



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission**

**March 4, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

***City Hall – 915 I Street – Council Chambers***

**Open Session – 6:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Good at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Aguilar, Flores, Good, Guerrero, Hermann, Kletzman, Lavelle, and Mehta

Absent: Commissioners Law and Loew

**Consent Calendar**

**1. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission meeting minutes for February 4, 2021

**Contact:** Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-6402, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission meeting minutes

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Hermann)

Motion carried 8-Yes 0-No 2-Absent (Law and Loew)

**Discussion Calendar**

**2. Citywide Programming Opportunities In the Youth Sports, Wellness & Fitness Unit**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Kris Wimberly, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-6172, Department of Youth Parks, & Community Enrichment

Kevin Calhoun, Program Supervisor, introduced himself to the commission. He identified himself as a youth developer.

Kevin Calhoun, explained the Junior Giants Program in collaboration with San Francisco Giants Community Relation Fund. He provided the participant demographics of the program.

Kevin Calhoun provided recent highlights on the 28<sup>th</sup> & B Skate and Urban Art Park. Highlights included registration data, birthday rentals, and nearby collaborating partners.

Kevin Calhoun provided that in collaboration with the Community Enrichment division, his team was able to host co-ed flag football league and basketball league.

Kevin Calhoun mentioned that the Junior Giants Program occurred in 2020 virtually because of Covid-19. His staff were transferred to support various other recreation programs when sport programs were not able to meet.

Commissioner Aguilar applauded Kevin Calhoun and the team. He would like staff to consult skaters for feedback on future improvements at the skate park.

Commissioner Guerrero asked, did YPCE receive additional funding to hire more youth? Kris Wimberly, Recreation Superintendent, responded that no additional funding was received for current staffing. Her team used existing funding to support programming along with assisting the new SacCLASS program.

### **3. Older Adult Services – Triple R Program Update**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Rosanne Bernardy, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-1590, Department of Youth Parks, & Community Enrichment

Stephanie Wilson, Recreation General Supervisor, introduced the Triple R program serving seniors with dementia. There are three facilities throughout the city, all program sites are licensed by California Department of Social Services.

Stephanie Wilson explained the demographics of Triple R participants such as their ethnicity, age and soci-economic backgrounds. Her staff are multilingual caregivers.

Stephanie Wilson provided that participants seek out Triple R for companionship. Participants in the program have their own story to tell for reflection and to reminisce. Examples of program activity included music, bowling, daytrips to the museum or a baseball game.

Stephanie Wilson mentioned that with Covid-19, her team had to go virtual. Activities are now hosted through Zoom meetings. Staff moved activities online such as origami folding, exercising, virtual tours, and playing games like Bingo.

Commissioner Mehta asked, do we have volunteer participating in the activity or just staff? Stephanie Wilson replied, staff are coordinating the live activity, however college students do volunteer for their internship hours.

Commissioner Hermann asked, how can non-participants get access to the digital exercise? Stephanie Wilson replied, the digital library is not shared to the public. People can access with a subscription. Those with financial hardship may qualify for a scholarship.

Commissioner Flores asked to hear more about the positivity of caregivers. Stephanie Wilson replied, caregivers were able to engage in activities created by staff. Caregivers got to know one another. More caregivers are getting vaccinated in anticipation of programs reopening.

**4. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Department's FY21-22 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and Comment

**Contact:** Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director, presented the annual budget workshop for fiscal year 2021 thru 2021. The department's budget is \$43.5 million with 705 FTE. He gave a breakdown of expenses by division percentage. Expenditures for YPCE are lower compared to agencies' benchmarks.

Mario Lara further explained the year-end and mid-year adjustments approved by City Council. He proposed augmentation priority for the department such as deferred maintenance, equipment and staffing needs.

Raymond Costantino, Park Planning Manager, provided the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for each district. The presentation listed each location and its estimated cost.

Brenda Ruiz, resident, commented that the Sacramento Food Policy Commission (FPC) would like to work with the City on a new MOU for International Garden of Many Colors and a grant or contract to support the gardeners.

Commissioner Guerrero wanted an update on sport court for Tanzanite Park. Raymond Costantino replied, he will be working with the councilmember to push forward this CIP in getting a futsal court at this park.

Vice Chair Lavelle had concern with current CIP projects as the majority of the dollar amount focused in three districts.

Commissioner Flores would like the commission and department to review deferred maintenance.

Chair Good would like information to be shared on the 75 outstanding CIP projects.

**5. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Update on COVID-19 Related Impacts**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director, provided that the state gave new guidance on youth and adult sports usage when covid cases count are below 14 per 100,000 residents. As of February 26, the department allows for contact sports, however no tournaments allowed. Schools are reopening soon, staff will continue to support SacCLASS until the end of the school year and not so much in the afterschool program. Lastly, there is limited opportunity on vaccination for staff.

Commissioner Aguilar asked, what program changes are expected with the county moving from purple to red tier? Mario Lara replied, the department will be able to do more. There is a list from the county that the department can follow to operate indoors.

**6. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for February**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director, provided that there were four new hires or promotions within the last few months. In addition, CPRS District 2 selected Landscaping and Learning (L&L) program for an award.

Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, gave recognition for those who supported the warming centers. Park Rangers are getting vaccinated, and also doing training with police.

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Tony Ulep, Park Maintenance Manager, provided that his team is getting sports fields ready. He is working with event coordinators on permits as more farmers' markets open.

Monica Blanco, Youth Division Manager, provided that there will be a virtual youth employment fair. Registration is now open on YPCE's website. Ongoing recruitment for Prime Time Teen and Virtual Summer at City Hall program.

Jackie Beecham, Recreation Manager, provided that virtual programming is still being offered to seniors, a pop-up vaccination center will be held at Pannell Community Center, and adult softball league may return as the county move into red tier. City pools are expected to resume normal programming this summer. Camp Sacramento is hiring for the summer.

Raymond Costantino, Park Planning Manager, provided a Park Master Plan update. His team is working on community outreach in underrepresented communities. Various organizations were contacted for input on recreation needs.

Commissioner Mehta asked, if the County moves into red tier what events will be available at the park? Tony Ulep replied, this depends on how big events are based upon the number of participants.

Commissioners Flores was appreciative of the drive-thru event at Belle Coolegge Community Center. It was a Christmas theme during February.

Chair Good congratulated L&L program on the award. She helped share hiring opportunities with the Sacramento State University student center.

**Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda**

None

**Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports**

None

**Adjournment**

Chair Good adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m

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This is to certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 4, 2021 as approved by the Commission.



Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst  
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