

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CITY OF POMONA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE VIA "ZOOM"

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pavón called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### **II. FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Pavón led the flag salute.

#### **III. ROLL CALL**

Chair Pavón asked staff to take roll for Commissioners.

##### **Present:**

Ion Puschila, Commissioner	Mayoral Appointee
Melissa Ayala, Commissioner	District 1
Fabián Pavón, Chairperson	District 2
Noel Mendez-Zamudio, Commissioner	District 3
Jeff Sanchez, Vice Chairperson	District 4
Cynthia Marino, Commissioner	District 5
Remington Cordova, Commissioner	District 6

##### **Staff:**

Monica Bellosso, Technical Specialist II  
Roberto Curiel, Facility/Sports Rentals Supervisor  
Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director  
Mark Gluba, Deputy City Manager  
Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Puschila stated he has been watering Centennial Park.

Commissioner Ayala stated that with the concern of COVID-19 and the exchange of books between people, she removed the books and replaced them with new bracelet makers at the Kellogg 'library' and placed a sign letting residents know they can take the bracelet makers. The little libraries for Kiwanis and Kennedy Park are ready to be installed.

Chair Pavón stated he painted trashcans at Memorial Park and Cesar Chavez Park, and repainted the Cesar Chavez Park sign. Chair Pavón stated he is excited to see all the little libraries being installed.

Vice Chair Sanchez stated that he participated in the Cesar Chavez Park clean up and thanked Commissioner Ayala for her efforts on the little libraries.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Edward Samaniego spoke on his submitted application to rename Hamilton Park after Dr. Henry Ramirez, and spoke on Dr. Ramirez's accomplishments.

Staff stated public comments were received by Josue Garcia, Hector Campos, Julian Ibanez Mandujano, Monserrat Naranjo, Angel Hernandez, Jesabel Millan, with the same following message: Staff read out loud the comment:

*Dear Parks and Recreation Commission,  
I write this letter in support of Black Lives Matter. It is important now more than ever that Pomona shows its solidarity with Black Lives. Martin Luther King Park has very little imagery that reflects Martin Luther King specifically, and Black people in general. What little imagery reflecting the black struggle in America should not be taken down by the commission. I support images that reflect the struggle of Black people in America, for our lives matter, and should go without saying. I ask that you stand in solidarity with Black people in Pomona and all across the Nation.*

## **VII. OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. A Discussion of the City's Social Media Policy**

Deputy City Manager Mark Gluba provided a brief background of the City's Social Media Policy, enacted June 2019. Mr. Gluba stated the City's Social Media Policy was enacted due to the avid use of social media and the City's concern of what constitutes a legal serial meeting when Commissioners comment on issues that are under their purview.

Mr. Gluba stated Commission-specific social media pages have the tendency for Commissioners to engage in dialogue that is outside of a public meeting and can possibly create a Brown Act violation. Because of this, Mr. Gluba stated he and the City Manager are reluctant in approving Commission-specific pages, but are open to a Parks and Recreation page or a Community Services page operated by the department to promote Commission-related news and events. Mr. Gluba stated Commissioners would still need to adhere to the City's Social Media Policy. Mr. Gluba recommended that Community Services staff can share Commission events through the City's social media accounts.

Chair Pavón opened up Commissioner discussion.

Commissioner Ayala stated she does not feel that the Parks and Recreation Commission needs their own social media page, and asked who currently posts social media messages related to Parks and Recreation. Mr. Gluba responded that City Administration is responsible for posting social media messages and that all departments are encouraged submit and share departmental news and events.

Commissioner Cordova stated he agrees with Commissioner Ayala and Mr. Gluba. He shared that City of Whittier has a Facebook and Instagram for each department and this can make finding city information difficult.

Chair Pavón stated he thinks a Parks and Recreation Commission page would be beneficial to residents who want to know just about parks.

Chair Pavón made a motion to adopt the social media policy and create social media sites for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Gluba advised Chair Pavón that the City's Social Media Policy has already been adopted by City Council.

Chair Pavón restated the motion to create social media platforms for the Parks and Recreation Commission, seconded by Commissioner Puschila.

Mr. Gluba asked that before the vote is carried out, explained that the Cultural Arts Commission has a Facebook page that is not City-endorsed; it was created independently by private citizens. The City does not have the resources to not actively shut down pages that are not city-approved. Mr. Gluba stated that the City Manager is not currently approving Commission webpages because they would be in direct violation of the City's Social Media Policy.

Chair Pavón made a motion to amend the previous motion to inquire about City staff administering social media accounts for Parks and Recreation, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, and passing with a 5-2-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Pavón, Sanchez, Marino, Puschila, Mendez, Noes: Ayala, Cordova)

Chair Pavón stated that the motion to amend the previous motion was passed, then asked for another vote to be carried out for the newly amended motion.

City staff indicated that with the passing of the amendment and with the agreement of the maker of the second, there would not a need to vote again.

## **2. A Proposal to Install a Free Community Library at Tony Cerda Park**

City staff member Monica Belloso presented a proposal to install a free community library at Tony Cerda Park. Ms. Belloso stated there are several factors considered when a request to install a 'library' is received. Ms. Belloso stated that safety, accessibility, placement, lighting, and sustainability are carefully evaluated by staff from Community Services and Public Works during a site meeting with the applicant.

Ms. Belloso stated that staff met with the steward, Alfredo Camacho of Day One, on July 8, 2020 to evaluate the criteria and agree on a location that would not impede on electrical or water lines. The proposed location will be the Grand Avenue entrance to the park. Staff is recommending that the Commission approve the installation and location of a free community library at Tony Cerda Park.

Chair Pavón made a motion to approve the free community library at Tony Cerda Park, seconded by Commissioner Ayala. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0-0.

## **VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

There were no staff updates at this time.

## **IV. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Puschila asked to discuss an all abilities playground on the next agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez, passing with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

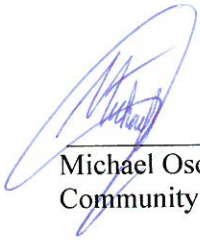
Commissioner Cordova reminded staff of pending agenda items including a park sanitation program, unauthorized art policy, presentation on how to draft city ordinances to City Council, and discussion on proximity and concentration laws related to halfway houses/drug treatment centers.

Commissioner Mendez asked staff for an update on the sale of Veterans Park.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

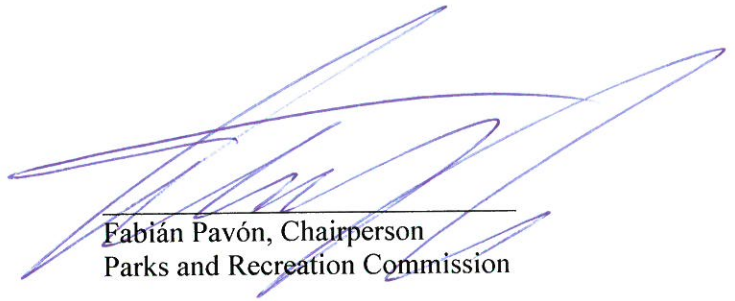
Chair Pavón adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting to the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.



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Michael Osoff  
Community Services Manager



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Fabián Pavón, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission