

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Ponderosa Park Family Resource Center, 320 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim, California

August 28, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Lynn Cudd, Chairman
Nichole Rupp, Vice Chairman
Manager
Ryan Balius
James Cook
John Elwell
Craig Farrow

STAFF PRESENT:

Larry Pasco, Director
Sjany Larson-Cash, Community Services

Pamela Galera, Parks Manager
Eleanor Granflor - Sr. Secretary

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Yogesh Shah

AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN

1. **CALL TO ORDER** : Chairman Cudd called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** : Vice Chairman Rupp led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** : Eddie Burciaga, advocate for programs of teens and youth, provided a brief background of his involvement with Higher Ground Youth and Family Services and Little League.
4. **SCHEDULED COMMUNICATION** : None.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** : Chairman Cudd presented the July 24, 2019 Minutes to the Commissioners for changes or corrections. Commissioner Elwell made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Balius. The motion was approved with 6 ayes; Chairman Cudd accepted the minutes.
6. **REPORTS**
 - a) **Recreation, Human and Neighborhood Services Activity Report - June/July**: Sjany Larson-Cash presented the report and highlighted the various summer programs that took place including Ramp N' Roll Program, Day Camps, TeenVenture, sports programs held at East Anaheim Gymnasium, Concerts in the Canyon, Disney Summer Movies in the Park, "Summer Nights Under the Stars" at Pearson Park Amphitheatre, the VolunTEEN Program, Aquatics Swim Programs at Pearson Park Pool and Canyon High School Pool, Active Older Adult Programs, Family Movie Night at Downtown Anaheim Community Center, activities held at Ponderosa Park Family Resource Center and Gymnasium, activities at Miraloma Park Family Resource Center, and with the Project S.A.Y. Program. Sjany Larson-Cash answered questions regarding the Fall Festival and Halloween Parade and the Aquatics program.
 - b) **Park Ranger Report - July**: Sjany Larson-Cash presented the report and highlighted the increase in the number of patrols, patrons and public contacts made by Park Rangers during the park patrols since last month, as well as the reason for the slight decrease of patrols. Sjany also reported that Park Rangers started a new patrol strategy in July in efforts to increase opportunities to engage with the public and highlighted the new section in the report titled "Coyotes" for tracking purposes. Sjany Larson-Cash answered questions regarding the Park Ranger Study, the decrease in patrols, and how number of patrons are counted.

- c) Parks Capital Project Progress Report: Pamela Galera presented the report and highlighted the Downtown Green Space near City Hall which will be named Center Greens and KaBOOM! Build Day at Julianna Park. Pamela answered questions regarding the Maxwell Dog Park.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Consideration of Master Plan for the Expansion of the Higher Ground Youth and Family Services Facility at Lincoln Park: Pamela Galera introduced Joe Baldo, Founder of the Higher Ground Youth and Family Services, Inc., which is based out of Lincoln Park. Joe Baldo provided an overview of how the program began, the services currently offered through the program, the layout of facility, and the community partnerships. Geraldine Densmore provided background on the services provided in the current modulars and Joe Baldo provided background on the services provided in the proposed modulars. A discussion was held between the Commission, Joe Baldo, Geraldine Densmore, and City staff regarding human trafficking prevention, the current and proposed parking lot, the approval from other departments for new modulars and parking, field configuration, and City programming held at Lincoln Park.

Commissioner Balius made a motion to consider and support the Master Plan for the Expansion of the Higher Ground Youth and Family Services Facility at Lincoln Park, seconded by Commissioner Cook. The motion was voted in favor unanimously; Chair Cudd accepted the motion.

- 9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** : Sjany Larson-Cash reported the December Commission meeting will be held at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

Commissioner Balius requested for a status on the trip taken to Tempe, Arizona by City staff to tour and learn about the river. Pamela Galera stated staff is looking into a vision for the Santa Ana River, north of Ball Road and south of Orangewood Avenue, to possibly create more connectivity and open spaces in the future.

- 10. **ADJOURNMENT** : Chairman Cudd adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.