

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission*  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
*July 12, 2012*

1. CALL TO ORDER - At 7:02 Chair Nixon called the meeting to order
2. FLAG SALUTE - by Vice Chair Cypert  
ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary;  
Present: Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cypert, and Secretary Santana.  
Absent: Commissioners Hicklin and Monroy  
Staff: Director Adams, Parks Supt. Massey, Recreation Supv. Davila
3. REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana
4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2012 & MAY 10, 2012 - M/S/C:  
Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

M/S/C: Vice Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to approve Consent Calendar Items 5 through 8

9. PUBLIC COMMENT - Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident, spoke on the JAA's basketball sign-ups; so far has a waiting list of 62 children

PRESENTATIONS - None

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

10. REVIEW OF STATE STREET PARK DESIGNS WITH DAVID VOLZ DESIGNS (DVD)

Recommended motion: Approve the proposed concept plan and direct staff to work with the architect to prepare construction documents according to the presented concept.

Director Adams reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.

Recognized: Virginia Johnson, South Gate resident - feels the diagonal parking should be reconsidered; has noticed that Council does not like to create speed bumps for traffic control; and wanted to know if the money for the project includes monies for maintenance.

Director Adams explained the reason for the diagonal parking and explained that the project monies don't include provisions for maintenance, but Council has approved an additional grounds worker and equipment.

M/S/C: Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to approve the proposed concept plan and direct staff to keep working with DVD Designs in order to present it to Council and if there are any changes to bring it back to the Commission

11. REVIEW OF LOCATION FOR DOG PARK

Recommended motion: Provide staff with direction related to the proposed location of the dog park.

Director Adams reviewed the proposed locations of the park; a discussion ensued.

Recognized: Virginia Johnson, South Gate resident - stated that the Parks Commission Agenda wasn't on the website - staff will look into the matter. Would like the dog park be built at Hollydale Regional Park.

Vice Chair Cypert thinks Hollydale Regional Park is a good choice and would like some dog training offered. Secretary Santana stated that she has spoken with some residents and agrees that South Gate Park is not a good location; would like some feedback on security at that location; Director Adams explained the security and staffing issues. He feels that there is enough activity there that it will be a relatively safe area.

M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Vice Chair Cypert to take to Council the recommendation that the dog park be build at Hollydale Regional Park.

## 12. HALLOWEEN HAUNTS UPDATE

Recommended motion: Motion to approve the proposed activities.

Director Adams reviewed this item, asked for the support of the Commission to combine the SG Young Professional's Halloween event with the City's. They would charge a nominal fee to enter the haunted houses but not to the event.

Vice Chair Cypert agreed as long as there isn't an admission charge, it's ok to charge for the mazes and food, but are some of the games going to be free? Director Adams stated that the City's elements will stay the same.

Chair Nixon asked why six food trucks, Secretary Santana stated that she felt that two would be enough, and people would gravitate towards the less expensive vendors.

M/S/C: Vice Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to approve the proposed activities.

## 13. DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Director Adams: Saturday there will be a two volunteer work parties one at Hollydale Regional Park in preparation for the park improvements from Amigos de los Rios; the second is at the old courthouse to clean it out to use it for community resources. July 21 is the ribbon cutting for the Fitness Center. Also on the 21<sup>st</sup> the Transit Authority will hold a public workshop related to a future train station at Atlantic and Firestone. On July 28, there will be a Bicycle Transportation Plan workshop. Sorry to inform the Commission that long time Boy Scout leader, Marion Sarmiento passed away yesterday. The Fourth of July turnout was very low during the day, but by 7pm, the park was packed, with so many people that it was impossible to estimate the attendance, even though the some police officers saying 40,000. Chair Nixon asked how much money the carnival brought in; Director Adams responded that they didn't have much attendance on the other days but on the 4<sup>th</sup> they were packed. They did bring in enough money to almost cover the expenses of the fireworks show.

Parks Supt. Massey: Nothing to report

Paulita Davila, Recreation Supervisor: There are two more Concerts in the Park, which are held on Thursdays at the new Bandstand; after that the Movies in the Park will begin and they were moved to Fridays since the schools have started early this year. All classes are doing well Tot Time and Tiny Twos are all filled, all senior trips for the summer are sold out; JAA baseball begins on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### 14. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Cypert: the new Fitness Center looks great, always sees Recreation Coordinator Markel signing people up, Fourth of July went well

Secretary Santana: was able to get three veterans to speak about the Declaration of Independence and on being patriotic. The crowds were small, but thought it went well. Collected 19 pieces of art for the We Love South Gate campaign logo contest. Asked if announcements could be emailed instead of being notified at the Commission Meetings. Director Adams stated that email notifications will be sent, and also said that the Friends of South Gate Parks has a Facebook page with 50 friends. Asked if Recreation Coordinator Markel will be held to the number since he got started late; Director Adams replied yes, but he doesn't see James having any problems in meeting those goals, since membership has gone up by 33%.

Chair Nixon: spent the Fourth of July at home. The senior dance group performed at Downey's Senior Follies; they were very well received.

#### 15. REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident; would like to know how many reported leashed-dog bites there were and how many reported citations for impeding traffic were given to joggers. Director Adams stated that he will have to get that information from the police department. Currently joggers are not being cited, but he is talking with the PD to work something out.

16. ADJOURNMENT - At 9:17 p.m. Chair Nixon called for a motion to adjourn; M/S/C: Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana

Respectfully submitted:

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Evette Santana, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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