

**CITY OF NORWALK
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juan at 6:00 p.m. at the Founders Room at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, California. Commission members present were: Thomas Golightly, John Brammer, and Martin Greenidge. Commission members absent were: Ray Fernandez-Silva and Norma Merino. Staff present were Christopher Ponce, Recreation Supervisor, and Grace Walters, Office Assistant III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Greenidge motioned to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting. This was seconded by Chairperson Juan. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Artastic

Staff Ponce followed up with and finalized a list of the commissioners who are interested and available to participate in the Artastic event as contest judges.

City Election/Commission Meetings

Staff Ponce informed the Commission that there will be a City Council election on March 7 and its results will lead to the end of some commissioners' terms. He reminded the Commission that the next election of officers will take place in July and that upcoming commission meetings will continue to be announced as usual.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Department Update

Staff Ponce informed the Commission about the following events, where they will take place and when: Norwalk Pony league opening ceremony, retirement parties for two councilmembers, Mayor's Re-organization event, annual Easter event, and the Kids & Cops golf event.

He also mentioned that the new Golf Center is scheduled to open in late June or early July this summer.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Golightly said that his neighbors had asked him if there are any plans to improve Hermosillo Park. Staff Ponce said that he would obtain information about that.

Commissioner Golightly also inquired as to whether or not a football team would be able to play in Norwalk. Staff Ponce said that yes, it may be a possibility at Zimmerman Park but that their insurance paperwork must also be in order; he welcomes the inquiry.

Commissioner Brammer said that he had recently passed by the Hargitt House and inquired about the status of the water tower. Staff Ponce said that he would obtain more information about that.

Chairperson Juan, also being a committee member of Art in Public Places, informed everyone that the memorial project at City Hall will soon begin again, after plentiful rainy days, and it is hopeful that it will be complete by Memorial Day. He also mentioned that there is a library bookmark contest and that there would be a total of 10 winners from the two Norwalk libraries.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Brammer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Golightly. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Victor Juan, Chairperson