

Regular Meeting Minutes

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



*Chair Fabian Pavon  
Vice-Chair Cynthia Marino  
Commissioner Juanita Preciado-Becerra  
Commissioner Noel Mendez-Zamudio  
Commissioner Vince Carpio  
Commissioner Donna Otero  
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.*

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Thursday, September 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom

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**6:00 P.M. Teleconference Meeting via Zoom**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pavon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Pavon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Fabian Pavon (District 2)  
Vice Chair Cynthia Marino (District 5)  
Commissioner Juanita Preciado-Becerra (District 1)  
Commissioner Vince Carpio (District 4)  
Commissioner Donna Otero (District 6)  
Commissioner Ion Puschila (Mayoral Appointee)

Absent: Commissioner Noel Mendez-Zamudio (District 3)

Staff Present: Rosalia Butler, City Clerk  
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney  
Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager  
Danny Whaley, Parks and Facilities Manager  
Monica Belloso, Technical Specialist II

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho provided a presentation, "Commission Powers: Its Role in a City Manager Form of Government" and spoke on key areas of powers and duties, communication procedures, relationship with staff and Council, courtesy and decorum, the Brown Act, and Bylaws.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER OTERO, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CARPIO, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2021.**

**VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

None.

**VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Otero stated she attended the Carvana town hall meeting at Ganesha Park on August 19, 2021. She attended both community meetings for the Outdoor Equity Grant and helped canvas the neighborhood for the community meeting at Ralph Welch Park.

Commissioner Puschila stated he had his students fill out the Outdoor Equity Grant survey.

Chair Pavon reported that the free Danza Azteca classes held at Tony Cerda Park and Cesar Chavez Park have concluded, with 80% of participants coming from Pomona. There was a small graduation ceremony at the last class. Classes will resume in October in an indoor setting due to colder weather and lighting. On October 2, 2021, Project Hope will hosting Hope Fest at Tony Cerda Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a free concert, free haircuts, free groceries, free clothing and toys, a car show, a bike show, and free COVID vaccinations. Chair Pavon stated that Just Us 4 Youth invited him to work with youth at Ralph Welch Park, where he and Mayor Sandoval, Councilmember Preciado, Director [of Three Valleys] Carlos Goytia, Planning Commissioner Yesenia Miranda Mesa, Pomona's Poet Laureate Judah 1, Cultural Arts Commissioner Miranda Sheffield, and Commissioner Puschila, all played baseball and basketball with the youth. Youth also painted trashcans to increase vibrancy at the park. Chair Pavon stated that the Commission had previously approved to discuss a new park schedule and park programming.

**IX. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Parks and Facilities Manager Danny Whaley reported the following Public Works updates:

- On September 20, 2021, the City Council will hear staff recommendation to place \$2.5M

toward from ARP [American Recovery Plan] funds toward restroom renovations and/or new restrooms. If approved, staff will begin researching restroom options. Also on the City Council agenda, a CIP project using CDBG-CV funds is being recommended to go toward park upgrades in the amount of \$250,000 and \$130,000 for Palomares air-conditioning.

- Installation of LED lighting at Cesar Chavez has been completed and LED lighting at Tony Cerda Park will begin on Friday, September 17, 2021.
- Staff is continuing to gather documents for the consultants of the Parks and Facilities Master Plan. Staff will be seeking the Commission's input soon.

Ms. Belloso reported that community meetings for the Outdoor Equity Grant program have concluded. Staff will be hosting a stakeholder meeting next week. The deadline for the application is Friday, October 8, 2021. Staff will be taking families on a field trip to visit three parks, where participants will have the opportunity to play and explore playground amenities. The purpose of the trip is to gather youth input for the Civic Center Park project, future City playground amenities, and grant proposals.

Community Services Manager Mike Osoff reported:

- During the next City Council meeting, staff is recommending that City Council accept \$300,000 from Pomona Unified School District for after school programming at ten locations near parks. In that funding, staff is requesting another full-time Recreation Coordinator position.
- Analuisa Castro, the new After School Recreation Coordinator began this week. The Senior Coordinator begins the Monday after next week, and the Proposition 64 Class and Collaboration Coordinator will likely begin in October. The City is currently hiring for other positions in Community Services.
- Staff is meeting with fellows from Project Horseshoe Farm to see how they can help develop senior programs.
- The Haunted House will be occurring this year with modifications. Community Services is seeking volunteers for this event.
- Anyone submitting a Special Events application please submit application at least 30 days in advance.
- Community Services is now accepting in-person class applications. Six community centers have opened for after school programming, and Mt. Sac will be resuming classes for adults in October.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pavon adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Mike Osoff  
Community Services Manager

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Fabian Pavon  
Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission