

**Unofficial Minutes of the Library and Community Services Commission
Meeting was held on August 11, 2021**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair Fong at 6:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Albert Fong
Commissioner Lizbeth Camacho
Commissioner Gloria De La Rosa
Commissioner Lupe Lizaola
Commissioner Joey Martinez
Commissioner Emily Ramirez

Absent:

Commissioner Ernesto Yzquierdo

Staff:

Kristan Lundquist, Director Library and Community Services
Mila Rianto, Deputy Librarian
Jose Arreola, Community Safety Administrator
Ernesto Lizaola, Community Education Manager
Vivian Salinas, Community Services Manager
Patricia Meraz, Administrative Secretary

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Anthony Rocha thanked Commissioners for their service, and for attending the meeting in person.

D. CONSENT

Approval Of Minutes for June 9, 2021

MOTION:

Upon motion by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner De La Rosa the minutes of June 8, 2021 were approved. Motion passed unanimously.

E. CONSIDERATIONS

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION:

Upon motion by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Camacho, Commissioner Gloria De La Rosa was nominated to serve as Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lizaola, seconded by Commissioner Martinez Commissioner Lizbeth Camacho was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Summer Programming Presentation

Ernesto Lizaola, Community Education Manager for libraries went over the summer reading program that included weekly take-home kits, graphic novel contest, Storytime at the park, nutritional education series for kids, intro to coding with Ozobots, art exploration, build challenge with the Tech, kinder boot camp, and on-demand virtual summer adventures.

Vivian Salinas, Community Services Manager for Recreation outlined the outdoor recreation activities, summer kit distribution, and summer conditioning camps, provided by the Library and Community Services during the summer.

Jose Arreola, Community Safety Manager. Stated that a Community Service Camp was formed in an effort to clean up Salinas, educate, beautify Salinas, and to have allow high school students an opportunity to obtain community services hours.

G. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chair De La Rosa commented on leadership programs for teens and continually working for our community, kids, and families. Everyone is doing a great job. We want everyone to walk our parks, but restrooms need to be available. We also want everyone who comes to Salinas to say we have clean parks and restrooms.

Commissioner Camacho commented on Natividad Creek Park looking amazing and about the consistent clean-ups.

Commissioner Fong talked about tennis courts and tournaments.

Commissioner Martinez spoke about the wine and art festival.

Commissioner Ramirez addressed the lack of sustainable working water fountains at parks.

H. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kristan Lundquist, Library and Community Services Director, stated that she was glad to hear comments on parks. There is presently 18 vacancies and leaving only 6 employees for 48 parks. Next meeting, we will have new faces to introduce. The Hebron Family Center being fenced off due to building problems. We are still doing food bank distributions in the parking lot and outreach to the neighborhood.

Jose Arreola, Community Safety Administrator, stated that the committee for proposition 68 came out to look at Hebron Family Center and Closter Park. Mr. Arreola invited

everyone to the clean-up on Saturday, and to follow us on Instagram. Planning lots of clean-ups for Make a Difference Day in October.

Vivian Salinas, Community Services Manager, talked about soccer registration for Pre-K to second grade.

Ernesto Lizaola said the libraries are preparing for fall programming. Commencing adult literacy and citizenship classes, GED tutoring assistance for adults, afterschool homework centers at Cesar Chavez Library and schools among many other programs.

Mila Riato spoke about service side of library. During the month of August, fees can be waived by participating in Read Away Fines' program. Libraries are opened Monday through Saturday at difference hours and locations. Study rooms have opened and are reserved through our self-serve reservations.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.