CITY OF FULLERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FINAL MINUTES

City Council Chamber 303 W Commonwealth Avenue Monday October 12, 2020 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Macias called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Savage led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Enrique Macias, Commissioner Michael Savage, and Commissioner Ayesha Hussaini

Absent: Chair Erik Wehn, Commissioner Gretchen Cox

Staff: Director Hugo Curiel, Parks Project Specialist Douglas Pickard, Supervisor John Powers, Supervisor Cori Lantz, Supervisor Ricardo Veloz, Administrative Assistant Miriam Mejia

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Jenson Hallstrom
 - Mr. Hallstrom shared information about the Bastanchury Tree Farm. Would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider agendizing an item to discuss a recommendation for Council to rescind their decision to declare the land as surplus.
- 2. Jane Reifer
 - Ms. Reifer sent in an email to be read during Public Comment regarding the Bastanchury Tree Farm. Ms. Reifer provided information about the use of the land and actions taken by City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 and 2)

- MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JULY
- 2. PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2020

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to approve the consent items SECONDED by Commissioner Hussaini.

VOTE:

AYES: Vice Chair Macias, Commissioner Hussaini, Commissioner Savage

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Chair Wehn, Commissioner Cox

The MOTION PASSED 3-0

REGULAR BUSINESS (Item 3)

3. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Parks Project Specialist Pickard gave a PowerPoint presentation giving the Commissioners a Department update.

City parks and trails are and have been open for passive uses throughout COVID closures. Playgrounds are now officially open for use. Signage has been posted making users aware that the structures are not being sanitized and to use at their own risk.

Fullerton Museum Center has reduced its staff and is only open during the Thursday Farmers Market.

Neighborhood Centers have remained closed offering limited services, but After School programing will begin next week after the elementary schools opening this week.

Youth sports are allowed to practice but not run games.

Projects in construction are Hillcrest Park Duck Pond, Rolling Hills Park and Pearl Park. Pacific Drive Park is in the planning stages with plans to break ground in spring of 2021. The Korean War Memorial is in the planning design stage. Laguna Lake is undergoing ADA improvements. Playground replacements at Hillcrest Park and Sports Complex will both be completed by end of this year or early next year.

Supervisor Lantz reviewed programs being offered at the Fullerton Community Center. Senior services include food services such as food delivery, grocery distribution and the Feed Fullerton program, emergency preparedness, wellness calls, activity packets and

walking tours of the City. Supervisor Lantz played a video illustrating the different services being offered.

Director Curiel: Thanked Parks and Recreation staff for all of their efforts and being able to restructure and organize the Department and being able to reach our community during COVID.

Vice Chair Macias: Is the department looking for more grants to fund Feed Fullerton? Supervisor Lantz: The Department does look into grants but this is a CDBG funded program. These funds were used to address essential needs during these challenging times.

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to receive and file the Parks and Recreation Update, SECONDED by Commissioner Hussaini.

AYES: Vice Chair Macias, Commissioner Hussaini, Commissioner Savage

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Chair Wehn, Commissioner Cox

The MOTION PASSED 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED.

DIRECTORS UPDATE

Parks Project Specialist Pickard is retiring and this is his last Commission meeting he will be a part of. Doug has provided much value to the Department and the City and he will be missed.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Savage thanked the Department and asked if it is necessary to agendize the Bastanchury item that was brought up during public comment.

Director Curiel communicated that City Council has directed Community Development to bring back an item to Council to address the specific concerns related to the Bastanchury Tree Farm property.

Commissioner Hussaini also thanked the Department for all the programs that have been put together and for sharing the video.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Macias MADE A MOTION second Commissioner Hussaini to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Director Curiel, Secretary