

The Irwindale **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Veronica S. Barbosa-Lara, Carol B. Hernandez, Belen Zepeda; Vice Chair Paula Fraijo, Chair Dan Diaz

Also present: Camille Diaz, Assistant City Manager, Dan Grijalva, Recreation Manager; Mike Rados, Public Works Manager; and Becky Romero, Administrative Secretary.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chair Fraijo, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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1) Regular meeting held October 7, 2009.

The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE

Recreation Manager Grijalva presented the following update:

Halloween Spooktacular - Recreation Manager Grijalva thanked all the following who worked on this event: Volunteers: The Fraijo family (Fred, Paula and Shane), Hernandez Family (Raul, Carol and Raymond), Diaz Family (Dan, Margaret and Mike), Christina Fraijo, Bob Hartman, Jaimie Miranda, Irwindale Police Explores, Irwindale Teen Club and two student volunteers Cassandra Ramirez and Berlyn Aguila. Contributors: The City of Irwindale, Mayor Larry Burrola, Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Ortiz, The Fuentes Family, Doloras Amador, Dan and Diane Grijalva, Lawrence Castro, Dan Diaz, Raul and Carol Hernandez, Belen Zepeda, Soroptomist of Irwindale, Camille Diaz, Daniel and David Valencia, Pat Gonzalez, and Councilmember Mark Breceda. Judges: Costume Contest: Belen Zepeda, Paula Fraijo, Carol Hernandez, David Fraijo and Laura Ortiz. Cake Decorating Contest: Stefanie Caston, Al Hernandez and Mary Torres.

Recreation Manager Grijalva advised that the Spookacular started out slow but filled up later. Approximately 250 people.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO

Vice Chair Fraijo suggested the carnival starting time be moved to 6 p.m. She also suggested ordering the small prizes for the booths instead of candy.

Pumpkin Carving Contest – Recreation Manager Grijalva announced the following winners: Funniest: Elijah Zepeda (1st Place), Abigail Gonzales (2nd Place) and Nikki Zepeda (3rd Place). Scariest: Ian Zepeda (1st Place), Brenda Marin (2nd Place), and Mia Jau8regui (3rd Place). Best Use of Accessories: Lidia Lara (1st Place), Krista Garcia (2nd Place) and Leana Morales (3rd Place). Judges: Camille Diaz, Sharmeen Bhojani and Becky Romero.

Trips:

- Halloween Horror Nights Teen Trip had a total of 19;
- Oak Glen Family trip had a total of 10;
- Walk for Hope Teen Club had a total of 7.

Upcoming Events:

- Teen Club Canned Food and Clothing Drive on Saturday, November 14th from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Recreation Department closed on Thanksgiving, November 26th.
- Kidzone Closed on Veterans Day and week of Thanksgiving, November 11th and from November 23rd to November 27th.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

COMMISSIONER
HERNANDEZ

Commissioner Hernandez asked about the football program.

RECREATION
MANAGER GRIJALVA

Recreation Manager Grijalva responded that teams were picked on Monday and will be starting play on Friday.

COMMISSIONER
HERNANDEZ

Commissioner Hernandez stated that there was a late fee charged for the kids but if they would not have signed up, would there have been a league.

RECREATION
MANAGER GRIJALVA

Recreation Manager Grijalva responded that they would have played. He also added that the late fee is deposited into the General Fund and has always been charged. He also advised that the Christmas program is scheduled for the first Saturday of December.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo stated that she did not agree with the late fee especially if the kids are residents.

RECREATION
MANAGER GRIJALVA Recreation Manager Grijalva reported that 10 residents and one non-resident signed up before the deadline.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo congratulated the newly elected City Council and remarked that she looked forward to working with them in bringing recreation back to where it should be.

COMMISSIONER LARA Commissioner Lara spoke about a group of people who are using the plaza park area on Saturdays and asked if they had a permit. She stated that they seem to be there every Saturday using amplified music and questioned whether they needed a permit for that. She also remarked that they do unacceptable things such as double park blocking the fire lane.

RECREATION
MANAGER GRIJALVA Recreation Manager Grijalva answered that yes a permit would be needed and staff would look into it.

COMMISSIONER LARA Commissioner Lara commented that cheerleaders will begin competition next month and there is one participant that may not be able to pay the fees. She asked if there were any other young women who could not afford the fee to please let the commission know. She stated that the Commission wants to support the program.

RECREATION
MANAGER GRIJALVA Recreation Manager Grijalva advised that the cheerleaders do some fundraising such as selling cookies, etc.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo suggested contacting local businesses.

CHAIR DIAZ Chair Diaz stated that football is all ready to go and thanked the Pepe Miranda Scholarship Program and the Irwindale Police Officers Association for making it possible. He thanked David Fraijo and Julian Miranda.

VICE CHAIR FRAIJO Vice Chair Fraijo thanked Chair Diaz for all the years he has worked with the football program and for all he has done for the kids.

None

CITY MANAGER
QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Becky Romero, Administrative Secretary

Approved as presented at the meeting held December 2, 2009.