

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



*Chair Donna Otero
Vice-Chair Cynthia Marino
Commissioner Chris Lang
Commissioner Julian Ibañez Mandujano
Commissioner Vince Carpio
Commissioner Ion Puschila*

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:00 PM

Ralph Welch Park Community Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Otero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Otero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Donna Otero
Vice Chair Cynthia Marino
Commissioner Chris Lang
Commissioner Julian Ibañez-Mandujano
Commissioner Vince Carpio
Commissioner Ion Puschila

STAFF PRESENT

Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director
Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Guerrero of All Children Thrive spoke about supporting the youth in their request to present survey results and their recommendations at the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Tina Phan of All Children Thrive asked if they could present the survey results to the Commission.

Martin Perez commended the dA Center for its support for Hamilton Park. He said that now that the park has been renovated, it needs art and recreational youth programming and believes the dA Center can do it because of their area of expertise.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Lang thanked the City for removing campaign signs at Ganesha Park and said that if people see campaign signs at parks, to contact the City Clerk's Office to have them removed.

Commissioner Ibanez-Mandujano said there was a cleanup at Cesar Chavez Park. There have been discussions with Latino/Latina Roundtable regarding restrooms there. At Tony Cerda Park, black walnut trees were planted and he said people want to preserve the concrete slab with signatures there. On Saturday, he will be at Willie White Park talking to the community. He thanked Danny for fixing the grills at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

Chair Otero shared that Captain Victor Glover is speaking at The Ebell on February 19, 2024 at 7pm and doing a book signing. She thanked Public Works for quickly fixing potholes before they worsened.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2024.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LANG, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CARPIO, CARRIED 6-0.

VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. dA Center for the Arts – Informational Updates

Margaret Aichele of the dA Center for the Arts presented a PowerPoint slideshow highlighting various art, writing, and music programs that the dA Center provides. She said she would like to be a resource to the City to provide art programming. Ms. Aichele spoke of the many benefits that art provides to students and the importance of programming for children 0-5.

This was a presentation item only. No vote taken.

Before moving on to the next item, Commissioner Puschila made a motion to invite All Children Thrive to present survey results to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the following meeting, second made by Vice Chair Marino, carried 6-0.

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION BY CHAIR OTERO NOMINATING VICE CHAIR MARINO AS CHAIR, SECOND

MADE BY COMMISSIONER PUSCHILA, CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION BY PUSCHILA NOMINATING COMMISSIONER LANG AS VICE CHAIR, SECOND MADE BY VICE CHAIR MARINO, CARRIED 6-0.

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- Campaign signs in public spaces, parks, and right-of-ways are not allowed. Please call the City Clerk’s Office for removal.
- The Civic Center Park Project is underway and 60% plans were sent to staff for review by the consultant.
- The Parks and Facilities Master Plan received public comment and suggestions may be incorporated into the plan. A community workshop is scheduled to be held soon.
- Movies in the Park planning is underway. Staff are working with Day One to plan six movie nights, one in each District, and ending with a dive-in.
- Staff are planning and booking performers for six summer concerts.
- Staff is submitting a proposal to the school district for Outdoor & Active. The program is in its third year of operation and the City is looking to expand youth sports into the school district’s The Learning Connection program.
- Staff is looking to expand its music program.
- A Recreation Coordinator is starting February 26, 2024, as well as an Administrative Assistant for Outdoor & Active. A Recreation Coordinator for Seniors is currently vacant and recruitment efforts to fill the position will begin soon.
- Staff from Community Services and Public Works will be attending the California Parks and Recreation Society Conference and Expo next week.
- Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Ganesha Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Ted Greene Park, and Philadelphia Park.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Otero adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Ganesha Park Community Center, 1575 N. White Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Monica Beloso
Management Analyst

Donna Otero
Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission