



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAWDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 22ND, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Reid called the WebEx hosted virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Daniel Reid, Chairperson
Jessica Martinez, Vice Chairperson
Christina Carroll, Commissioner
David Glass, Commissioner
Daniel Woods, Commissioner

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Estes, Director of Community Services

B. FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chairperson Martinez led the commissioners and those in attendance in the flag salute.

C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 8th, 2021 MINUTES

Commissioner Woods made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Reid, to approve the minutes of March 8th, 2021, with no corrections.

Motion carries: 5-0 (Motion Carries Unanimously)

D. PRESENTATIONS

None Scheduled

E. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None

F. ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF

1. PRSSC Fireworks Stand Update:

Director Estes informed the commission on the status the 2021 PRSSC Fireworks stand. The Request for Proposals (RFP) did not garner any responses from pyrotechnic companies TNT or Phantom Fireworks. Neither vendor was able to identify a property in Lawndale that is available. Both vendors have long standing contract commitments with other entities. However, TNT has agreed to make property arrangements and provide product if the PRSSC

is able to secure a property. Prospective property locations mentioned are the vacant lot at Manhattan Beach and Hawthorne boulevards, Lawndale High School Performing Arts Center, Pep Boys parking lot at Hawthorne Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue, 7-11 at Manhattan Beach and Prairie Avenue and 7-11 at Prairie Avenue and W. 147th Street. The PRSSC had concerns about the Pep Boys property used in 2019 such as crime, poor visibility and accessibility concerns as well as night time activities on the boulevard that made a number of commissioners uneasy about that particular property. Several commissioners agreed to look for potential properties and provide feedback at the next regularly scheduled PRSSC meeting.

2. PRSSC Fireworks Trust Fund Account. History of Expenditures:

Director Estes provided a detailed history of actual expenditures by the PRSSC dating back to October 2007. The attached Resolutions for Expenditures Spreadsheet provided to the PRSSC confirms that past PRSSC purchases and donations have been allocated to a number of causes and City sponsored special events such as: Holiday Decorations for Hawthorne Boulevard, Halloween Haunt Special Event Program, Lawndale Care Package Program, LESD Holiday Gift Baskets Programs, Youth Advisory Movie Nights, and other operations in the City that are eligible per the Lawndale Municipal Code (LMC). The current balance in the PRSSC Fireworks Trust Fund account balance following the PRSSC's recent purchase of holiday decorations for the boulevard is approximately \$89,000.

G. PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES UPDATE

No Items

H. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

3. Discussion Pertaining to 2021 Holiday Decorations Program (Chairperson Reid)

The PRSSC discussed holiday decorations for 2021 as requested by Chairperson Reid at the March 8th, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting. Director Estes confirmed that all equipment and supplies purchased for the City's 2020 holiday decorations were purchased by the PRSSC using Fireworks Trust Fund account dollars which totaled approximately \$11,300.00. Since the City has never included funding for any type of Holiday Decorations Program on the boulevard in the General Fund Budget, the PRSSC has traditionally donated funding to the City for this purpose. Director Estes informed the PRSSC that the City lacks the necessary infrastructure to light up the boulevard due to the lack of electrical components on the boulevard, lack of permission from Southern California Edison to install electrical infrastructure and the fact that utility poles on the boulevard are only compatible with 220 volt electrical components versus 110 volt electrical components.

4. Discussion Pertaining to PRSSC Meeting Start Time (Chairperson Reid)

This item, requested by Chairperson Reid at the March 8, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting, gave the new PRSSC members the opportunity to discuss the potential of changing the PRSSC meeting time to 6:30 p.m. as a means to align with meeting times of other City commissions. Due to work schedules of previous PRSSC members, previous bodies chose to leave the meeting time at 7:00 p.m. Due to existing family commitments and existing work obligations for the current PRSSC members, the PRSSC determined that a change in meeting times is not necessary at this time and future PRSSC meeting will remain at 7:00 p.m.

I. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

5. Virtual At-Home Easter Scavenger Hunt

Director Estes reported that at the request of Mayor Pullen-Miles to consider virtual events for recently cancelled special event programs, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will transition into a virtual event for the Lawndale Community. The Virtual At-Home Easter Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for participants 5-12 years of age. The event is being advertised on the cable network, City website, Facebook, and by way of email sent directly to past community event registered members.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Individual Comments from Commissioners:

The PRSSC confirmed the receipt of shared contact information between the Commission members has been received.

Commissioner Glass inquired about the expected date of re-opening and/or potential restart of annual events facilitated at the Community Center.

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

7. Discussion Pertaining to PRSSC Fireworks Stand, if necessary.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Reid adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, April 12th, 2021, via the Cisco WebEx teleconferencing platform.

Daniel Reid, Chairperson

Attest:

Mike Estes, Director of Community Services