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MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF COACHELLA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 17, 2023
4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Coachella was called to order at 4:52 p.m. by Chair Avila.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Avila.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice Chair Granados Jr, Chair Avila, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Ayala.

Commissioner Caballero on Zoom

Absent: Commissioner Gallegos

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“At this time the Commission may announce any items being pulled from the agenda or continued to another date or request the moving of an item on the agenda.”

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Commissioner Hernandez

Seconded by: Chair Avila

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Vice Chair Granados Jr, Chair Avila, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Ayala

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Caballero

ABSENT: Commissioner Gallegos

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023, of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Motion: To approve the Minutes.

Made by: Commissioner Hernandez

Seconded by: Vice Chair Granados Jr

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Vice Chair Granados Jr, Chair Avila, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Ayala

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Caballero

ABSENT: Commissioner Gallegos

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Bagdouma Park Improvements Update

3. Bagdouma Park Field 4 Field Use

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

“The public may address the Commission on any item of interest to the public that is not on the agenda, but is within the subject matter jurisdiction thereof. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.”

Ricardo Valencia is concerned with a soccer team coming from another city to play in Coachella fields. He asked for better maintenance on the fields regarding cutting of the grass and water issues on field 3.

Alma Aceves is concerned that the two leagues can work together for the community and be equal. She is pleased that the bathrooms will be remodeled.

Manuel Montano is concerned that Rancho Las Flores only has room for three fields and is asking for one field in Bagdouma. They need to work together as a community, not as different leagues.

Marcos Zamudio is concerned with getting one more field for his organization. Possibly work something out with the community days so the leagues can use the fields to play.

Eduardo Ortega is concerned about Rancho Los Flores Agave trees along the perimeter of the park. Many balls have been damaged due to the thorns, and they are concerned with kids running around the trees. He would like to see the Agave trees removed for safety issues. Rancho Las Flores only fits three fields, and the league is going, and they need more fields.

Jorge Sanchez is concerned not to forget about the adult soccer leagues. He understands the need for kids to play sports, but adults like to play soccer. He commented about not allowing teams outside the City limits until

all leagues have enough soccer fields to accommodate every league. League needs to work with what they can fit in the parks, not just everyone that comes out to play.

Robert Caballero sees the League has many challenges and loves to see that the City has a plan for the next two years or so, but would like to see it sooner. He hopes all the leagues communicate and try and work together for the community.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Commissioner Comments

Chair Avila wants to see more soccer fields since this has been a big issue for many years. Adults in the leagues need to work together and come to an agreement. If not, the fields will need to be assigned. He would like the grass-cutting schedule to be an update on the new park that will be built. He requested that staff clean the restrooms at the parks more often and keep them maintained on a regular basis. Maybe it could deter the homeless.

Commissioner Hernandez is concerned about how to regulate the use of each field. The leagues have voices that they are willing to work together, so she will want to see it happen. She had maintenance concerns and would like them addressed to see if the mowers can be lowered.

Vice Chair Granados Jr. Was glad to hear that both leagues are willing to work together and would like to see it happen. He would like to find a resolution so all leagues can play comfortably.

Commission Ayala would like to see all the league leaders come together before staff and commissioners get involved.

Public Works Director's Comments

Public Works Director Martinez is willing to meet with all the leagues to work together on figuring out how all teams can play. Reminder on the Commission taking the Brown Act training. The Tacos, Tequilas, and Chavelas event is this weekend if anyone wants to come out. With a purchase of a ticket, they can try 12 tacos. November 2nd is the Dia de Los Muertos run. The Block party is on November 5. November 11th is the Veterans Breakfast at Veterans Park and Synergy at Dateland Park. The Holiday Parade event application will be up on the website this week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Avila adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk