

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

January 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 6:31 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Simonson in the City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA.

Members present: Chair Simonson, Commissioner Jose Garcia, Commissioner Bologna, Commissioner Israel and Commissioner DeFrain.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Brandon Garcia and Commissioner DuDeck

Staff Present: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services, Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services, Karen Williams, Older Adult Services Manager, Corinne Triol, Administrative Coordinator, Janet Rulien, Division Coordinator/Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Bologna, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 and the October 22, 2015, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Director McKinney introduced two new staff members, Danielle Lopez, the new Assistant Director of Community Services and Janet Rulien, Division Coordinator, and provided a brief overview of their backgrounds. The Commissioners warmly welcomed them.

2. OLDER ADULT SERVICES UPDATE WINTER 2015-SPRING 2016

Karen Williams, Manager of Older Adult Services, provided the update and requested input. She also provided the Commissioners with three flyers on upcoming events. It was noted that under Upcoming Community Events, the dates reported were incorrect. The correct dates for

the Community Events are: Saturday, February 6, 2016 – Homes for Our Troops and Saturday, March 12, 2016 is the Escondido Public Library's Scrabble-Thon.

Discussion ensued on the items in the Staff Report.

3. CIP PROJECT UPDATE:

Director McKinney provided a verbal status of each capital project relating to the Community Services Department, including projects funded with both Capital Improvement Project/Park Development funds and Housing Related Park grants. Discussion ensued on the details of each project and the expected completion dates. Commissioner questions were answered by staff.

4. RECREATION PROGRAMS UPDATE:

Assistant Director Lopez presented her report on the accomplishments and upcoming activities of the Recreation Division. Assistant Director Lopez also shared a short video of the recent Scootoberfest competition at Kit Carson Park.

The Commissioners asked for details and statistics on the various programs. Assistant Director Lopez also noted that there are upcoming Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards positions opening up to the community in the summer.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROPOSED MISSION, VISION, AND VALUE STATEMENTS:

Director McKinney presented an overview of the Community Services' staff selections of the proposed Mission, Vision and Value Statements for the Commissioner's discussion and input.

After the Commissioner's suggestions and comments, the majority of the Commissioner's choice of statements are as follows:

Mission: "Promoting Escondido as the City of Choice by providing healthy, innovative and educational opportunities to unify our community. Energize Escondido!"

Vision: "Dedicated to being the essential resource for an active, safe and successful community, the Community Services team provides:

- Innovative programs that promote health and well being
- Positive community partnerships and connections
- Opportunities to explore individual interests and
- Life-long learning and personal development

Resulting in an Energized Escondido!"

Values: "With pride, the Community Services team upholds our civic responsibility in carrying out the goals and objectives of the Mission statement through:

Embracing
Neighborhoods;
Encouraging
Responsibility; and
Guiding
Imagination to promote a
Zeal for an
ENERGIZED ESCONDIDO!"

Director McKinney thanked the Commissioners for their valuable input and said that these statements would be taken back to staff with the Commissioner's choices and then final selection will be made.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Commissioners reviewed the various accomplishments and a discussion ensued. Director McKinney noted that the Community Services Department will begin the process of developing statistical reports for our programs in July, which will be presented to the Commissioner's on a quarterly basis.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chair Simonson welcomed both Danielle Lopez and Janet Rulien to the staff. He also recommended placing the discussion of a new meeting time on the Agenda for the next Community Services Commission meeting.

Commissioner Garcia said he also recommends placing a new meeting time on the next Agenda. He thought the change would be good for everyone. He thanked the staff for doing a wonderful job and creatively thinking out of the box. He asked that Director McKinney share this comment with her staff.

Commissioner Bologna agreed with both Chair Simonson and Commissioner Garcia that a change of the meeting time should be on the next Agenda for discussion. He also welcomed Danielle Lopez and Janet Rulien to the staff. He expressed gratitude that the staff worked so well at keeping the Recreation Division whole and weathering the recession frugally.

Commissioner Israel agreed with her fellow Commissioners to discuss changing the meeting time. She also noted that she was in awe at the collaborations and innovating accomplishments of the Division and the partnerships that we have forged and continue to seek. She noted that the Escondido Union School District has several upcoming events and invited members to attend those events.

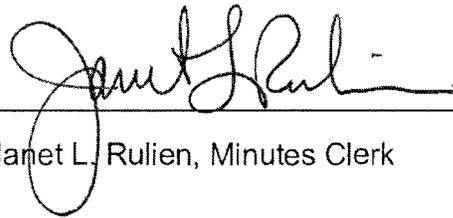
Commissioner DeFrain noted that she was disappointed with the requirement that the sustaining of the aquatics program be reliant on revenues rather than being funded from the General Fund and commended the Division for its continuance of quality programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.



Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and
Community Services



Janet L. Rulien, Minutes Clerk