

April 22, 1999

**POMONA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Thursday, April 8, 1999**

City Council Board Room

5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

District #1 Pat Perez; District #6 Anne Warder; and Mayor's Appointee, David Guerra

Absent:

District #2 Gregory Garcia; District #3 Fidel Ruvalcaba; District #4 Ed Pruitt, and District #5 Wayne Valore.

Staff Present:

Mayela Aguilar, Director of Senior Programs; Douglas W. Bridges, Recreation Superintendent; David Johnson, Parks and Facilities Manager; Ilona Arends, Management Analyst II; and Kay Mellen Recreation Division Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. No official action could be taken because there was no quorum present. The following items were informally discussed.

**UPDATE ON SENIOR PROGRAMS**

Mayela Aguilar, Director of Senior Programs, distributed The Messenger, the department's bi-monthly newsletter which contains nutrition and health tips, stories, and pertinent information for seniors. She discussed the various special services available at the Center. For example, during the current tax season, volunteers provided free tax service to seniors and prepared 288 tax forms. Mayela also explained that the L.A. County grant the City applied for to expand the Senior Center would be sending notification in May if Pomona was successful in securing the requested \$400,000 expansion grant. If successful, the grant will provide a new kitchen, additional classrooms and offices, and increased parking areas. A brief overview of the Senior Nutrition program was given. The main meal site is at the Palomares Park Senior Center. Emerson Village, which is rented for four hours daily, and Washington Park function as two satellite sites for Senior meals and services. All offer nutrition to seniors on a daily basis during the week. The entire Senior Program serves approximately 47,000 meals a year, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Mayela wants to expand services to homebound seniors and has submitted a request to the County for home-delivered meals, much like Meals on Wheels. She informed Commissioners that seniors in Phillips Ranch and North Pomona are currently not being served by Meals on Wheels due to a lack of volunteers from those areas. She has also applied for a grant to fund a Telephone Reassurance Program, allowing homebound seniors to be checked daily by telephone contact. A brochure was distributed by a new organization funded by a federal grant called the California Medical Review which provides information to Medicare patients regarding their medical rights. Mayela will be providing another Senior program update in a few months.

**REVIEW OF PARK PROJECTS**

David Johnson gave an overview of many of the park projects in progress:

The Garfield Park restroom has been completed, and will be in use within the next several weeks. Kennedy and Westmont Parks have new picnic shelters. The parking lot at Philadelphia has been redone, restriped, and the drainage problem solved. Palomares Park has a new softball field located at the East end of the park. A new contractor will be working on the restrooms at Decker Park to finish a few items, so hopefully they will be completed in about three weeks.

Neighborhood groups interested in assisting the City are being sought to do monthly clean-ups in their areas. Volunteers are also needed to plant trees and shrubs in the Dudley/Hanson area. The upcoming projects will be: Upgrade on Westmont Park lighting will go out to bid; the library restrooms and downstairs will be made ADA accessible; and the City Council Chambers will be renovated. The architect for improvements at Martin Luther King Park will be looking at enclosing and enlarging the entire restroom/shelter area to allow for additional Recreation programming and activities.

David further stated that all four Little Leagues had opening days in April and all the fields were in shape for them. The Elks Tournament was held over the Easter break, and hosted many out of state teams. It was played at Ralph Welch and Washington Parks.

A brief question and answer period was held to discuss park concerns.

**OTHER**

Commissioners were asked to remain after the meeting to judge posters for the Earth Day Contest.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.  
Next meeting: Thursday, May 13, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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