

## CITY OF ESCONDIDO

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

January 26, 2017

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Simonson in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

**Members present:** Chair Simonson, Commissioner DeFrain, Commissioner Bologna, Commissioner Inscoe, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Stephens, and Commissioner Israel.

**Commissioners absent:** Youth Services Commissioner (vacant).

**Staff present:** Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services; Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services; Jilaine Hernandez, Supervisor III; Janet Rulien, Administrative Coordinator; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

#### **MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Bologna, seconded by Commissioner DeFrain, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

##### **1. RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

Assistant Director Lopez provided the Recreation Program Update as well as an update on upcoming events and requested input.

Commissioner Stephens expressed his enthusiasm with the Tiny Tots Preschool program.

Director McKinney referenced the new logo and branding on the cover of the Recreation Guide.

Commissioner Lopez asked if the ads in the Recreation Guide would be spread throughout the guide. Director Lopez replied in the affirmative.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the capacity for the recreation classes being offered.

Commissioner Garcia felt it would be beneficial for the City Council to know the financial economic impact the recreational programs had on the City. Director McKinney noted that staff was working with the Economic Development Department to determine the economic impacts.

## **2. OLDER ADULT SERVICES UPDATE**

Supervisor Hernandez addressed questions posed at the last meeting regarding possibly offering Skype classes at the Community Center. She stated that staff could not find a business that could provide these classes, noting that Senior Services was onsite and helped seniors with basic computer skills as well as helping with iPads and iPhones. She also indicated that curbs at the Center had not been painted yet. She then provided the Older Adult Services update and requested input.

Commissioner Lopez and Hernandez noted that a public art piece pillar that was previously located on Escondido Boulevard would be relocated to the Senior Center courtyard.

## **3. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

Director McKinney provided the Capital Project updates and noted that the list had been greatly reduced due to many of the projects being completed.

Commissioner Lopez felt the Skate Plaza Rally event was very beneficial, noting she was in favor of a skate spot in Washington Park.

## **4. NEW PHOTO & VIDEO POLICY**

Assistant Director Lopez provided an overview of the new language under the Photo & Video policy and requested input.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **5. PROPOSED DOG PARK IN ESCONDIDO**

Director Lopez referenced the staff report and made special reference to the maintenance costs. She noted that the City had three dog-friendly parks, one being off leash and the other two being on leash parks.

Commissioner Lopez felt there was no comparison between a dog friendly park and dog park where dogs could run free. She suggested considering the area in Kit Carson Park where the Humane Society used to be, feeling this would reduce development costs. She noted she had a volunteer that was willing to put together a

design. She felt one dog park for 34,000 dogs was not adequate. She suggested re-evaluating the costs using an existing park, noting the consensus of many of the users of the Mayflower Dog Park was that another dog park was needed.

Chairman Simonson expressed his view that the City had higher priorities.

Commissioner DeFrain and staff discussed the costs for staff, equipment, and operations for the Mayflower Dog Park.

Commissioner Lopez questioned whether the Mayflower Dog Park was owned by the Humane Society. Directory McKinney noted it was owned by the City.

Commissioner Lopez questioned whether Kit Carson already had maintenance costs. Director McKinney replied in the affirmative but noted that the question was how much extra a dog park would cost. She also indicated that the Master Plan for Kit Carson Park would have to be amended as well as noting that maintenance costs were high on City Council minds.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

The Commissioners thanked staff for all of their hard work.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for April 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

  
Loretta McKinney, Director of  
Library and Community Services

  
Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk