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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Community Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:06 P.M. and was held via Zoom Teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Darin Clarke, Laurelle Martin, Rafael Menis, Debbie Ojeda, and Nickolas Teller

Commissioners Absent: Bob Kopp and Emily Ricketts

Staff Present: Maria Picazo, Recreation Manager

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motion by Commissioner Clarke to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Ojeda. All in favor. Motion passed

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2021 Events

The Commissioners debriefed on the Dumpster Day event.

The Commissioners stated that the event was a success and well attended.

Commissioner Menis requested more promotion for the fall event because some community members said they were unaware of the event.

Staff informed the Commissioners of all the communication outlets that were used for the event and asked the Commissioners if any other outlets should be used for future events.

The Commissioners stated that promotion of the event is a balancing act. In previous events, there have been long lines and residents were turned away because the dumpsters were filled early.

The Commissioners agreed to further discuss the logistics of the fall Dumpster Day event at a future meeting.

Staff informed the Commissioners that a flyer for the fall event would be presented during the next meeting.



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Staff informed the Commissioners that the Coastal Cleanup event will be held at Bayfront Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 9am to 12pm. Registration for the event will start at 8:30AM.

Staff presented the Coastal Cleanup flyer to the Commissioners for approval.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the flyer but requested minor changes.

Staff informed the Commissioners that the changes would be made, and flyers would be distributed through the City's communication channel the next day.

The logistics of the Coastal Cleanup event will be further discussed during the next meeting.

The Commissioners briefly discussed hosting a BBQ after the event but could not come to a consensus and decided to table this item for the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Thriving Earth Exchange Project

Ann Moriarty provided the Commissioners with an overview of the Thriving Earth Exchange Project.

The group discussed opportunities for collaboration in the future.

The Commissioners thought it would be a good idea to promote the Thriving Earth Exchange Project during the Coastal Cleanup event.

Ann informed the Commissioners that a training could be held during the event.

Commissioner Menis recommended that the training should be held at the start of the event.

Ann informed the Commissioners that the logistics of the training would be finalized, and she would provide an update during the next meeting.

B. Fernandez Park

Commissioner Ojeda informed the Commissioners of some concerns regarding Fernandez Park baseball field.



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She stated that the field is filled with Gopher holes and would follow up with Public Works.

There has also been a problem with human feces, but that issue might have rectified now that the restrooms are open more hours.

She stated that a volunteer group would be designated to clean the bleacher area during the Coastal Cleanup event.

She would like the Community and City to take better care of the park.

C. Public Art Policy

Staff informed the Commissioners that the City does not have a Public Art Policy at this time.

A policy was drafted a few years ago but it was not adopted.

D. Cleanup Days

Staff informed the Commissioners that the City was in beginning stages of the additional cleanup days that were included in the FY 21/22 budget.

At this time the Commission will not be responsible for organizing these events, but more information will be available in the future.

E. Local Schools

The Commission discussed partnering with the schools to promote the Commission's annual events.

Staff will provide a list of all the schools in Pinole during the next meeting and the Commissioners will select a school to outreach to.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to the next regular Community Services Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021|5:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Maria Picazo
Recreation Manager

Approved by Commissioners on August 25, 2021