

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019*

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

FLAG SALUTE - by Commissioner Montalvo

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary;

Present: Vice Chair Joshua Barron, Secretary Jennifer Cypert, and Commissioner Robert Montalvo.

Vice Chair Hicklin had an unexcused absence.

Staff: Recreation Supervisors: Paulita Davila & Ian Kokot, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, Jose Covarrubias

Vice Chair Hicklin arrived during this portion of the meeting

REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: by Secretary Cypert/Vice Chair Hicklin

APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2019 & SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING MINUTES - M/S/C: by Vice Chair Hicklin/ Secretary Cypert to approve the minutes as presented

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Commissioner Montalvo pulled Item 2. Asked about the Parking Lot Sales reports; hasn't seen it before in other financial reports. In April, the Parking Lot Sales monies are not included in the monthly Financial Reports.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, 9520 Hildreth it hasn't been reported before because it's used as petty cash and not deposited, we were asked to report the sales for the last two years since their reports are singled out by a certain commissioner. Commissioner Montalvo asked for past years reports he was told by Ms. Esquivel that due to flooding in the Sports Center their computer and files were lost. Chair Barron asked what their average sales are and what do they sell; December is a good month could made about \$400, they sell the parking lot spaces, \$15 for 1, \$20 for 2, \$25 for 3. The Boy Scouts benefit also, we call them so they can sell food, we don't take any money from them; that's a fundraiser for them. We never charge any of the service clubs or churches either. Recreation Supervisor Kokot interjected at this point as questions being asked should be asked of Staff for them to provide to the Commission. Chair Barron asked why there was a Fireworks Financial statement with zero monies reported. Ms. Esquivel replied that at a previous Council meeting Council Woman Diaz requested to the City Attorney to have the JAA provide a Fireworks Money report; but the JAA doesn't sell fireworks. Secretary Cypert asked if the report was asked of the other organizations; Recreation Supervisor Kokot replied that he would have to check into it. Chair Barron stated the Commission is here to assist the partner organizations; he personally has offered his services to the Swim Club, and AYSO since he works in the financial field. Vice Chair Hicklin explained that the Parks & Recreation Commission is to make recommendations to Council, not audit the organizations.

Motion by Commissioner Montalvo to approve Consent Calendar items #1, 3, 4, & 5 as presented and item #2 to be brought back with more information on the Parking Lot sales, died for lack of a second.

M/S/C: Vice Chair Hicklin/Commissioner Cypert to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Commissioner Montalvo voted no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Recognized: Greg Martinez, as the owner of True Value Hardware Store in the '90's donated monies to the parks; has always supported the parks. Started volunteering with the JAA in 2006. Questioned why concession items sold during Movies in the Parks event wasn't reported in the JAA's Financial Report

Recognized: Gil Hurtado, 10001 W. Frontage Rd, when the opportunity came up the JAA put in a bid to take over the Snack Bar to use the monies earned for the JAA youth sports program. All the partner organizations are run by volunteers; the only organization being targeted is the JAA. Questions are not asked of the AYSO, Swim Club, Youth Football, only JAA because I am associated with them. When someone prefaces a comment with "this isn't an attack", it usually is.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, we knew that as the election got closer we would get more attacks. Mr. Martinez asked for this audit, the Tweedy Mile Association should be audited as well, but doesn't say anything about that. Boy Scouts don't turn in a financial report; these are all attacks on Gil and on a personal nature because of the election.

Vice Chair Hicklin stated his personal option is that this is not the place to air disagreements; we are here to

assist not to attack. We don't have the right to go to an organization to request documents it has to be voted on here as a commission.

PRESENTATIONS - ANNUAL REVIEW OF YOUTH CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

6. NEW PROGRAMS FOR WINTER 2020 & EVENT CALENDAR

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

M/S/C: Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert to approve recommended motion. Recreation Supervisor Kokot reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Chair Barron stated he was contacted by some ladies from the SG Women's Club on their Dia de Los Muertos event not having the permits they needed from the Health Department. The Health Department showed up and some of their vendors were shut down; Recreation Supervisor Kokot said he would speak with Director Adams to find out what happened. Secretary Cypert was at the event, the Health Department came out on a Sunday; do the NAVA events have health permits. Commissioner Montalvo stated that someone must have called the Health Department, because they don't work on Sundays. A discussion ensued.

7. REPORT ON COST TO RAISE FENCE HEIGHT BETWEEN DIAMOND 9 & PICNIC AREA 2

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

M/S/C: Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert a motion of having staff look into other options to be brought back at a future date. Recreation Supervisor Kokot reviewed this item; Chair Barron feels six feet is not enough, recreation Supervisor Kokot replied that there are stated that there are structural components that come into play in making it higher.

Recognized: Jorge Lopez, President of the Renteria Baseball League, states that six feet and even eight feet is not enough. Chair Barron feels more options need to be looked at like extending the backstop; a discussion ensued.

8. REPORT ON COSTS FOR PROVIDING PORTABLE TOILETS AT SOUTH GATE PARK

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

M/S/C: Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert to approve recommended motion. Recreation Supervisor Kokot reviewed this item; Chair Barron suggested that perhaps a new restroom should be built since that one has less stalls and isn't meeting the needs of the patrons; a discussion ensued.

9. GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE 1ST QUARTER REPORT FY 2019/20

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

M/S/C: Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert to approve recommended motion. Recreation Supervisor Kokot reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.

10. 1ST QUARTER REPORT FY 2019/20

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

M/S/C: Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert to approve recommended motion. Recreation Supervisor Kokot reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recreation Supervisor Kokot: Director Adams last day of work will be December 18; you are invited to the pre-Christmas Parade at 10am at the Senior Center on December 8; Tree Lighting Event on December 4, at 4pm, to be held at City Hall kicks off the holiday events listed in Item #6. Commissioner Montalvo asked if anything was being done for Paul, Recreation Supervisor Kokot informed the Commission that staff will be having something in December and the Commission will be invited.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Barron: Reminder to Commission and the Partner Organization that the Commissions goal is to help them; the JAA is an outstanding organization

Commissioner Montalvo: Enjoyed judging the Halloween Costume Contest at Hollydale Community Park; also enjoyed the Pow Wow; what happened to the Dia de Los Muertos Event was wrong; responding to Mr. Hurtado comments, would like to set up a meeting with him.

Recreation Supervisor Kokot acknowledged staff and Commissioners that were at the Halloween Event.

Recreation Supervisor Davila thanked Mr. Gil Hurtado was also a judge

Commissioner Cypert: The jogging path between Parking Lot 10 and the tennis courts is flooded most of the week, and by the Boy Scout Huts there's an area there that floods. Recreation Supervisor Kokot will inform the Grounds Staff supervisor to check those areas

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS - Secretary Cypert would like to request a presentation from the City Attorney, City Manager, or City Clerk to inform us what, as a Commissioners, what the role of a commissioner, what is expected of us and what we are allowed to do. This Commission has gotten too far away from what was explained to us; we are violating people's rights and way off track. Other groups have received this explanation; this needs to happen soon.

ADJOURNMENT - At 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Jennifer Cypert, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission