



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAWDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 10th, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Harbison called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Members Present: Chairperson Erica Harbison
 Vice Chairperson Daniel Woods
 Commissioner Shirley Rudolph
 Commissioner Christina Carroll
 Commissioner Madonna Sitka

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Estes, Director of Community Services

B. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Rudolph led the commissioners and those in attendance in the flag salute.

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13th, 2020 MINUTES

Commissioner Rudolph made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sitka, to approve the minutes of January 27th, 2020, without corrections.

Motion carries 4-0 (Commissioner Sitka abstain)

D. PRESENTATIONS

None.

E. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

F. ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF

1. 8th Annual Lawndale Blues Festival:

Director Estes reviewed the attached event synopsis and discussed the following new items for the event to the PRSSC: 1) event time is 12:00 p.m.; 2) a warmup band is desired to get the crowd warmed up; 3) Doty's Tacos and Atomic Café have confirmed their participation as food vendors; 4) staff has touched bases with Mitch Maciel of Astromotive Auto and confirmed his

desire to organize and facilitate the car show portion of the event again this year; and 5) SmackDaddy Blues Band, Diana Rein, Shari Puerto Band and Guitar Shorty have all confirmed their participation as bands performing at the festival.

2. Inaugural Lawndale Music Festival:

Director Estes reviewed the attached event synopsis and discussed the entire document with the PRSSC. The details included in the event synopsis are too numerous to include in this report. Bands committed to playing are as follows: Louis Cruz-Beltran Band, Latin/Salsa Band, Skinny Ties, 80's Rock. City staff is still searching for two more bands to play at the event to represent the Jazz and Pop genre'.

3. Potential Expenditure, Inaugural Lawndale Music Festival:

Director Estes summarized the staff report for this item. There was a multitude of comments made and a number of discussions about this item.

Vice Chairperson Harbison made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to approve PRSSC Resolution 1083.20.

Motion carries 3-1-1

(Commissioner Rudolph no; Commissioner Sitka abstain)

4. Potential Expenditure, Senior Tea Party Sponsorship for 2020-21:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that: 1) the existing resolution for senior tea party sponsorship is due to expire following the February event; 2) the existing resolution for \$400.00 was sufficient for this past year; and 3) the average cost for each senior tea party for the past year was approximately \$90.00 per event.

After some discussion, the PRSSC went on record as being unanimous in support and requested a resolution in the amount of \$400.00 to be used to fund four senior tea party events in 2020-21 to be presented to the PRSSC on February 24th..

5. PRSSC Fireworks Stand Fundraising Program:

Director Estes placed this item on the agenda for discussion in case discussion was necessary. There was no discussion regarding this item by the PRSSC members. However, Director Estes reminded the PRSSC that the decision was made at a recent meeting to distribute a Request for Proposal (RFP) to both licensed pyrotechnic vendors to see what each of them are offering the Centinela Valley Union High School District for the property located at the Lawndale High School Performing Arts Center.

There were discussions about an alternate property such as the one used last year at Pep Boys in case the City cannot finalize a deal that favors the PRSSC.

G. PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES UPDATE

6. Water Bottle Filling Station Project:

Director Estes reported the following to the PRSSC: 1) four water bottle filling stations will be installed at two city parks beginning Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.

H. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

7. Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11th, 2020, 10:00 a.m., William Green Park:

This item was added at the request of Commissioner Woods. There were a number of discussions about the golden eggs in each hunting area. Areas of additional focus are as follows: 1) preventing the older children from trampling the plastic eggs; 2) getting overly physical with the younger children; and 3) seeking alternatives for the potential removal of the golden egg from the program entirely.

I. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

8. Lawndale Youth Day Parade Update:

Director Estes reported that there was no report as the meeting was cancelled due to a large number of committee members not being available. The committee will reconvene on Monday, February 24th.

There were a number of discussions about the number of entries, Grand Marshall, LESD Artwork Contest, etc.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Individual Comments from Commissioners:

One commissioner mentioned that he would like the PRSSC to suggest programs that they can sponsor that benefits children, seniors, residents, etc.

There were a number of discussions regarding the use of the money and how it has been used in the past.

Director Estes clarified what the funds can be used for as it pertains to the Lawndale Municipal Code so the PRSSC has a better understanding of what can be funded and what cannot be funded.

One commissioner requested that staff put together a list of programs that the PRSSC can contribute to in the future.

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- 10. 8th Annual Lawndale Blues Festival**
- 11. McKenzie Gardens Volunteer Work Project Update (TBA)**
- 12. Commission Reorganization (March 9th)**
- 13. PRSSC Fireworks Stand Fundraising Program**

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Harbison adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. to a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, February 24th, 2020, at the Lawndale City Hall Council Chamber located at 14717 Burin Avenue.

Erica Harbison, Chairperson

Attest:

Mike Estes, Director of Community Services