

South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021

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

FLAG SALUTE - by Commissioner Cypert

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

Present: Secretary Joshua Barron, Commissioners Jennifer Cypert and Robert Montalvo. Chair Adolfo Varas and Vice Chair Alan Flores, had unexcused absences,
Staff: Director Costley, Parks Superintendent Massey, Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot, and Recreation Coordinator James Markel

CHAIR VARAS ARRIVED DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 8, 2021 & August 12, 2021

Motion to approve minutes as presented

M/S/C: Commissioner Montalvo/Secretary Barron to approve minutes as presented

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

1. ANNUAL SPORTS & AQUATICS DIVISION REPORT

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

M/S/C: Secretary Barron/Commissioner Montalvo; to approve recommended motion

Director Costley introduced Recreation Coordinator James Markel to review this item; a discussion ensued. Commissioner Cypert thanked Parks staff for their handling of the Call Center when the pandemic began. Commissioner Montalvo asked about the staffing cost; it was explained that regularly scheduled staff were used. Secretary Barron also thanked Parks staff especially for their work on the food drives, the nighttime basketball games were fun, wondered if the guidelines for adult sports have changed. Chair Varas thought Parks staff did a phenomenal job during the start of the pandemic and having virtual classes.

2. REVIEW OF FACILITY FEE WAIVERS - FY 2020/21

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Commissioner Cypert/Secretary Barron; to approve recommended motion

Director Costley reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Commissioner Montalvo was amazed by the number of waivers that are done

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Director Costley: Explained how Covid regulations have changed four times in two days; the RMC, along with Rivers of LA, and Assembly Speaker Rendon will host the event on September 18 at Hollydale Regional Park in support of the SELA facility. The first annual Art Walk will be October 2 at City Hall. A grant from LA Count to be used to hire a grant writer to receive monies to develop Circle Park.

Parks Supt. Massey: Grounds Workers Raul Martinez and Jerry Hernandez were promoted to Senior Grounds Workers, we are now looking to replace them.

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot: Halloween will be held at the two park sites as usual, SG & Hollydale Community Parks; staff will be scaling in down.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Varas: Agrees with Commissioner Montalvo to honor our veterans.

Secretary Barron: Agrees with the buy a brick idea for the Memorial Fountain renewal. Would like to see activities geared towards the senior community. Spoke with Cultural Arts Coordinator Marissa Kuchek; likes her ideas for the City as a whole. For example, being part of the Tweedy

Mile Association believes hiring artists to paint azaleas in business windows during the Azalea Festival would be a good idea. Would like Marissa to do a presentation on what she's doing.

Commissioner Cypert: Would like staff to look into holding online classes along with the regular curriculum; doesn't mean online classes are to be free

Commissioner Montalvo: Feels bad for the kids in sports programs; would like staff to look into naming a path for Nick Godoy; Director Costley stated staff was looking into purchasing a bench, to include after the remodeling the Memorial Fountain area , but Covid put a stop to the planning for now. Asked again about getting electronic scoreboards for the baseball fields, Director Costley explained that while the boards themselves are not expensive, the electrical installation costs are prohibitive at this time.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS - Commissioner Montalvo would like an overview on the prices on concept of benches and bricks for the Memorial Fountain to be brought back at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:05 p.m. Chair Varas asked for a motion to adjourn.

M/S/C: Commissioner Cypert/Secretary Barron

Respectfully submitted:



Joshua Barron, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission