and file this report.
13. RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMISSIONERS' CHART OF WORK 2012/13 - Director Adams reviewed this item. Secretary Santana asked to have the review of the Fourth of July activities in the month of April; Chair Cypert asked that the review of Halloween activities begin in August. No action needed
14. APPOINTMENT TO PROMOTING SOUTH GATE COMMITTEE - Director Adams reviewed this item. The Committee has asked for a representative from the Parks Commission; Secretary Santana is already a member of this committee, would like to ask the commission to appoint her as the official representative.  
M/S/C: Chair Cypert/Vice Chair Nixon to approve the appointment of Secretary Santana to the Promoting South Gate Committee.
15. REVIEW OF FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES - Director Adams reviewed this item; staff has been working to come up with ideas that can be done within the resources available. Groups that have been contacted are not able to commit due to their own activities on that day. Vice Chair Nixon stated she would look into having the Women's Club organize a Mr. Uncle Sam contest for little boys; she will bring back information at the next Commission meeting. A discussion ensued. Chair Cypert asked this item be brought back next month for review with all the commissioners.  
M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/ Secretary Santana to receive and file this report.
16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS -  
Director Adams - spoke of the renaming of the Sr. Center to the Margaret Travis Senior Center and the Sports Center gym has been named in honor of former Parks

Commissioner Marvin Cole; there was the rededication of South Gate Park and opening of the renovated areas; renovation work has started on area 4 of the Park. The Azalea Festival went well, even though there some events were rained out. Events coming up are Miss South Gate on Friday in the Auditorium, Earth Day on April 29, the rescheduled Azalea Car show that was rained out, and JAA Opening Day on May 5.

Recreation Supt. Costley - the Health Fair will be May 18, will be having many vendors and activities for all ages; it has been expanded from seniors only to include all age groups and all activities are free. In the park renovation a new lighting panel for the large quad to allow turning on and off the field lights.

17. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Vice Chair Nixon - nothing to report

Secretary Santana - asked why there wasn't an Azalea Festival Art Night, and will there be one next year; Director Adams explained that there isn't an organization that is able to run the event. Teen Challenge stepped in to do an event in place of the Art Night. What are the costs of running the event, would like to ask the Youth Commission to take it over. Director Adams stated that the Art Association would need to be contacted to see if they will work to bring the event back. Was told the POA wanted to use a ball field for their annual tournament and were told fields were closed for overuse; Recreation Supt. Costley stated they wanted to use six fields, but came in with only one and one-half week notice, that isn't enough time to book the fields, they might have misunderstood that the fields weren't available because they were already booked.

Chair Cypert - would like to suggest for preventative maintenance using cardboard trash cans on holiday weekends when the use is increased. Can there be an additional fee to the car show for repair maintenance to the golf course greens after the event; Director Adams explained that it is not held in the golf course anymore, but the department is starting to charge set up fees and park permit fees for large groups, but those monies go into the general account. Recreation Supt. Costley explained that the car show is held in the large quad the weekend before the carnival and there is minimal damage as those fields are compacted by use. Asked if she can raise money for the Friends of SG Parks to raise money for supplies for the golf course maintenance; Director Adams explained that it's not so much material, but being short on staff.

18. REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Vice Chair Nixon asked that the golf course maintenance issue be placed on the May agenda

19. ADJOURNMENT - As no further business remained, Chair Cypert asked for a motion to adjourn. M/S/C: (Vice Chair Nixon/Secretary Santana) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Evette Santana, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission