

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2020*

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Barron called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE** - by Secretary Jennifer Cypert

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

Present: Chair Joshua Barron, Vice Chair Hicklin, and Secretary Jennifer Cypert  
Commissioners Robert Montalvo and Naomi Nixon had an excused absence.

Staff: Deputy Director Steve Costley, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey, and Recreation Supervisor, Ian Kokot, and Recreation Coordinator Kaderick Burns.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Recognized:** Gil Hurtado, Frontage Road, South Gate; Commended the Commission for upholding the Code of Ethics when the public makes comments. There is a Commission Member, he isn't here tonight, Mr. Montalvo, and his predecessor, Tyler Morrison, have used this position to attack the JAA based on personal feelings against me. Their conduct is hurting the organization. The Code of Ethics Principle 3 states you cannot have a people bias. I am asking that moving forward that he recuse himself when there is an item regarding the JAA. He has misinterpreted the financial statement. Paul Adams created a form where he addresses gross and net. Gross is what we submit as to how much money the JAA does in sales; if you ask most people what is gross and what is net they would say gross is how much total was earned; net is how much is left over after expenses. Paul Adams on his form meant net to mean the total going to the City. Look at this report it shows a gross of \$15,000 made by JAA Snack Bar and a net of \$1,200; \$15,000 times 8% it is \$1,200 what the JAA pays the City in rent; net going to the City. They are using that document to suggest that money is missing and we are lining our pockets. They are misrepresenting the dollar amount and keep accusing our board of taking money. We are asking you, the Commission to address this issue.

Recognized Jovanna Laborin - Seminole, South Gate; as a coach, board member and commissioner I find it very offensive, it is my personal time for the community. It's a matter of respect; we are being disrespected as a community, organization, people, by Mr. Montalvo and his buddy Greg, and it started with Tyler Morrison. You are seeing it, I have never seen such attacks, and the forms are simple to read. The Snack Bar is not open on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, there's a carnival with food vendors. I ask to get the respect back; we are out there for our community, our kids. I commend each, coach, commissioner, board member for being there for the community.

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

**1. REVIEW OF CONTRACT CLASSES AND GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS**

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

**M/S/C:** Secretary Cypert/Commissioner Nixon to approve recommended motion. Deputy Director Costley introduced Recreation Coordinator Kaderick Burns who reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, Tweedy Bl., South Gate - the city of Torrance offers a ceramics class; brought their brochure, perhaps the City could offer this class.

**At this time Vice Chair Hicklin asked an audience member to remove his cap while in the Chambers;**

**2. NEW PROGRAMS FOR SPRING 2020 AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

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

**M/S/C:** Vice Chair Hicklin/Secretary Cypert to approve recommended motion. Deputy Director Costley reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.

**3. GROUNDS AND FACILITY MAINTENANCE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT FY 2019/20**

**Recommended Motion:** 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.

**4. 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTERLY 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**

**Deputy Director Costley:** The new brochure for Spring was handed out to Commissioners; new staff at the Girls Club House, Nicky Salazar from the Sports Center has moved there. New position Cultural Arts Coordinator, Marissa Kuchek starts this Tuesday;

**Parks Supt. Massey:** Nothing further to report

**Recreation Supv. Kokot:** The Open Streets Event will be Sunday, July 26

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

Vice Chair Barron: Diamond 8, the water system water cover is missing; the grade is very low. Thank you for the gopher abatement is working well. Parks Supt. Massey replied that staff is being diligent in getting rid of them. Was there any tree damage after the wind storm we had; Parks Supt. Massey stated that the trees have been trimmed to avoid damage especially during storms; staff has a good working relationship with West Coast Arborist, they are doing a terrific job in the trimming. Asked if this body will receive a report on the results of the Partner Organization audit; Deputy Director Costley stated that once the report has gone to Council; it will be brought back to the Commission.

Commissioner Cypert: Has a questions to Staff from Goals expanding are we getting a report? Deputy Director Costley replied that a previous report had been brought to the Commission, Goals is adding one more playing field on the land that was already under their control which was unused staff parking. Chair Barron asked on the length of their agreement and if it includes their being in charge of the batting cages; Deputy Director Costley replied their agreement is for 25 or 30 years and the batting cages is a separate five year agreement. Would like the Parks & Recreation Department to request from Council a Certificate of Appreciation for Pete Morales on his retirement and many years of service as a Golf Starter

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Jennifer Cypert, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission