



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAWDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 11, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Lin called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260.

Members Present: Vice Chairperson, Ignatius Lin
Commissioner, Daniel Woods
Commissioner, Christina Carroll

Members Absent: Chairperson, Jessica Martinez
Commissioner, Sylvia Chavez

Others Present: Mike Estes, Director of Community Services

B. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Carroll led PRSSC and those in attendance in the flag salute.

C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2022 MINUTES

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Lin.

Motion carries: 2-0-1

(Chairperson Martinez absent; Commissioner Chavez absent; Commissioner Carroll abstention)

D. PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled.

E. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None present.

F. ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF

1. PRSSC Fireworks Stand:

Director Estes reported the following pertaining to the PRSSC Fireworks Stand: 1) thanks to all members for submitting their availability; 2) unfortunately we do not have the oversight resources to have a stand this year; 3) we can regroup for 2023 and try to make it work next year; and 4) thanks to everyone for trying their best to make this happen.

2. Reopening of the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center:

Director Estes reported the following regarding the reopening of the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center: 1) the City plans to open the community center in July once the necessary repairs to vital elements have been completed; 2) senior fitness and recreation classes are now being organized to start in July; 3) we'll potentially have 4 to 6 senior fitness classes and approximately 16 recreation classes; 4) full time staff should return in the fall of 2022; 5) once full-time staff returns and gets settled, the department will have the resources to begin expanding to the levels of service provided prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; 6) at the end of 2022, we'll see the facility reservation program return as well as many other programming elements that have been missing.

3. Harold E. Hofmann Community Center Summer Programming:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that staff is working with the City's contract instructors to bring back the following programs and classes: 1) Martial Arts; 2) Gymnastics; 3) Mexican Folkloric Dance; 4) Performance Dance; and 5) Cooking, in addition to approximately six senior fitness classes. Weekend programming is very unclear right now due to the lack of staff resources; however, may be limited to fitness room and computer lab use. The department is planning for a somewhat soft opening with activity increasing each quarter until prior service levels are reached.

4. Proposition 68 Grant, Recreation Facility Security Camera Replacement Project:

Director Estes took the opportunity to inform the PRSSC that the City has secured funding for this project and reviewed some of the particulars of the project such as: 1) locations; 2) centralized management system; 3) project deadlines; 4) funding amounts and other miscellaneous items.

5. Proposition 68 Grant, Hogan Park Monument Sign Project, Terminus of W. 168th Street:

Director Estes took the opportunity to inform the PRSSC about this project. The City has secured funding for this project in the amount of approximately \$20,000.00. These funds were not anticipated by the City; however, it gives the City an opportunity to initiate another meaningful project that will install a park monument sign at the terminus of W. 167th Street. The monument sign will go inside an existing curbed planter at the western turnaround. This project will improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood and make the park more identifiable.

G. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None

H. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATES

6. Easter Event, Saturday, April 16, 2022. 9:30 am. to 12:30 pm.:

Director Estes reported the following to the PRSSC pertaining to the Easter event; 1) the program will be an actual event with lots of activities taking place within the three-hour event period; 2) the event flyer was provided to the PRSSC as an attachment; 3) the event will be at two locations – William Green and Jane Addams parks; 4) children 3 and below through 7 years old will have egg hunts and age-appropriate activities at William Green Park; 5) youths ages 8 through 17 will have egg hunts and age-appropriate activities at Jane Addams Park; and 6) a face painter, a balloon twister, an Easter bunny, egg hunts and other fun activities will take place at each location.

7. Memorial Day Remembrance, Veteran's Memorial Wall, May 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.:

Director Estes informed the PRSSC that the following planning tasks are in progress: 1) the City has requested a guest speaker from the Los Angeles Air Force Base; 2) the Hawthorne High School Naval JROTC, who will raise the colors and perform the 21-gun salute, will be the event color guard; 3) this will be the first in-person event since May 2019; and 4) staff is working on the event invitations to go before the end of the month.

8. Health, Safety and Pet Fair, June 18, 2022, Jane Addams Park, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

Director Estes informed the PRSSC that this event is a dual planning effort between the Community Services and Municipal Services Departments. This event will provide low cost pet (dogs) vaccinations, licensing services and health and safety elements such as informational booths, healthy snack demonstrations and samples, an obstacle course and other fun activities that are still being considered.

9. Lawndale Blues Festival Band Report:

Director Estes reported to the PRSSC that we now have three bands committed: 1) Guitar Shorty; 2) Steve Riddle Band; and 3) Mark Sells Band. This gives a really strong blues/rock band lineup. We are still looking at securing one more band for a total of four to play at the September event.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Individual Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Woods mentioned vandalism of Adirondack chairs at Rudolph Park and the lack of trash bags at Hopper Park.

Vice Chairperson Lin inquired about missing swings at William Green Park.

Director Estes spoke about the numerous incidents of vandalism within the City and particularly at the parks. The vandalism has extended to the schools in the area as well. The number of incidents involving vandalism/graffiti at the parks, and mostly in restrooms has been excessive.

Director Estes reported that two broken playground elements at Hogan Park, the jumping bean apparatus and the flux capacitor for the climbing cage play apparatus have been recently replaced.

Commissioner Woods requested that staff take a look at the height of the street pole banners on Hawthorne Boulevard. It is suspected that some of them may be too high.

J. ADGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

11. Fall Street Pole Banners, First Draft Review, May 9, 2022

K. ADJOURMENT

Vice Chairperson Lin adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m. to a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, to be held at the City Hall Council Chamber located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260.

Ingnatius Lin, Vice Chairperson

Attest:

Mike Estes, Director of Community Services