

Unofficial Minutes of the Library & Community Service Commission

Meeting was held on August 9, 2023

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tafoya at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Camacho
Commissioner Chaidez
Commissioner Gutierrez-Garcia
Commissioner Tafoya

Absent:

Commissioner De La Rosa
Commissioner Fong
Commissioner Martinez

Staff:

Jose Arreola, Community Safety Administrator
Mila Rianto, Deputy Librarian
Ernesto Lizaola, Community Education Manager
Vivian Salinas, Community Services Manager
Ana Ambriz, Recreation-Park Superintendent
Kristan Lundquist, LCS Director
Patricia Meraz, Administrative Secretary

C. INTRODUCTION

Kristan Lundquist introduced Vicky Sargent as our new Management Analyst, Vivian Salinas introduced new employees Irma Hernandez and Monica Cabrera; and Mila Rianto introduced Katelyn Meyer and Chuck Scurrah.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denisse Hernandez gave updated information on FOSPL.

E. CONSIDERATION

1. Approval of nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez-Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tafoya, to approve nomination of Commissioner Gutierrez-Garcia as Chair of LCS Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Tafoya, seconded by Commissioner Camacho, to approve nomination of Commissioner Tafoya as Vice Chair of LCS Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from June 14th, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Tafoya, seconded by Commissioner Camacho to approve minutes of June 14, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Brown Act Presentation

Chris Callihan, City Attorney, gave an overview of 5 municipal codes. This included the brown act set-up by California laws. He recommended we use Roberts Rules for Dummies when commissioners have any questions. General rule is "Treat each other with respect". He also mentioned when looking at social media, do not like or comment on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Plan Update

Ana Ambriz, Rec-Park Superintendent, gave a background of master plan from fall of 2016. In her presentation information was given about capital improvement plan by top 5 projects per ranking. Updates on Closter Park Revitalization Project, Natividad Creek Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project, Cesar Chavez Project, Hebbbron Family Center Reconstruction, Firehouse & Closter Park ADA Restroom Improvements and Library Improvements were given. Total projects are approximately 30 million dollars and must be completed by the end of 2025. Next step in development of a new recreation center in District 5 is to have a visibility study done.

Summer Program Recap

Ernesto Lizaola, Community Education Manager, presented the 9-week Summer Program at the Libraries. Summer programs include in-person programs, live performers, and summer reading challenge. Our staff tries to have diverse programs. This year we had 130 summer programs.

Jose Arreola, Community Safety Administrator, spoke about Youth and Government Institute that ran through the month of July. There were 33 participants. They do hire back participants as interns for their next session. They learn about the different departments within the City. This group in particular was very interested in learning about housing as it also affects them and their families. He also mentioned their Amor Salinas Community Service Camp that had 28 participants with a total of 536 volunteer hours.

Vivian Salinas, Community Services Manager, described the 8-week Summer Fun at the Rec program. Each week there was a theme. Various hours at the 5 locations along with many activities. Recreation centers served 3,735 lunch and snack to children during this time. Youth were in Kiddie Kapers Parade and taken to California Rodeo. Summer sports had clinics and summer hoops. July was Park and Recreation month with several activities including Treat Friday. Disc Golf Clinics was also part of our summer program.

H. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioners expressed appreciation and mentioning what an incredible job the staff had done for this year's summer programming. They would like YAGI to have a larger group for next year. Commission Tafoya mentioned the next meeting for Alisal Vibrancy Plan on August 17th they will be discussing design. Meeting at 618 Sherwood Drive.

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kristan Lundquist notified the commission that Ernesto Lizaola and Trisha Meraz would be leaving the library.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.