

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF STANTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, December 16, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission of the City of Stanton met in regular session in the City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Warren presiding.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Hanni Phan

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Warren, Vice Chair Himes, Commissioner Berlin and Commissioner Normand.

Excused: Commissioner Henry and Commissioner Heitman

Also present: Community Services Director, Zenia Bobadilla

**4. SWEARING IN/SEATING NEW PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONER.**

Hanni Phan was sworn in by City Clerk, Patricia Vasquez as new Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioner.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of November 18, 2019 Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Himes

**SECOND:** Commissioner Normand

Unanimously Passed

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**6A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- **Christmas Tree Lighting**

The Christmas Tree Lighting event was held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Stanton Civic Center. Musical entertainment was provided by the

Rancho Alamitos High School Choir. Holiday's Around the World took place inside the Community Center with activities and crafts for families to learn about different traditions. The City would like to thank Starbucks and W. Power who generously donated coffee and cookies for the event. Staff would also like to thank the Orange County Fire Authority for providing transportation for Santa's special appearance.

- **Letters to Santa Program**

Children had an opportunity in December to write letters to Santa and receive a response back from the North Pole. There were over 57 letters received.

- **Update on Stanton Park Picnic Shelters**

At the last City Council meeting in December, Public Works Director, Allan Rigg reported on the Stanton Park Picnic Shelters. The two shelters closest to Beach Boulevard have not been rented out in over two years. There is discussion for using that space for a different type of amenity and leaving the other three shelters for use. There have been issues with the shelters that have caused staff and public safety to spend an inordinate amount of time at the park. The resolution was to monitor the behavior and temporarily block off shelters four and five to see if it will make an impact on usage.

*Discussion followed*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9a. Utility Box Public Art Program – Review of Guidelines and Program Name**

Director Bobadilla reviewed with the Commission some sample draft guidelines discussed at the last meeting. The discussion was opened for comments or suggestions. There was a discussion about possibly naming of the program and submitting suggestions to City Council. Some of the priorities discussed were funding and making sure the City didn't take the burden of the cost. There was also a discussion of guidelines regarding what is allowed on the boxes and making sure it was true to Stanton history.

*Discussion followed*

Commissioners suggested the name Community Arts Program of Stanton (CAPS).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Normand

**SECOND:** Commissioner Himes

Unanimously Passed

**10. PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REORGANIZATION**

Director Bobadilla opened nominations for Chairperson.

Commissioner Himes nominated Chairperson John Warren as Chairperson.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Himes/Normand

AYES: 5 (Berlin, Himes, Normand, Phan, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 2 (Heitman, Henry)

Chairperson Warren was unanimously elected as Chairperson.

Chairperson Warren opened nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Normand nominated Commissioner Berlin as Vice Chairperson.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Normand/Himes

AYES: 5 (Berlin, Himes, Normand, Phan, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 2 (Heitman, Henry)

Commissioner Berlin was unanimously elected as Vice Chairperson.

**11. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Normand and Himes welcomed new Commissioner Hanni Phan. Commissioner Himes also commented on Veterans Memorial event and complimented staff for a job well done. Chair Warren thanked the Community Services Department for all the great events for the year and is looking forward to 2020. Chair Warren also thanked Councilmember's Carol Warren and Alyce Van for being in attendance.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

s/ Zenia Bobadilla, Community Services Director

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