



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAWDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Woods called the WebEx hosted virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Daniel Woods, Chairperson
Shirley Rudolph, Commissioner
Madonna Sitka, Commissioner

Members Absent Christina Carroll, Vice Chairperson

Others Present: Mike Estes, Director of Community Services

B. FLAG SALUTE

Chairperson Woods led the commissioners and those in attendance in the flag salute.

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25TH, 2021 MINUTES

Commissioner Rudolph made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Woods, to approve the minutes of January 25th, 2021, as written.

Motion carries 2–0-1 (Commissioner Sitka abstained)

D. PRESENTATIONS

None

E. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None

F. ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF

1. New Term Applications and Appointment Process for 2021-2023:

Director Estes confirmed receipt of new term applications from current members Chairperson Woods, Commissioner Sitka, and Commissioner Rudolph. Vice Chairperson Carroll has not yet submitted her application for a new term; however, one additional application has been received from a new applicant. Commissioner Sitka mentioned that she will likely accept an appointment to the planning commission as discussed with the Mayor. The Mayor will make appointments to all commissions and committees at the February 16th, 2021 City Council meeting.

2. Expansion of Park Hours Beginning Monday, March 1st, 2021:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that consistent with practices in prior years, the Community Services Department plans to expand park hours for the school district-owned and City-owned parks effective Monday, March 1st, 2021. The PRSSC showed support for the decision to expand City-owned park hours, including Rogers/Anderson Park to 6:00 p.m. In addition, hours for the lighted school district-owned parks Jane Addams and William Green parks will expand one hour as well and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. beginning Monday, March 1st.

3. Expansion of Park Hours Beginning Sunday, March 28th:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that park hours will change naturally and expand one additional hour when daylight savings time begins on March 28th. On March 28th, parks hours for City-owned parks and school district-owned Rogers/Anderson Park will expand to 7:00 pm. while park hours for lighted school district-owned parks will expand to 8:00 p.m.

4. PRSSC Fireworks Sales Stand Fundraising Program Update:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that the application for City participation in a potential fireworks sales stand was submitted by the required deadline. City staff has had discussions with representatives from TNT Fireworks (Maria Ortiz), Phantom Fireworks (Morrie Dym), and Centinela Valley Union High School District (Ron Hacker). The PRSSC has cleared the first hurdle by submitting the required application to the City and has been awarded a fireworks sales stand in the case it desires to have a sales stand in 2021. Securing a location for the fireworks sales stand will be the next step in the process. Once appointments of commissioners for the new term take place, the new members will make the decision in regards to whether or not the sales stand will take place in 2021 and where the stand will be located.

5. Lawndale Blues Festival Band Participation Report:

Director Estes reported the scheduled date of the Lawndale Blues Festival as September 11th, 2021. The current City General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 does not include funding for the 2021 blues festival. Therefore, pre-event planning cannot take place until July 1st. when funds will be available to begin event planning. Sadly, one confirmed performer, Diana Rein, has retired from performing and will not be playing at the event in September. However, the Community Services Department still has three bands committed to playing at the event in September.

G. PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES UPDATE

No Items

H. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

No Items

I. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

6. Potential Cancellation of Special Event Programs:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that City staff will be recommending the cancellation of three events scheduled to take place in March and April of 2021 at the March 1st. City Council meeting. The recommendation to cancel such events is due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and California State

Department of Public Health directives and will include the following three events: 1) Youth in Government Day; 2) Easter Egg Hunt; and 3) Youth Day Parade. As well, the fact the students are still participating in distance learning and have not returned to the classrooms contributes to the decision as well.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

7. Individual Comments from Commissioners:

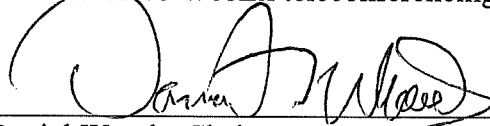
Commissioner Sitka acknowledged staff efforts to place one trash receptacle in the parking lot at William Green Park to prevent litter from being left on the ground. According to Commissioner Sitka, the ongoing letter problem has been reduced as of late.

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, February 22nd, 2021, via the Cisco WebEx teleconferencing platform.



Daniel Woods, Chairperson

Attest:



Mike Estes, Director of Community Services