

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2021*

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Barron called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE** - by Steve Costley, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation

**ROLL CALL** - by Reyna Gutierrez, Secretary;

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

Staff: Interim Director Steve Costley, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey and Acting Recreation Superintendent Ian Kokot

**REPORT ON POSTING** - by Reyna Gutierrez, Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** - Minutes of December 10, 2020

**Recommended motion:** Motion to approve minutes as presented.

**M/S/C:** Secretary Cypert/Commissioner Varas; it was a unanimous roll call vote

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

1. UPDATE OF RECREATION PROGRAMS & AZALEA FESTIVAL 2021

**Recommended Motion:** Receive and file.

**Commissioner Montalvo joined in during this portion of the meeting.**

**M/S/C:** Commissioner Varas/Commissioner Montalvo; it was a unanimous roll call vote

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot reviewed this item; a discussion of the Azalea Festival ensued.

2. REVIEW OF GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE DURING COVID-19

**Recommended Motion:** Receive and file.

**M/S/C:** Commissioner Varas/ Secretary Cypert; it was a unanimous roll call vote

Parks Superintendent Massey reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Commissioner Montalvo asked about the removal of 5 trees. Parks Supt. Massey explained it was necessary to remove those trees because they were diseased. A discussion ensued.

At this time Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate resident, was recognized to speak since the floor was not opened during the portion of Item 1. She spoke of the JAA opening for clinics and all they are doing to prepare for them.

Interim Director Costley spoke of the Prop 68 grant to be used for upgrades for Hollydale Community Park. There is still Covid testing being done at SG Park. Seeing about offering free testing to SG business. Invited Commissioners to follow the Park's Instagram and Facebook pages for updates and upcoming events. Cesar Chavez Phase 2 playground renovations completed; the renovations for CC Park Phase 1 have been approved by Council. Have placed two CDBG requests, for repairs to the Auditorium and Boy Scout Huts roofs.

Commissioner Flores asked where Hollydale Community Park is located; and for Urban Orchard updates.

Commissioner Montalvo thank staff for the repairs to the Veterans' Memorial Fountain plaque.

Commissioner Varas thanked staff for doing such a good job with the parks. The Compton Latino Chamber of Commerce donated PPE's to the JAA to help in their opening protocol.

Secretary Cypert asked about installing outdoor gym equipment at Cesar Chavez Park or Hollydale Regional Park, not SG Park because it's too crowded. Also inquired as to building a meditative maze; Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot will have staff look into it, will forward her an email on meditative mazes, now would be a good time to have them.

Chair Barron spoke of the area between Virginia Avenue & Sta. Ana Street or Liberty Avenue. Would like to have some green space with seating. Deputy Director Costley will look into it and speak with the PW department to see what can be done.

**ADJOURNMENT** - At 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jennifer Cypert, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission