

City of Patterson
Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting of September 20, 2023

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Virgen called the Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission of the City of Patterson to order at the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners: Adolfo Virgen (Chair), Kandace Weyhrauch (Vice-Chair), Oscar Roman (Commissioner), and Renelle Layfield (Commissioner)

City Staff: Xavier Guluarte (Deputy Director of Operations), Diana Hernandez (Recreation Administrative Service Manager), and Brittany Callum (Secretary).

Absent: Martha Blanco (Commissioner)

3. Statements of Conflict : None

4. Items from the Public: None

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the August 16, 2023, regular meeting was reviewed and approved by the Commission with a 4-0 vote. Chairperson Virgen motioned and Commissioner Layfield 2nd. Motion carries.

6. Review of Action Items: None

7. Agenda Items

New & Returning Business

7.a Parks, Recreation and Beautification Award (Chairperson Virgen)

The Commission discussed ways that they could continue to acknowledge businesses for the award opposed to presenting an award during the City Council meetings every month. However, the commission will verbally acknowledge individuals and business owners at City Council meetings during Items from the Public. The commission would like to continue with nominating businesses or individuals based upon the agreed criteria.

Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch motioned to endorse the Farm to Fork event at the next City Council meeting. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Motion Carries

Yes: A. Virgen, O. Roman, R. Layfield, K. Weyhrauch
No: None
Absent: M. Blanco

Action: Recreation Administrative Service Manager Diana Hernandez agreed to contact Youth Development Supervisor Jason Hayward regarding information about the Farm to Fork event such as amount raised, and donations received. Once compiled, the summary will be forwarded to Secretary Callum to disperse to the commission.

7.b Wall Mural Project (Chairperson Virgen)

The Commission discussed ways that the community could be more involved in the Mural Project. Possibly opening a community wide contest to create a mock-up for the artist to use. Vice-Chair Weyhrauch offered the assistance of the Love Patterson organization to orchestrate the community mural design contest.

Action: Chairperson Virgen will contact the artist for a mock-up of the potential design.

Action: Any Commission members that would like to attend the next Love Patterson meeting, will contact Secretary Callum for any additional information provided by Vice-Chair Weyhrauch

7.c Apricot Fiesta Review (Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch)

Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch shared the results for the survey that was given out during the Apricot Fiesta. A reoccurring comment was that the community would like to see are more art classes for all ages from the Recreation Department. A few suggestions for the Parks Division were that they would like to see more bathrooms, water fountains, and splash pads. The community would like to see more family-oriented activities, additional open swim hours, and activities for adults.

7.d Adding Shade to Parks (Commissioner Layfield)

Deputy Director Xavier Guluarte shared wish the commission an update on his research of vendors to contact for this item. Commissioner Layfield has agreed to use her resources to search for additional vendors to add shading to the parks. This item will be removed until late winter.

Action: Commissioner Layfield will research additional companies that may be able to provide quotes for outdoor shading.

7.e Water Tower Mural (Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch)
Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch requested to remove this item from the agenda. The Commission approves in consensus.

7.f Back-to-School Block Party (Chairperson Virgen)
Results of the Back-to-School Block Party were reviewed and discussed. A few results that stood out were more teen sports, drama/theater activities, and a longer pool season for open swim. They shared their input with the Recreation Administrative Service Manager Diana Hernandez to report back to the department.

7.g Chalk Festival Event (Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch)
Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch informed the commission that the Love Patterson organization will take over this event. Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch requested to remove this item from the agenda.

7.h October Anti-Bullying Month (Chairperson Virgen)
Vice-Chairperson motion to send an email to Mayor Michael Clauzel endorsing October 2023 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0; Motion Carries

Yes: K. Weyhrauch, O. Roman, R. Layfield
No: None
Absent: M. Blanco, A. Virgen

Action: Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch will send Mayor Clauzel and City Clerk Aracely Alegre an email on behalf of the commission endorsing the month of October 2023 Anti-Bullying Awareness Month.

8. Other Matters:

- Commission discussed potentially holding more than one meeting a month. Ideal days discussed are the first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Chairperson Virgen requested to add it to the upcoming agenda for further discussion.
- Commissioner Layfield suggested that the Youth Action Commission (Y.A.C) schedules teen nights on an additional day like Friday so that there could be something more for the teens to do. It also would not interfere with any commitments students may have during the week.
- Vice-Chair Weyhrauch would like to assist the Recreation Department with ways that social media engagement could be increased using hashtags or tags.

9. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Vice-Chair Weyhrauch moved to adjourn the City of Patterson Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission Meeting at 6:18 PM.

Any questions or concerns, please email them to Brittany Callum at bcallum@ci.patterson.ca.us.

Minutes Prepared by:

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