

South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Barron called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE - by Commissioner Montalvo

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

Present: Chair Joshua Barron, Secretary Jennifer Cypert and Commissioners Alan Flores, Roberto Montalvo, and Adolfo Varas

Staff: Interim Director Steve Costley, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey and Acting Recreation Superintendent Ian Kokot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes of Special Meeting of February 11, 2021

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Commissioner Varas/Commissioner Montalvo; it was a unanimous roll call vote

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daisy Prieto, from Family Health Care Center of Greater LA thanked Interim Director Costley, Chair Varas and Recreation Specialist Gonzalez, for their assistance on her being able to hold a Covid vaccine event at SG Park. Chair Barron asked for the flyer to be emailed to the Commissioners.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

1. REORGANIZATION

Recommended Motion: The Commission must nominate and approve a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the coming year.

Interim Director Costley explained this item.

M/S/C: Secretary Cypert/Commissioner Flores nominated Adolfo Varas as Chair; a roll call vote four in favor and a no from Commissioner Montalvo

M/S/C: Secretary Cypert/Chair Varas nominated Alan Flores for Vice Chair; a roll call vote was unanimous

M/S/C: Vice Chair Flores/Secretary Cypert nominated Commissioner Barron as Secretary; a roll call vote was unanimous

2. RECREATION PROGRAM 3rd QUARTER REPORT

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Commissioner Montalvo/ Secretary Barron; it was a unanimous roll call vote

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot introduced this item.

Commissioner Cypert asked if staff will continue the online classes; Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot said staff is looking into it. Vice Chair Flores asked how Partner Organizations are reporting Covid protocols, tracking Covid cases; Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot stated that he's having Zoom meetings with them, and they have submitted their protocol procedures and they are self-policing. Chair Varas stated he would donate 25 thermometers to the Parks Partner Organizations. A discussion ensued.

Recognized: Luz Ruiz, stated she's happy to see things opening back up at the park.

Recognized: Cynthia Esquivel, thank you to staff for their help in their reopening, coaches are taking online Covid protocol test, but they are constantly changing.

3. GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE 3RD QUARTER REPORT

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Commissioner Montalvo/Secretary Barron; it was a unanimous roll call vote

Parks Supt. Massey reviewed this item.

Recognized: Luz Ruiz, thank you for the upgrades to the basketball nets and she's hoping for bigger trees

Recognized: Cynthia Esquivel, thank you to Paul Adams for building a dog park in Hollydale Regional Park; would like to see a dog park in or near SG Park

Commissioner Montalvo stated that if it's cost effective a dog park in SG Park is a good idea

Secretary Barron asked what's the process to identify trees for removal; Parks Supt. Massey explained the procedures. Commissioner Cypert complimented the plants around the Sports Center and the Pool

4. GOALS & PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR FY 2021/22

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Commissioner Montalvo/Commissioner Cypert; it was a unanimous roll call vote

This item review by Interim Director Costley. A discussion ensued.

Secretary Barron stated he's looking forward to drive in concerts; asked how memberships were handled due to the pandemic, Interim Director Costley replied that everyone was given a refund and automatic billing was suspended, recent classes were free, there are plans for outside classes, the weights are spread inside the gym. Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot stated staff are waiting for June 15 to see what the clearances from the CDC are. Secretary Barron is glad the Golf Course reopened, asked when's the last tee time.

5. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FY 2021/22

Recommended Motion: Receive and file.

M/S/C: Secretary Barron/Commissioner Montalvo; it was a unanimous roll call vote

Interim Director Costley explained this item, a discussion ensued.

6. PROPOSAL OF MEMORIAL WORDING ON BASEBALL MURAL FOR JOSE "JOJO" GOMEZ

Recommended Motion: To receive and provide direction

M/S/C: Commissioner Cypert/Vice Chair Flores; it was a unanimous roll call vote

Recognized: Cynthia Esquivel, spoke of the dedication and years of service of Mr. Gomez to the JAA organization and especially to the children.

Recognized: Martha Gomez, wife of Mr. Gomez expressed her thanks that this is being done for her husband; he was very dedicated to the JAA and youth of South Gate.

Recognized: Candice Esquivel, told how Mr. Gomez was also behind the scenes, helping players Chair Varas expressed his condolences. Commissioner Montalvo asked if the City will pick up the cost. Commissioners Cypert, Flores, and Barron stated they would be willing to donate if necessary.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Interim Director Costley: The new brochure for Summer will be out soon; will be going on vacation June 3-21, Parks Supt. Massey, and Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot will be in charge.

Parks Supt. Massey: Nothing to report

Acting Recreation Supt. Kokot: On Saturday the Swim Stadium will be doing a water safety class, residents can register online. Due to Covid restrictions the Memorial Day Ceremony will be a live-streamed event. Kaderick Burns, Recreation Coordinator at the GCH, is moving to a supervisory position in Texas; he's been with us for 14 years. Andres Gonzalez, Recreation Specialist from the Sports Center is also leaving he employed for eight months.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

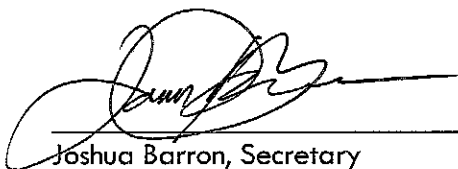
Secretary Barron: Thank you to Director Costley for the food drive; good to see people coming back to the park; has noticed a strong smell of marijuana at the Skate Park; the JAA reached out to all 400 kids that had signed up for the baseball season of 2020, only two asked for a refund; Boy Scout huts have blue tarps on the roof, Interim Director Costley explained that Public Works will be moving forward to fix the problems; have received CDBG monies for improvements. There's graffiti at the backstops.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Commissioner Montalvo asked for a report on a future date regarding a dog park at SG Park

ADJOURNMENT - At 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Joshua Barron, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission