

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission*  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
*May 9, 2019*

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

**FLAG SALUTE** - by Commissioner Cypert

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

Present: Vice Chair Joshua Barron, Commissioner Jennifer Cypert; Commissioner Robert Montalvo. Commissioner Naomi Nixon had an excused absence. Chair Jim Hicklin had an unexcused absence.

Staff: Deputy Director Steve Costley, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey and Recreation Coordinator Sergio Dennis

**REPORT ON POSTING** - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - M/S/C: by Commissioner Cypert/Commissioner Montalvo

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES** - M/S/C: by Commissioner Cypert/Commissioner Montalvo to approve as presented

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

For the record Staff corrected the Consent Calendar total Items error from 8 to 5

Agenda Items 1 through 5 are Consent Calendar Items. All items may be approved by adoption of the Consent Calendar, individually and collectively by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless Members of the Commission, the public, or staff request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

1. SG AQUATICS CLUB MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - **Recommended Motion:** Receive and file
2. SGJAA MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - **Recommended Motion:** Receive and file
3. SG ART ASSOC. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - **Recommended Motion:** Receive and file
4. AYSO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - **Recommended Motion:** Receive and file
5. SG YOUTH FOOTBALL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - **Recommended Motion:** Receive and file

M/S/C: Commissioner Cypert/Commissioner Montalvo to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, & 5 as presented.

Commissioner Cypert commented that AYSO has again not submitted a monthly report; staff stated that they had turned in all the back reports but not in time to make this meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Recognized:** Jorge Lopez, President of the Renteria Baseball League. He spoke Spanish, Chair Barron translated. He complained about how close the new picnic areas are to Diamond 9; they need to be protected from foul balls. He also complained about there being only one restroom when there are so many patrons due to the new picnic areas, playground, basketball & tennis courts, horse shoe pits, etc.

**CHAIR HICKLIN ARRIVED DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING**

**PRESENTATIONS** - ANNUAL REVIEW OF ADULT & YOUTH SPORTS CLASSES

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

6. ANNUAL REVIEW OF ADULT & YOUTH SPORTS CLASSES

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

M/S/C: Commissioner Cypert/Chair Hicklin to approve recommended motion

Deputy Director Costley introduced Recreation Coordinator Sergio Dennis who gave the presentation; a discussion ensued. Vice Chair Barron does Sports Center staff communicate with Maintenance staff when there are outside tournaments held here? Mr. Dennis responded that they let Facility Maintenance Supervisor Covarrubias know of these events. Vice Chair Barron stated he has been at several weekend tournaments and the outdoor trash hasn't been picked up by all weekend; would like to see communication improved so this doesn't happen in the future. As discussed last year, has anything been implemented as far as if Adult League teams are caught drinking beer in the park? Mr. Dennis stated that there are rules in place and are reviewed with the teams at the mandatory team manager meetings. Does staff walk around to the fields? Deputy Director Costley stated that teams are made aware they can be kicked out and the Park Rangers also patrol; a discussion ensued. Commissioner Cypert asked if the seniors from the Senior Center participate in pickle ball; a few came out to check it out, but no. It can't be taken to the Senior Center because the garden has pavers it has to be on a flat surface. But will try to introduce it to the Over Easy class that is mostly seniors. What kind of feedback was there on the lacrosse class? Since only six people showed interest it will be incorporated in the Multi-sport class.

7. REORGANIZATION

**Recommended Motion:** The Commission must nominate and approve a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for

the coming year; Vice Chair Barron opened the floor to nominations;  
The nominations were as follows: Commissioner Cypert motioned for Commissioner Barron for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo; motion carried  
Commissioner Barron motioned for Commissioner Hicklin for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo; motion carried  
Commissioner Hicklin motioned for Commissioner Cypert for Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo; motion carried

#### 8. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER REVIEW OF GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FY 2018/19

**Recommended Motion:** To receive and file

**M/S/C:** Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert to approve recommended motion

Parks Supt. Massey reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. This report is to make the Commission aware of the tasks staff accomplished, beyond the routine maintenance of the Parks and facilities.

**Recognized:** Gil Hurtado, South Gate resident; some of the maintenance issues are not Park staff issues, graffiti is a big issue, diamond 8 has a lot of graffiti for a few days already; suggests that when staff sends an email to the graffiti removal program include the director to make him aware. Deputy Director Costley will make the PW director aware that this issue was brought up at this meeting. Chair Barron asked if lights could be left on to discourage people from staying in the park after closing; one of the problems is, is that they break the lights; staff is looking into what can be done to protect the bulbs; working with PD on the logistics of having cameras in the Park.

#### 9. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER REVIEW OF GOALS & OBJECTIVES FY 2018/19

**Recommended Motion:** To receive and file

**M/S/C:** Secretary Cypert/Commissioner Montalvo - To approve recommended motion

Deputy Director Costley reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Secretary Cypert asked if a false front or something with information on Seaborg and directing them to the museum; Deputy Director Costley explained what's going to be done. Secretary Cypert asked if there will be classes held at the Orchard Park for the seniors; Deputy Director Costley stated that it will be a passive park only.

**Recognized:** Gil Hurtado, South Gate Resident, asked if he could be emailed about future events as Villa residents are not informed.

**Recognized:** Gil Hurtado, South Gate Resident, stated the Villa residents requested no playgrounds be built in Orchard Park.

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

**Deputy Director Costley:** Friday & Sunday are Mothers Days. On June 13 there will be a special outreach meeting for Circle & Hollydale Community Park; the Memorial Day Ceremony will be Saturday, May 25 at 10am; the Health Fair is Friday at the Senior Center from 4-7pm; the Spring Fit 5K is on Saturday at 6am with 1,200 runners.

**Parks Supt. Massey:** The tree trimming has been completed at South Gate Park.

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

**Vice Chair Barron:** Thank you to Deputy Director Costley for being the MC at Opening Day, the kids enjoyed themselves. There were 700 players and, 400 hotdogs were given away. Thank you to the JAA for all their hard work.

**Recognized:** Gil Hurtado, South Gate Resident, stated the JAA has been around for 60+ years. Wants to make sure all kids play. Fees are \$75 and haven't been raised in 15 years; Downey charges \$300; used to receive monies from CDBG but that hasn't been the case for many years now. They donate money to the Youth Commission, PTAs, and High Schools, give 100 turkeys to various churches at Thanksgiving, and donate to Santa Cop, and Relay for Life. This program benefits more than the 750 kids that sign up.

**Commissioner Montalvo:** Met with some runners that reported that sprinklers are wetting the track, they also asked for mile markers; Deputy Director Costley stated there SG Park has mile markers around its perimeter. Asked if staff is finger printed; Deputy Director Costley replied that HR handles that for staff and volunteers go through him.

**Commissioner Cypert:** Thanks to staff for all their help on Opening Day

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS** - Chair Barron would like information on what can be done about the line drives on Diamond #9. Secretary Cypert would like information on the feasibility of getting porta-potties near the North Playground.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Jennifer Cypert, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission