

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

April 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 6:33 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Simonson in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

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

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Brandon Garcia.

Staff present: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services; Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services; Karen Williams, Manager, Older Adult Services; Jilaine Hernandez, Recreation Supervisor; Micaela Doucette, Recreation Supervisor; Robert Rhoades, Recreation Supervisor; Patrick Martinez, Recreation Supervisor; Janet L. Rulien, Administrative Coordinator and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Bologna, seconded by Commissioner Jose Garcia, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. **SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS** – Completed prior to beginning of meeting.
2. **RECREATION PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Assistant Director Danielle Lopez introduced the recreational supervisors who provided the following updates.

Recreational Classes

Jilaine Hernandez, Recreation Supervisor, introduced herself and then provided an overview of the 2016 Summer Recreation Guide, summer camps/classes, and programs.

Chairman Simonson and Ms. Hernandez discussed the participation rates for the programs.

Director McKinney noted that staff anticipated that the revenue generated for the classes would be over the projected amount for the year.

East Valley Community Center (EVCC) & Aquatics Programs – James Stone and Washington Park Pools

Micaela Doucette, Recreation Supervisor, introduced herself and provided an overview of the activities at the East Valley Community Center and Aquatics Programs as outlined in the staff report.

Commissioner Jose Garcia and Ms. Doucette discussed the participation rates for the East Valley Community Center.

Commissioner DeFrain asked if the high schools were renting out the pools. Ms. Doucette replied in the affirmative.

Discussion ensued regarding the participation rate for the April Pools Day.

Escondido Sports Center – (ESC) at Kit Carson Park

Manager Williams introduced herself and then provided an overview of the activities at the Escondido Sports Center at Kit Carson Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the snack bar concession contracts. Additional discussion ensued regarding the participation rate and permitting process for 5k events.

Youth Programs

Robert Rhoades, Recreation Supervisor, introduced himself and then provided an overview of the Youth Programs.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the schools and participation rate for the ASES program. Additional discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the operations for the drop-in program and the history behind providers of the drop-in programs.

Youth & Adult Sports

Patrick Martinez, Recreation Supervisor, introduced himself and provided an overview of the Youth and Adult Sports Programs.

Commissioner Bologna and staff discussed the plans for the Escondido National Little League event.

Director McKinney thanked staff for a job well done.

Commissioner Lopez and staff discussed the concept of allowing food trucks for youth and adult sporting events.

Chairman Simonson thanked staff for their work regarding the Ryan Park parking and circulation issues from the previous year.

3. OLDER ADULT SERVICES UPDATE WINTER 2015 – SPRING 2016:

Manager Williams provided the update and requested input on what? I don't remember this "input" request.

Commissioner Lopez asked if transportation was available for 55 plus communities. Manager Williams noted that the County had a grant program that provided transportation to the Senior Center for the purpose of utilizing the services and programs as well as the nutrition program.

Commissioner Lopez asked if the Senior Center had an Ombudsman program. Ms. Williams replied in the negative but noted that the Senior Center was a resource for various programs, including the Ombudsman program.

Manager Williams noted that on May 7th the *Senior, Senior Prom* would be held at the Senior Center from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

4. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Director McKinney provided an overview of the funding sources for capital projects and gave a status report on each active project.

Commissioner Bologna commented on the Padre Legacy Project. He also felt that Washington Park would be a great place for a BMX track.

Commissioner Jose Garcia commented that the tennis courts at Washington Park were rarely used.

5. MISSION, VISION, VALUES STATEMENTS

Director McKinney referenced the staff report and noted that staff's and the Commission's final selections were identical. She then provided an overview of the Mission, Vision and Values statements as outlined in the staff report.

6. REQUEST TO CHANGE START TIME OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

By request of the Commission to change the start time of all future Community Services Commission meetings at the January 28, 2016 meeting and as a follow-up to the request, Director McKinney, noted that there were no restrictions on the potential meeting times, noting that the Council Chambers were available every fourth Thursday with the exception of this July. She then suggested that the July meeting might be a good time to conduct a facility tour for Commission members.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Jose Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Inscoe, to change the regular meeting time to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director McKinney noted that per the request via the City Clerk, ethics training for all Commissioners is due by August 22. She then referenced the new Commissioner Handbooks and noted that she would be reviewing the particulars of the handbook with the Commissioners at the October meeting.

She noted that City Council had a preliminary review of the City's General Fund and Special Fund budgets, noting that the Community Services Administration budget would be merged with the Recreation budget beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Jose Garcia thanked staff for improving services for the residents with a tight budget. He encouraged getting the word out to the Hispanic speaking residents in the Washington Park area in order to encourage more participation and offered his assistance.

Commissioner DeFrain thanked staff for their efforts

Commissioner Israel thanked staff for their hard work as well as their participation in the "Peace Begins with Me" in the park event. She then questioned what the status was for recognizing high school students at a City Council meeting, noting this had been discussed at a previous Commission meeting. Director McKinney noted that the logistics did not work out.

Chairman Simonson welcomed the new Commissioners and thanked staff for their presentations. He also noted that one of the issues for recognizing high school seniors was that the high school did not identify them until the day before graduations.

Commissioner Bologna thanked staff for a job well done, also welcomed the new Commissioners, and noted that he looked forward to what was happening in the City.

Commissioner Lopez noted that it was honor to be a Commissioner and thanked staff for the staff reports and commented that she looks forward to giving back to the City.


Commissioner Stephens noted that it was honor to be a Commissioner and thanked staff for a job well done.

Commissioner Inscoe thanked staff for the presentations and looks forward to learning more about the Community Services programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.


Loretta McKinney, Director of
Library and Community Services


Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk