

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF STANTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, June 15, 2020**

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 Community Services Supervisor, Ashley Cain.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Warren, Vice Chair Berlin, Commissioner Heitman, Commissioner Normand and Commissioner Phan.

Excused: Commissioner Greg Himes.

Also present: Community Services Director, Zenia Bobadilla and Community Services Supervisor, Ashley Cain

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of December 16, 2019 Minutes

Approval of February 24, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Normand

SECOND: Commissioner Berlin

Unanimously Passed

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• OPERATIONS ADJUSTED DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

Director Bobadilla introduced Community Services Supervisor, Ashley Cain who highlighted operations that have been adjusted due to Public Health Orders related to Covid-19.

Supervisor Ashley Cain, informed the commission that a Virtual City Hall was created which provided residents with the latest information regarding COVID-19 and how to

reach City staff during the closure, resources for businesses and families. City staff conducted a "Virtual Egg Hunt" on Social Media with over 300 responses. There were 125 participating families that received an Easter bag filled with games, craft supplies and prefilled eggs.

In addition to the regular Home Delivered Meals program, Senior Services has offered Grab n Go Meals to help the senior community during the COVID-19 crisis. As of June 10, there have been a total of 9,967 meals distributed to 2,528 participants. During the crisis, staff began conducting wellness calls to Stanton seniors, with the goal of checking in and offering any services that may be needed. Activity kits have been made available for seniors while at home. The kits include Sudoku puzzles, coloring pages, recipes and important phone numbers.

While the Family Resource Center (FRC) has been closed to in-person activities, staff has still been able to help with community needs. Residents still have access to FRC services: parenting education, personal empowerment program, counseling and family support services. In March, Second Harvest began providing boxes of shelf stable food items for the City of Stanton to distribute to families in need. To this day there have been over 800 boxes distributed to families in the community. Staff assembled and delivered 100 "Summer Fun Bags" to OST families and in nearby motels and apartment complexes funded by the FaCT Grant. Bags included chalk, craft supplies, bubble wands, games and coloring books.

A variety of virtual classes are being offered including: Stanton Camp, Be Brave, Be Safe through the Joyful Child Foundation and preschool classes offered by Think Together. Senior virtual exercise classes are offered weekly by instructors from the North Orange Continuing Education Program.

The local Home Depot continues to support the City of Stanton with disinfecting products for City Hall and craft items to distribute to the kids in the community. The City has partnered with the Stanton Community Foundation to provide "Serving Stanton." The program encourages members of the community as well as businesses to donate to the Foundation. Gift cards will be purchased from Stanton restaurants and be donated to Stanton families and essential service personnel impacted by COVID-19.

Discussion followed

- **CURRENT FACILITY STATUS**

Director Bobadilla reviewed the Community Services Department Reopening Plan following Guidance from California Public Health Officer.

Discussion followed

- **PROJECTED PLAN TO REOPEN**

Director Bobadilla reported to the Commission on a projected plan to reopen. From

the guidance of the City Manager only parks with staff onsite will open. On June 8, Stanton Central Park reopened for limited use. Amenities still not open to the public are splash pad area, picnic shelters and playgrounds.

Discussion followed

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Normand commented on staff looking into connecting by way of a trail, the railroad tracks that go through Orangewood, Stanton Park and Stanton Central Park. Also, Commissioner Normand would like staff to look into partnering with a swim school or neighboring city to offer swimming for the kids in the community. Commissioner Phan inquired about where residents can call for illegal fireworks in the neighborhood. Chairperson Warren commended City staff for all their efforts to keep up with all information and resources due to COVID-19. Chairperson Warren closed the meeting on behalf of Beverly Henry a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioner who passed away earlier this year.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commission adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

s/ Zenia Bobadilla, Community Services Director
