

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**CITY OF POMONA
RENACIMIENTO COMMUNITY CENTER
2383 CHANSLOR STREET
POMONA, CA 91769**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ayala called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Chair Ayala led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Chair Ayala asked staff to call roll.

Present:	Melissa Ayala, Chair	District 1
	Lauren DeMott, Commissioner	District 2
	Jeff Sanchez, Commissioner	District 4
	Remington Cordova, Vice Chair	District 5
	Ion Puschila, Mayoral Appointee	(arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Absent:	Joshua Heredia, Commissioner	District 3
	Jessica Gonzalez, Commissioner	District 6
Staff:	Meg McWade, Public Works Director	
	Michael Osoff, Community Services Manager	
	Michael Sled, Parks and Facilities Manager	
	Monica Belloso, Technical Specialist II	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ayala presented the draft minutes of July 19, 2018. Chair Ayala made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Remington, and carried by a vote of 4-0-3-0.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Vice Chair Remington stated he attended National Night Out; extended gratitude to the police department.

Commissioner Sanchez stated he also attended National Night Out. He said there was a great turnout and thanked all those who were involved.

Commissioner DeMott stated she attended National Night Out also; thanked the police department for giving her the honor of singing the National Anthem.

Chair Ayala stated she also attended National Night Out; was pleased to see the community there and thanked City staff for putting the event together. She stated she attended Movies in the Park and saw *Coco*. She stated she visited Memorial Park; was pleased to see many people enjoying the park.

[Commissioner Puschila arrived at 6:05 p.m.]

Chair Ayala welcomed and introduced newly Mayoral Appointee Ion Puschila to the Commission. Chair Ayala resumed communications and stated she attended Assembly member Freddie Rodriguez's 5th Annual Summer BBQ in the City of Chino. Chair Ayala asked if a similar event can be hosted in Pomona.

Commissioner Puschila stated his long term goal is to build community centers at parks.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ayala opened up communications for Public Comment.

Pomona resident Martin Perez spoke on the community's requests for Hamilton Park and expressed gratitude for the City addressing several issues, like removing brush, trimming trees, and providing mulch and flowers. Mr. Perez stated he would like to know the status for items such as barbeque grills, playground equipment, changing sand to bark, adding restrooms and a community center. Mr. Perez announced there will be a community clean-up on August 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mr. Perez asked for the Commission's support in enhancing the park.

VII. OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS

1. Time Capsule at Phil and Nell Soto Park

Danielle Soto, granddaughter of Phil and Nell Soto requested the support of a time capsule to be placed inside the Phil and Nell Soto Park. Ms. Soto provided a description of items to be placed inside a small time capsule. Items will include newspaper clippings, interview transcripts, and magazine articles that give a historic timeline for events in Pomona. Ms. Soto also provided a brief history and highlighted recognitions accomplished by Phil and Nell Soto throughout their years in public service. Ms. Soto stated the time capsule will provide future generations a glimpse of how life was for Phil and Nell Soto.

Chair Ayala asked if the time capsule may include items from the community. Ms. Soto stated contents for the proposed time capsule will be provided by the Soto family, but stated she is confident the Soto family would be open to the community placing items as well.

Public Works Meg McWade stated the time capsule would be part of a ground-breaking opening ceremony in September 2018.

Chair Ayala made a motion to approve a time capsule at Phil and Nell Soto Park, with collaboration of the Parks and Recreation Department and Historical Preservation Commission, seconded by Commissioner Puschila, and carried by a 5-0-2-0 vote.

VII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

Public Works

Public Works Director Meg McWade informed the City was not invited to the next phase of the Trail Urban Green grant; they will reapply.

Parks and Facilities Manager Michael Sledd stated he contacted Google last year to correct the name for Willie White Park; stated it has been corrected.

Mr. Sledd introduced Mike Ethridge, the new Parks and Landscape Supervisor. Ms. McWade congratulated Mr. Ethridge on his new role; stated he is professional and appreciates his work ethic. Community Services Manager Mike Osoff stated Mike Ethridge is the type of person who really cares, and congratulated Mr. Ethridge on his new position.

Mr. Ethridge expressed his appreciation for the opportunity and stated he looks forward to working with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Community Services

Mr. Osoff stated the Palm Lake operator is continuing extensive work on the golf course.

The After School Recreation summer programming included many activities. Field trips included visiting Discovery Cube, San Bernardino County Museum, Yanks Air Museum, Dodger Stadium, John's Incredible Pizza, El Capitan Theater, Bowlium, movies at The Village hosted by PUSD, Los Angeles Zoo, Quakes Stadium, City pools, and the Great Camp Out.

Mr. Osoff stated Senior Programming included nutrition classes hosted by Institute for Public Strategies. Tri-City Mental Health Services Navigators held presentations on mental health in Spanish. Senior field trips included Griffith Observatory, and will be attending the upcoming L.A. County Fair.

The last Movie in the Park will be *Moana* on August 18, 2018 at Ganesha Pool. Mr. Osoff stated the attendance for Movies in the Park was lower in June than in July and August; proposed making changes for next summer.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Chair Ayala adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Philadelphia Park Community Center, 700 E. Philadelphia Street, Pomona, CA 91766.

SUBMITTED BY:



Michael Osoff
Community Services Manager



Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission