

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 26, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review Commission Assignments, review 2012-2013 Staff Reports Calendar, an update on Martin Tudor Splash Park, and an overview of the Community Assistant Program (CAP). Commissioners Espinoza, Quiroga, Rowland, Tigner, and Vaquera were present. Chairperson Goñi was absent.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, July 26, 2012, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Charles Henderson, Relevant Church Inland Empire and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Rowland.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners Espinoza, Quiroga, Rowland, Tigner, and Vaquera

Absent: Chairperson Goñi

Staff: Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson; Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinator Jamie Bumia; Community Services Coordinator Jessica Gandara; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Commissioner Oath of Office:**

Director Nelson explained that in January 2012, the City Council made changes to the Parks and Community Services Commission ordinance. One of the changes was the identification and placement of a Commissioner whose special focus was going to be senior citizen interests and programs. The City Council has selected Karen Coleman as the seventh member of the Parks and Community Services Commission.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis administered the Oath of Office to Karen Coleman who will serve as a Parks and Community Services Commissioner.

Parks and Community Services Commissioner Karen Coleman introduced herself and provided background information on her community involvement in the City of Fontana, most recently as the "Wal-Mart greeter" at the Fontana Community Senior Center. Commissioner Coleman introduced and thanked Fontana School District Board Member Gus Hawthorne for attending tonight's meeting.

Director Nelson thanked Board Member Hawthorne for his community involvement and

support.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Commissioner Coleman.

**Center Stage Theatre 2012-2013 Show Schedule:**

Stargazer and Center Stage Executive Producer Todd Vigiletti provided an update of the Center Stage Theater 2012-2013 Show Schedule which included or includes:

- July 13 and 14, 2012 – Chicano Comedy All Stars
- July 21 through 29, 2012 – Hats the Musical
- September 28 through October 13, 2012 – The Producers
- October 27, 2012 - Mary Wilson of the Supremes
- November 9 and 10, 2012, Dancing Machine Revue, Recreation of Michael Jackson and the Jackson Five
- December 1 through 20, 2012, Holiday Follies
- January 26, 2013 – Malo Concert
- February 7 through 24, 2013 - Happy Days the Musical
- March 9 and 10, 2013 - Murder Mystery Weekend
- March 23, 2013 - El Chicano
- April 13 through June 9, 2013 -, Blue Eyes and His Buddies; and
- A Surprise performance the beginning of June 2013!

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

Community Services Supervisor, Michael Wright, spoke on the Fontana Farmers' Market being held every Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Sierra and Arrow. There are fresh produce, bread, honey, flowers, nuts, dried fruit, and tamales. A video promoting the Fontana Farmers' Market was shared. The following forms of payment are accepted, EBT, credit, and debit.

Commissioner Rowland commented that she enjoys going to enjoy the tamales.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Quiroga, and passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B."

- A. Approve minutes of the June 28, 2012 Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports:
  - Community Services Department monthly reports for June 2012.
  - Public Works Department monthly report for June 2012.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Martin Tudor Splash Park Oral Update – Rafael Gonzalez

Community Services Supervisor, Rafael Gonzalez, provided an update on the soon to be opened Martin Tudor Splash Park Grand.

The Splash Park sits within the Martin Tudor Regional Park located south of Jurupa Avenue on the west side of Sierra Avenue. The project is near the end of its completion with a Grand Opening Celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 11.

The Grand Opening Celebration will include a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 a.m. and the day's festivities will give community members the opportunity to attend one of the many preview sessions of the splash park and enjoy the wet play area or the water slides. Amenities also include a grassy area to enjoy sunbathing or relaxing in one of the many chaise lounge chairs.

The event will include live entertainment, free games and activities including arts and crafts. Participants of all ages will be able to earn one of the many free prizes to commemorate the grand opening. The event will showcase programming available in South Fontana through the Community Services Department. Food vendors will be at the event until 5:00 p.m.

Beginning Sunday, August 12 the Martin Tudor Splash Park will begin its normal operation hours which include weekday and weekend sessions. Each day the park is open, it will have two four-hour operating sessions beginning at 12:00 noon on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. on weekends including Labor Day.

Beginning September 4, 2012, through the end of the month, the Martin Tudor Splash Park will operate weekends only with two daily sessions beginning at 1:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Paid admission is required for all to enter the park and children under the age of 7 should be supervised by an adult at all times.

The daily admission fees are \$3 for children, \$6 for adults 28 and over, and \$3 for seniors. Children under the age of 2 are free and are encouraged to wear a swim diaper. Appropriate swim attire is required at all Fontana Aquatic facilities.

For more information on the Martin Tudor Splash Park or the Grand Opening, please call (909) 438-8822 or visit [SplashPark.Fontana.org](http://SplashPark.Fontana.org)

Director Nelson thanked Dan West, Chuck Hayes and the Public Works staff for bringing this project to the community and taking the lead in the design and construction.

Director Nelson also thanked Frances Hernandez and Rafael Gonzales and staff for putting together an operational plan that will have a positive impact in the community.

Director Nelson invited everyone to come out to the grand opening as it is going to be a great opportunity to expose the park to the community. It will be a great location to picnic, fun

and exercise.

B. After School Education and Safety ASES Grant Program Update – Jamie Bumia and Jessica Gandara

Community Services Coordinators Jamie Bumia and Jessica Gandara provided an update of the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program.

The After School Education and Safety Grant were made possible by the 2002 voter-approved initiative, Proposition 49. ASES is intended to provide a safe and educationally enriching alternative for children and youth during non-school hours through various partnerships within our community. The ASES grant funds are used solely for ASES programs and require an additional 33% matching of funds, which the City of Fontana provides.

The Mission Statement of the Fontana after School Program (FASP) is “Through strong relationships with families, schools, and communities, it is the goal of the Fontana After School Program to provide quality educational, recreational, and cultural programs. We aim to promote the social, physical, intellectual and emotional development of the youth that we serve.”

FASP has three distinct components that are supported by resources and materials that are aligned with the California State Content Standards:

1. Academic Support: 10 Minutes to Success is a tool used to promote students into problem solving without staff help for the first 10 minutes of homework time. After the 10 minutes, students can ask questions of staff and their peers. Each day, we allow for a maximum of one hour of homework assistance
2. Literacy: Kidzlit, Accelerated Reading, Sight Words, and Flocabulary are programs we have implemented to help fluency, spelling, and reading comprehension all while relating real life situations.
3. Enrichment: Forms of disguised learning to help students apply and relate these subjects to life skills.

FASP proudly expands throughout the entire city at 28 FUSD elementary school sites, 5 FUSD middle school sites, and 3 Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD) elementary sites. A list of schools funded by the ASES grant was shared on the screen.

In addition to the grant funded sites, the City of Fontana offers after school programming at two school sites in the CJUSD and two school sites in the Etiwanda School District. Students attend the fee based programs with funds funneling through the City’s general fund.

The FASP team is excited to work with so many exceptional professionals both internally and with our school district partners. Within the City of Fontana, we consider Human resources and Payroll part of our team for handling everything for our over 350 employees. The program is under the supervision of Mariana Mitchell and Frances Hernandez and is coordinated by Felix Bobo, Jason Hendrix, Aisha Jemmott, Jamie Bumia and Jessica Gandara and an Administrative Aide, Ultima Hall.

The FASP team has worked incredibly hard on building relationships with our partners in each school district including, principals, teachers, custodians, and nutritional services.

Ongoing staff trainings have been successful with the help of Consult 4 Kids; who has been a resource in on-site coaching. Staff has been able to learn and implement tools and techniques that positively enforce our mission statement daily. In addition to the ongoing school year training, staff has been able to go through a variety of trainings this summer. The trainings attended include program planning, classroom management, youth development, emergency response procedures, SPARK physical education, KidzLit, CPR/First Aid, and English Learner Services.

A master calendar was created with the intent to increase communication amongst FUSD, Boys and Girls Club of Fontana and the City of Fontana.

An action plan was also put in place for all collaborators to align goals across all organizations. All of the collaborators came up with goals to be completed by March 2013 that work toward strengthening our program as a whole. Goals adopted for 2012-2013 are: Increase student achievement, provide continuous staff development, increase organizational effectiveness and efficiency, and align to the educational system of FUSD.

In addition to the individual site success, our program has multiple highlights from the past school year that we are excited to carry into the 2012-2013 school year. Students were thrilled anytime they had special presentations and activities from the City's LEAP and Healthy Fontana Programs.

There were also many guest speakers throughout the program that included a Mad Scientist, nursing students, and even our Mayor, Acquanetta Warren. End of the year field trips were a big hit for all in attendance. While the FUSD and Etiwanda school sites headed to the Fontana Park Aquatics Center, the Colton school sites visited the Fontana Regency Movie Theaters.

A big highlight for the FASP on the administrative side is the positive results from the parent survey; 1,753 program parents completed the survey for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents across the program were satisfied with the safety and supervision of their children, the academic improvements in the classroom, as well as the overall enjoyment of the program.

Upcoming highlights include:

- The addition of a Before School Program that runs from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the CJUSD and is offered at Sycamore Hills and D'Arcy Elementary schools. Alternative components will be offered including Yoga for Youth and a 30 minute study session for a cost of \$4 per day.
- Team California for Health After Schools Grant was awarded to the FASP at Oleander and Grant Elementary, both in the FUSD. These will be training sites for CDE Region 10 (Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino counties).
- Partnership with Mary Vagle Nature Center that will include two visits to each school and focus on the environment and nature.

Discussion was held on the maximum number of students allowed per school. Many

schools can accommodate up to 100 children.

Discussion was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant that the City and FUSD applied for jointly, but most funds were given to Northern California sites.

C. Special Events Update – Rob Bock

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a special events update.

- June 2, 2012, 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Fontana Days Run, was a huge success with 2,039 participants registered. All finishers received a finisher medal. The Finish Line Fitness Expo featured free massages by Massage Envy for participants, the Red Robin YummMobile, Hungry Nomad food truck, great giveaways and samples from business such as Nutrishop, Walgreens, Fresh and Easy and New Balance. The event hosted over 4,000 spectators throughout the day. Thanks to the Fontana Water Company, Kaiser Permanente, San Antonio Community Hospital, Manheim Southern California, Fontana Recycling Center and Power Bar.
- June 1, 8, and 22, 2012, Pool Side Fun at Heritage Pool included Superhero Party, Carnival Party and Beach Ball Party.
- June 15, and 29, 2012, Dive In Movies at Heritage Pool showed Honey I Shrunk the Kids and Space Jam. An average of 275 residents came out each evening.
- June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2012, Sunset Concert Series at Miller Park with the bands Chico, Sgt. Pepper, Mirage Groove and Southbound providing entertainment. The average attendance has been over 800 people.
- June 12, 19, and 26, 2012, Family Fun Nights are Summer Olympic themed events and the evening concludes with a movie. At Veterans Park the movie was Remember the Titans, at Koehler Park it was the Mighty Ducks, and at Oak Park it was Kung Fu Panda 2.
- June 30, 2012, Ride the Wave of Music Poolside Concert was held at Fontana Park Aquatic Center. This event was in collaboration with the Cultural Arts Division. There were over 500 in attendance.
- June 30, 2012, The Fontana Car Show takes place the last Saturday of the month, at the Civic Center. The next one is scheduled for July 28, and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the Mirage Groove.

Upcoming events include:

- Tuesday, July 31, 2012, Family Fun Night at Jack Bulik Park. The movie is Dreamer.
- Thursday, August 2, Sunset Concert Series at Miller Park, Contemporary Praise. This will be the final concert of the summer.
- Poolside Fun at Heritage Pool with themed events scheduled for August 3 (Experience Nature), August 10 (Miniature Golf Night), August 17 and 31 (Dive-In Movie: Summer Olympics) and August 24 (Camp)
- August 11, 2012, the Martin Tudor Splash Park Grand Opening. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Espinoza commented that the concerts are great and everyone does a fantastic job!

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Espinoza, and passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0; to receive and order filed reports on items "A-C" given under New Business.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

Public Works Manager Dan West congratulated and welcomed new Commissioner Coleman.

Manager West invited everyone to the Park Clean up at the Pacific Electric Trail on August 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An exact meet up location is available by calling 909.357.6760

Manager West thanked Director Nelson for the praise and also thanked him and his staff for their support with the state inspection.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:**

Director Nelson visited summer lunch programs that were held in collaboration with FUSD and thanked them for delivering thousands of lunches and snack throughout various programs.

Director Nelson invited the Commissioners to visit the lunch programs.

Director Nelson congratulated Commissioner Coleman on her appointment.

Director Nelson thanked the Commissioners for attending City events.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services team for their work.

Director Nelson attended the Sunset Series Concert when the San Bernardino Symphony performed on July 5 and it was a wonderful evening.

Community Services Manager Hernandez welcomed Commissioner Coleman.

Community Services Manager Hernandez thanked Rafael Gonzales for stepping in with the Martin Tudor Splash Park.

Community Services Manager Hernandez commented that the Splash Park will be spectacular and the residents will enjoy the facility. Everyone is invited to come out on August 11, 2012.

Community Services Manager Hernandez announced that the recreational pools will be open through Labor Day even though kids will be going back to school.

Community Services Manager Hernandez informed that there are cooling facilities opened for the community for residents to cool down from the summer heat. They are at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Heritage Neighborhood Center, Cypress Neighborhood Center, the Fontana Senior Community Center and the Don Day Neighborhood Center.

Community Services Manager Hernandez thanked the FASP staff for their work with the ASES program.

Community Services Manager Hunt welcomed Commissioner Coleman.

Community Services Manager Hunt encouraged everyone to come out to Arts Festival to enjoy artists, demonstrations, hands on activities, entertainment, and food trucks. Attendees can experience Fontana Park and enjoy their evening.

Community Services Manager Hunt reminded everyone that Steven Long is hosting his art work in the City Council Chambers and at the Art Depot Gallery.

Community Services Manager Hunt announced free performances on Tuesday at Steelworkers' Auditorium.

Community Services Manager Hunt thanked staff in all areas and divisions for all that was accomplished this summer.

City Clerk Toni Lewis congratulated Karen Coleman on her appointment and looks forward to working with her.

City Clerk Toni Lewis thanked the Community Services department for all their help on Historical Society and Fontana Days event.

City Clerk Toni Lewis announced that the 2013 Fontana Days event will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She is still looking forward to Sammy Hagar appearing and his son Aaron displaying his art work at the Art Depot. She welcomed any sponsors and ideas!

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Coleman thanked the City of Council for the vote of confidence by appointing her to this position.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Mike Wright for encouraging her.

Commissioner Coleman paid homage to those who have sat where she now sits: her late husband, Carl Coleman who taught her about love, dignity, and commitment to the City of Fontana; Charlie and Rosemary Koehler and their family, Patty Peoples, Dr. Wayne Ruble, Gus Hawthorne, Mark and Susan Nuaimi and Dale Radford for showing her what it's like to fall in love when you are old.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated and welcomed Commissioner Coleman.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a good evening.

Commissioner Rowland had the opportunity to visit Miller Park during the summer feeding program and didn't expect to see so many children being fed and it was awesome.

Commissioner Rowland has attended many community events including the comedy show at Center Stage and it was really good.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Commissioner Coleman for accepting the appointment to the Parks and Community Services Commission. Commissioner Rowland stated the Commissioner Coleman is "good for Fontana".



Commissioner Tigner congratulated Commissioner Coleman on her appointment.

Commissioner Tigner thanked everyone involved with the after school program where the kids have a great time with homework and computers.

Commissioner Tigner announced that August 3 is the Boys and Girls Club Golf Tournament at Sierra Lakes.

Commissioner Quiroga congratulated Commissioner Coleman on her appointment and stated that she will be a wonderful asset to the team.

Commissioner Quiroga is pleased with the great scheduled for Center Stage and is excited to take a look at those shows.

Commissioner Quiroga reminded everyone to visit the Farmer's Market on Saturdays.

Commissioner Quiroga is looking forward to the Splash Park Grand Opening.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Commissioner Coleman as a great asset for the team.

Commissioner Vaquera wished Chairperson Goñi a quick recovery.

Commissioner Vaquera welcome back Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt and commended Michael Wright for filling in for her.

Commissioner Vaquera has visited the great Farmers' Market.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone about the Splash Park Inauguration on August 11, 2012.

Commissioner Vaquera commended ASES staff for the great job they do and thanked Board Member Hawthorne for his cooperation with the City.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked FUSD for their partnership.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged older kids on vacation to enjoy it as it is almost over.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged everyone to be safe.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked city staff for their dedication to the city and its citizens.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that the Commission is the face of Parks and Community Services, but staff is the one that deserves the accolades.

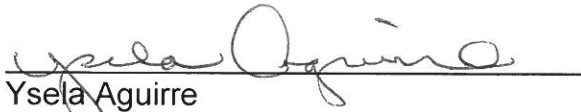
Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Commissioner Rowland for being recognized at the LA County on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, as a Fontana Community Hero. Commissioner Rowland thanked City Clerk Lewis for putting her name in for consideration.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Commissioner Coleman for bringing people to the meeting.

Commissioner Tigner commended Commissioner Vaquera for leading tonight's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335. Please call the Community Services Office at (909) 349-6904, if you are unable to attend the meeting.



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