

*South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission*  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
*September 13, 2012*

CALL TO ORDER - At 7:00 p.m., Chair Nixon called the meeting to order

FLAG SALUTE - by Commissioner Monroy

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary;

Present: Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cypert, Secretary Santana, Commissioner Monroy

Absent: Commissioner Hicklin

Staff: Director Adams, Parks Supt. Massey, Recreation Supt. Costley

REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Chair Cypert

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Chair Cypert to approve Consent Calendar

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident, informed the Commission about volunteer field worker Javier Verdugo's daughter passing away Tuesday night.

5. PRESENTATIONS - None

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

COMMISSIONER HICKLIN ARRIVED DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING

6. REVIEW OF ANNUAL HSA REPORT

Recommended motion: To receive and file. Director Adams stated that they were to have a representative present. M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Vice Chair Cypert to accept the recommended motion

Chair Nixon stated she read the report and was impressed with it.

Secretary Santana asked if we have any input as to the services they provide. Director Adams replied we can make request, but since most of their funding is from grants, we have limited say. Secretary Santana asked if the reported job fair was their first, Director Adams replied he believes it was. She asked if the Parks has hosted any job fairs; Director Adams stated that they have been held in park venues, but not hosted by the Parks. A discussion ensued

7. REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2011/12 FEE WAIVERS

Recommended motion: Motion to forward this report to the City Council; M/S/C: Vice Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to accept the recommended motion

Director Adams reviewed this item.

Vice Chair Cypert asked if the Downey High School softball tournament fee waiver of \$6,930; is for the entire tournament or did they pay a portion of it. Recreation Supt. Costley explained

they use four diamonds on two weekends and a Monday play-off, and he doesn't believe the amount is correct, and they do pay for staff cost.

#### 8. REVIEW OF 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORT

Recommended motion: Motion to receive and file; M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Commissioner Hicklin to accept the recommended motion

Director Adams reviewed this item.

Secretary Santana stated that Tumbling class is not in the report; staff explained that it was an oversight, but will make sure to correct the next report.

Commissioner Hicklin asked what the number 43,800,000 represents; Parks Supt. Massey explained that is the total of square footage of the facilities times the amount of times they are cleaned for the fiscal year. Director Adams stated that qualifying some of the parks work by square footage is a difficult task.

Vice Chair Cypert asked about the item that states that seven of the ten fields have been renovated; Parks Supt. Massey explained what is done. Another item states that fields have been deep-dragged, and states 90 of 120 were done, but doesn't believe they have been done in two years. Parks Supt. Massey explained that they have been done and Grounds Supervisor Alejandro has been overseeing the renovations. A discussion ensued.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident; stated that she hasn't notice any difference in the fields in over two years, bases are crooked, the lift from the infield to the outfield on diamonds 6, 7, 9, and 10 has a difference of three inches. Parks Supt. Massey replied that they are back at that point again; Recreation Supt. Costley stated that diamond 9 was closed for two months for renovations. A discussion ensued.

Secretary Santana asked if staff could report back when renovations are being done. Director Adams suggested that Parks Supt. Massey do a report each month of the major work and accomplishments done in his division for the Commission. Also, have grounds staff meet with the primary users and volunteers of the fields and take a look at what staff is focusing on and make sure that staff focuses on the needs of the groups.

#### 9. REVIEW OF NEW PROGRAMS FOR FALL QUARTER

Recommended motion: Motion to receive and file; M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Vice Chair Cypert to accept the recommended motion

Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed this item. The new Fitness Center has brought in over 700 new members. It has been very well received by the residents and has surpassed expectations. A discussion ensued.

#### 10. EVALUATION OF 2012 FOURTH OF JULY EVENT

Recommended motion: Motion to receive and file; M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Vice Chair Cypert to accept the recommended motion

#### 11. REVIEW OF AZALEA FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

Recommended motion: Motion to approve proposed changes and recommend to City Council; M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Vice Chair Cypert to accept the recommended motion with the change "that any one that has given service to the community" be included for recognition.

Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed the proposed changes:

- ◆ Honor ALL the residents and others who have given back to the City of South Gate. This would include everyone from youth to seniors with special recognition for those who were nominated and an award for the overall “Volunteer of the Year”
- ◆ Azalea Dinners be moved out of the festival but allowed to continue on a one group per month basis at the Banquet Room.
- ◆ The Azalea Festival become a 4 day event starting on a Thursday and ending on a Sunday.

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

Director Adams: The Commission's recommendation regarding field light usage was taken to Council and approved. Also, a request by a Council Member, to consider special event alcohol use at Parks facilities was denied by Council. Class registration software was upgraded and we will now be able to take credit card payments for the memberships; and soon will be able to take online registrations and in the future take credit card payments in the facilities.

Parks Supt. Massey: The Women's Par 3 Golf Club will be having their annual tournament on Saturday, with an expected attendance of 78.

Recreation Supt. Costley: In testing the new credit card payment system, we have received our first credit card revenue dollar. There will soon be a link from the City's website to an online registration page, via Active Network, that will handle the financial aspects of the credit card payments.

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

Chair Nixon: There is a group of young men using the Monroe street parking lot at Hollydale Regional Park to race. Director Adams stated he is aware of the problem but since Monroe is a street in the park, he is limited to what he can do. He has spoken to the PD for assistance in ticketing the drivers; will have the Rangers do more patrolling. Chair Nixon asked the status of the dog park; Director Adams stated he is currently working on holding a workshop with residents and the architect.

Vice Chair Cypert: Suggested a link to the Friends of SG Parks Facebook page so people can donate money for special events. Asked if PayPal is an option on the online registration, Recreation Supt. Costley replied no, because Active Network works the same as PayPal/

Secretary Santana: Working on a couple of projects, the first is the Deferred Action for Dreamers workshop to be held tomorrow at SG Park Auditorium. The second is a Career and Education Resource Fair on October 6 at Azalea Academy Charter School, working with group named SG Civic Coalition, on how to make college affordable, also mock interviews, etc., so far 16 vendors will be attending.

Commissioner Hicklin: Noticed a lot of dogs at the park, but not enough signs. Director Adams replied that Parks Supt. Massey is working with Public Works replace some of the signs that were lost during the park infrastructure project; will speak with Park Rangers to do more patrolling. Parks Supt. Massey stated that a new Park Ranger will soon be working.

Commissioner Monroy: Nothing to report

## 14. REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Nixon requested a report on the status of the dog park

15. ADJOURNMENT - At 9:30 p.m.; Chair Nixon called for a motion to adjourn; M/S/C: Vice Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

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Evette Santana, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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