

REGULAR MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**CITY OF POMONA
KIWANIS (GRACE NAPOLITANO) COMMUNITY CENTER
954 WEBER STREET
POMONA, CA 91768**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
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 take roll.

Present:	Ion Puschila, Commissioner	Mayoral Appointee
	Melissa Ayala, Chair	District 1
	Fabian Pavon, Commissioner	District 2
	Noel Mendez-Zamudio, Commissioner	District 3
	Jeff Sanchez, Vice Chair	District 4
	Remington Cordova, Commissioner	District 6
Absent:	Cynthia Marino, Commissioner	District 5
Staff	Michael Osoff, Community Services Manager	
	Monica Belloso, Technical Specialist II	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Chair Ayala thanked everyone for attending and thanked staff for supporting the Commission.

Commissioner Mendez –Zamudio thanked staff and said he wants to have a good year next year.

Commissioner Sanchez said he hopes that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and thanked staff.

Commissioner Cordova thanked staff and asked if staff could get more information about the Dodgers Dreamfields Program. Commissioner Cordova stated it was announced that there is a plan to build 75 fields by 2033, and the 51st baseball field was just built in Fontana. Commissioner Cordova inquired about the fence size at Phil and Nell Soto Park.

Commissioner Puschila thanked everyone and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful next year.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Edward Samaniego stated he attended the last meeting where changing the name of Tony Cerda Park was discussed. Mr. Samaniego provided a brief history of the reasons why the park was named after Tony Cerda and reiterated Mr. Cerda's efforts in continuing to serve Pomona's youth and the community.

Connie Almaguer stated there are other parks other than Tony Cerda Park that could be changed. Ms. Almaguer stated Tony Cerda is her uncle and he has spent his life dedicated to serving the community and helping at-risk youth. She stated Tony Cerda has a long history of boxing achievements, working on city committees, and volunteering his time to help others. He is the Chairman of the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe and works very hard in keeping people united and helping youth get jobs and health insurance.

VII. OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS

1. Selection of Special Meeting Date and Time to discuss Priorities and Goals of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Chair Ayala made a motion to hold a special meeting on January 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Palomares Park to continue discussions in setting priorities and goals, seconded by Commissioner Puschila, passing with a vote of 6-0-1-0.

2. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar for 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Osoff proposed a 2020 and 2021 calendar of meeting dates for the Parks and Recreation Commission and stated the intention of meeting at different parks is to give the Commissioners the opportunity to visit different community centers of various sizes and purposes. Mr. Osoff stated that all meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of December. In December, the meeting is scheduled on the first Thursday because of its proximity to the Christmas holiday. Mr. Osoff advised the Commissioners they are able to approve the proposed schedule or recommend changes. Commissioner Pavon proposed changing the meeting location in February 2021 from Ralph Welch Park to a location closer to Tony Cerda Park and proposed Madison Elementary School.

After Commissioner discussion, Chair Ayala made a motion to approve the meeting calendar for 2020, and amend the 2021 calendar to change the meeting location in December from Renacimiento Community Center to a site closer to Tony Cerda Park. Chair Ayala asked staff to explore alternative meeting locations at Day One or Madison Elementary School.

Commissioner Puschila seconded the motion, passing with a 5-1-1-0 vote. (AYES: Puschila, Ayala, Pavon, Mendez, Sanchez) (NOES: Cordova).

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Osoff presented the following Community Services updates:

1. On December 2, 2019, City Council passed an ordinance to reestablish a Youth Commission.
2. After School Recreation basketball will begin soon.
3. Holiday at the Plaza is Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the parade is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be there and there will be crafts, a rock climbing wall, and snow sledding.

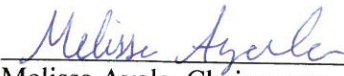
4. Staff is continuing to build the recreation software to improve efficiency and customer service.
5. Staff is working on the Parks and Recreation budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 and will present it to the Commission when complete.
6. The Tree Lighting event was during the City Council meeting and it went very well with the largest turnout yet. There were performances by Pomona Youth orchestra, Diamond Ranch dance team, Garey High School marching band, and Ganesha High School. There was snow, as well as refreshments including hot cider, hot chocolate and cookies.

Mr. Osoff thanked the Commission for their efforts and commitment to parks and youth this year. He commended Chair Ayala for her leadership, for being inclusive, for hearing all sides, and giving people the opportunity to speak.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ayala adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



Michael Osoff
Community Services Manager

Melissa Ayala, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission

