

City of Patterson
Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting of October 18, 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), Renelle Layfield (Commissioner), and Martha Blanco (Commissioner)

City Staff: Will Barrera (Operations Supervisor), Diana Hernandez (Recreation Administrative Service Manager), and Brittany Callum (Secretary).

Absent: Oscar Roman (Commissioner)

3. Statements of Conflict : None

4. Items from the Public: None

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September 20, 2023, regular meeting was reviewed and approved by the Commission with a 4-0 vote. Chairperson Virgen motioned and Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch 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 shared with a few community members that were in the audience that public nominations are welcome. After the nomination is received the commission will review the nominee based on the established award criteria.

Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch suggested nominating Soroptimist International of Patterson for their involvement in the community. Following discussion with the commission, Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch

motioned to award Soroptimist International of Patterson for the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission Award for December 2023. Commissioner Layfield seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Motion Carries

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

Action: Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch will create the award and send it to the City Clerk for approval to add to the December 5, 2023 City Council meeting.

Action: Secretary Callum will send Will Barrera and Xavier Guluarte the award criteria.

7.b Wall Mural Project (Chairperson Virgen)

The Commission discussed who would be interested in meeting with Invest in Me and Love Patterson to go over what the wall mural project would look like as a collaboration. Chairperson Virgen agreed to be the spokesperson for the commission. Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch also shared that permission was granted from the Apricot Fiesta organizers to use their logo in the mural if the trademark symbol is included.

Action: Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch will give Chairperson Virgen’s contact information to Invest in Me’s contact Kendra.

Action: Secretary Callum will share information from the Community Development Planner, Joel Andrews, on the process to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

7.c Back-to-School Block Party (Chairperson Virgen)

The commission further discussed results and the recent offering of an art class through the recreation department. Chairperson Virgen also mentioned that some respondents requested more bathrooms at the parks and working water fountains. Operations Supervisor Will Barrera informed the commission that the restrooms are typically open during business hours; except for South Park during reoccurring vandalism. Mr. Barrera also shared with the commission that if there are any amenities that are normally functional that’s broken, to submit a work order request to Public Works via phone, email or on the city’s website.

Action: Recreation Administrative Service Manager, Diana Hernandez, will gather information on how many children are in the art class and report back at the next commission meeting.

7.d October Anti-Bullying Awareness Month (Chairperson Virgen)

Vice-Chairperson Weyhrauch shared with the commission that during the October 3, 2023 City Council meeting, the City of Patterson declared October 2023 as Anti-Bullying month.

7.e Holding Additional Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Commission Meetings

The commission came to consensus to utilize special meetings for urgent matters that may need additional attention between regular meetings.

Action: Secretary Callum will email the commission information from the City Clerk on how to properly request a special meeting.

7.f Moving Teen Night to Fridays (Commissioner Layfield)

Commissioner Layfield would like to keep this item on the agenda as it is believed there would be more engagement on a Friday evening. The commission would like to further discuss this option with city employees that are over the Teen Night events.

8. Other Matters:

- Commissioner Blanco examined ways to recruit more coaches or volunteer coaches so that the capacity for recreation sports could grow with the growing community.
- A community member shared updates regarding the Youth Action Commission (Y.A.C) and what is coming next spring and summer.
- Diana Hernandez introduced the Recreation Department's new Special Event Supervisor, Cambria Pollinger
- The commission invited the new Recreation Director, Ashley Weaver to the next Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Commission Meeting.

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 6:15 PM.

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

Minutes Prepared by:

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