

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**CITY OF POMONA
JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
1150 FAIRPLEX DRIVE
POMONA, CA 91768**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ayala called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Chair Ayala led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken by staff.

Commissioners present:

Melissa Ayala, Chair	District 1
Fabian Pavon, Commissioner	District 2 (arrived at 6:54 p.m.)
Noel Mendez, Commissioner	District 3
Jeff Sanchez, Vice Chair	District 4
Cynthia Marino, Commissioner	District 5
Remington Cordova, Commissioner	District 6
Ion Puschila, Mayoral Appointee	(departed at 7:10 p.m.)

Staff present:

Monica Belloso, Technical Specialist II
Rene Guerrero, Interim Public Works Director
Darron Poulson, Water Resources Director
Michael Sledd, Parks and Facilities Manager
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ayala presented the minutes of March 21, 2019 and made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Puschila and carried by a vote of 6-0-0-0.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Chair Ayala advised the Commissioners that this portion of the meeting should be used to communicate conferences, meetings and events attended since the last meeting and stated that other concerns or issues can be communicated to staff by reaching out to them directly.

Commissioner Puschila stated the Cesar Chavez Pilgrimage was last week and it was a fantastic event.

Vice Chair Sanchez said the Cesar Chavez event went very well. He stated he was unable to attend the Easter Egg Hunt, but heard it also went well.

Commissioner Mendez welcomed everyone and proposed three items to be placed on the agenda for the following meeting. **Commissioner Mendez made a motion for to discuss creating goals for each district, seconded by Commissioner Puschila, and carried by a vote of 6-0-0-0.**

Commissioner Mendez asked staff to provide information on league fees and park impact fees.

Commissioner Puschila suggested that staff provide this information in an email, rather than placing this as an agenda item. Chair Ayala and the Commission were in agreement.

Commissioner Marino asked if there was any follow up regarding the student that proposed the art project on the basketball courts. Chair Ayala responded that the application for artists is now up on the City's website and the student was advised to begin the process through the Cultural Arts Commission.

Commissioner Cordova stated he did not have anything to report at this time, but will reach out to staff for information on a few items.

Chair Ayala thanked staff for putting together the Easter Egg Hunt. She stated the Cesar Chavez event went very well; Councilmember Gonzalez attended; and the park looked great. The Historical Society [of Pomona Valley] hosted the Fiesta at Casa Primera and they did a great job. There will be a Pomona Placemaking meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Civic Center Plaza to share ideas for potential projects there and she encourage everyone to attend.

Commissioner Puschila made a motion to have a special meeting to discuss creating a mission and vision statement for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

After Commissioner discussion, Chair Ayala and the Commissioners agreed to include strategic planning with the goal-setting item at the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ayala invited the public to speak on items not on the agenda.

Resident Perez Martin provided the Commission with a status update on Hamilton Park needs that were voiced at last year's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. He gave thanks to the City's Parks and Facilities department, the Sanchez family and all the people who are helping to clean up the park. Mr. Martin said there are still many park needs, but they are moving in the right direction.

There being no further speakers, Chair Ayala closed Public Comment for non-agenda items.

VII. OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS

1. Montvue Park Monitoring Well Update

Water Resources Director Darron Poulsen provided the Commission with a progress update regarding the Montvue Park monitoring wells. He provided an overview of the reason that Montvue Park was selected for the installation of the monitoring wells, how land subsidence is caused by ground water extraction, and the options for reconstruction and design after project completion.

[Commissioner Pavon arrived at 6:54 p.m.]

Mr. Poulsen provided a time line beginning May 2019 with a scope of work, receiving bids, reviewing designs and sending out an RFP for final design construction. Mr. Poulsen stated that construction is anticipated to begin January 2020 and conclude May 2020.

VII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Guerrero reported a brief delay at Phil and Nell Soto Park was caused by the discovery of a small tank during construction. The City is going through proper channels and taking safety measures before proceeding.

Mr. Sledd reported the following Public Works updates:

- Pomona Beautification Day is next Saturday; there are many good projects at Civic Center and throughout the City.
- Will send out an electronic copy of goal setting material to the Commissioners.


Recreation Supervisor Adrian Valdez reported the following Community Services updates:

- The 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success at all four parks; Washington, Garfield, Kiwanis and Ralph Welch with an estimated 800 total attendees.
- The first regional site contest for Heroes of Pomona Speech was on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Westmont Park Community Center. The judging was conducted by Councilmember Lustro, Councilmember Preciado, and a staff member. The second site competition will be Thursday, April 25, 2019 and will conclude with the final competition on May 7, 2019 at Council Chambers.
- Movies in the Park begins in July and flyers are available.
- The After School Recreation Program is currently offering soccer for youth sports.
- The summer 2019 pool season begins June 2nd and runs through August 11th with extended hours for the weekends of August 17th and 18th and August 24th and 25th.
- Phase I of the technology rollout is complete at Kennedy, La Casita, Renacimiento, and Garfield with computers and high speed internet. Phase II is the remainder of the community centers and is expected to be completed by 2020.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Chair Ayala adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Westmont Park Community Center, 1808 W. Ninth Street, Pomona, CA 91766.



Michael Osoff
Community Services Manager



Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission