



CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moss called the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 7:08pm in the City of Fountain Valley Council Chambers, 10200 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, California.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Taddeo led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Dennis Moss
Peter Finnerty
Dieter Kammerer
Barbara Montz
Mary Taddeo
Jennifer Mulvania

Staff present: Mark Nix
Nora Webb
Yolanda Markey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Montz moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting. Second by Commissioner Taddeo. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of approving the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. REDUCTION IN COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The City has asked all City Departments to reduce expenditures by 10 to 15%. There is a projected 3.7 million shortfall for next year. As expenses continue to increase, our revenues have not. As a result, the Recreation & Community Services Division will make changes to assist in reducing the projected shortfall for next year by, reducing part time Staff at both facilities, eliminating Field Ambassadors, eliminate the Youth Basketball Program, closure of The Center at noon on Fridays,

closure of the Recreation Center & Sports Park from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on three days per week and 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday, job sharing of a full time Office Specialist, cancellation of Red Ribbon event, elimination of funding for Egg Hunt, Tree Lighting, Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park, and allowing the Youth Groups to control their field lighting schedule.

Chairman Moss expressed how taken aback he was at the reductions. He continued to say that it seems that the Recreation Department is the first to eliminate programs and services. It also seems that most of the youth programs are eliminated. Youth Basketball, Red Ribbon Fall Festival, it seems that the Youth are being targeted. My other thought is what is Staff going to do? Is Staff going to be eliminated? How about the other departments, have they taken a cut for example, the Police Department, Fire, who would I get that information from? Lastly, you have a brand new facility, if you want the facility to remain operational and looking new, you need Staff and programs at the site. Lastly, you met with Staff to decide what programs need to be cut and I noticed that there are really no Senior services or programs cut and I wonder why?

2. SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

The City is contracting with California Adventures Camp this year to operate a Summer Camp program. The program will operate between June 22 through August 28. Fees for limited hours are \$90 from 9:00am to 4:00pm with a cost of \$125 for extended hours of 7:30am to 5:30pm. All camps are listed in the Fountain Pen as well as the City's website.

3. AQUATICS UPDATE

The Summer 2009 Aquatics program is underway. Changes in the program include a fee increase to offset all program costs. The lap swim program will not be offered this Summer due to lack of participation. Currently, we are recruiting three seasonal Lifeguards to fulfill program Staff needs.

4. SUMMERFEST UPDATE

Summerfest is coming! This three day event, June 12 beginning at 5:00pm to 11:00pm, June 13, Noon to 11:00pm with the Classic Car and Truck Show taking place from 7:00am to 3:00pm, on June 14 the festivities open at Noon to 10:00pm.

This event is gearing toward becoming the event of the year in celebration of the City's anniversary. The event will include carnival rides, games, entertainment, beer and wine garden, exhibitors, non-profit food booths and the Classic Car and Truck Show. The City's website at www.fountainvalley.org is full of information for visitors.

5. SENIOR EXPO UPDATE

The Fourth Annual Senior Expo is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009. The hours are 9:30am to Noon. This year the Expo is offering blood pressure screenings, stroke screenings, various medical information, home care, travel, financial, and senior housing information. Currently, Big Kahuna sponsors of \$1,000 each are

Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Heritage Memorial Services, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, Smart Rate Direct, and Life Care by Quaker Gardens Senior Living. Orchid Sponsors of \$750 each include Bristol Park Medical Center, CareMore, Edinger Medical Group, and Huntington Terrace.

6. CONCERTS IN THE PARK UPDATE

Concerts in the Park are scheduled with our concert dates beginning July 9, Yard Sale, a rock and roll theme band, July 16, Silverado, country rock, Big Cats Swing Band, will play on July 23. On July 30 together with the Chamber of Commerce Tabletop Expo, Stone Soul, a tribute to Motown classics, will close out the 2009 Concert series. Sponsorships have been received with six donors generating \$9,200 geared toward expenses.

7. RECREATION CENTER CURRENT HAPPENINGS

The Summer Fountain Pen has been delivered to residents and kicks off our classes and programs. Currently some of the programs for the Summer are Adult Basketball, Volleyball, Camps, and Youth Basketball. The Recreation Center has many classes and programs offered for a variety of ages, abilities and interests. Check out the brochure on the City's website at www.fountainvalley.org.

8. SENIOR CENTER CURRENT HAPPENINGS

The Center is busy with visitors, programs and services. Huntington Beach Adult School, who offers various classes at The Center, has had program cuts and will now have to charge a fee for their classes. It is uncertain how the new fees will affect attendance. The Center's Billiard Room will soon be receiving new pool tables as a result of fundraising efforts. The Pool Fund has reached \$10,000 in donations. The Meet and Greet Luncheon is on the rise with the program averaging about 100 attendees every Tuesday and Thursday.

ACTION ITEMS

None

GENERAL / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VERBAL / WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Finnerty – Going to the Car Show meeting on Thursday. I cannot believe the amount of work that Pete Haak and Roger Jensen do. It is amazing. The Car Show is going very well.

Commissioner Kammerer – The Summerfest event is really going to be a great event. I am still visiting several Senior Centers and will provide Staff with information.

Commissioner Montz – The Historical Society is participating in a food booth at the Summerfest event. The Fountain Valley Community Foundation is a major sponsor of the Summerfest event, and I would like to invite and encourage all to come out and see our booth to help spread the word on the Foundation.

Commissioner Moss – The Boys and Girls Club has been trying to secure a new location on the Golden West College Campus. I am excited about the Summerfest Event as well. The football group and a number of the school organizations are involved in the event and Staff has done a wonderful job showcasing the event and the Committee has done a tremendous job. My report on my committee is Pony Baseball hosted a two day tournament with over 70 teams.

Commission Mulvania – Looking forward to the Summerfest. No updates on Schools.

Commissioner Taddeo – I have emailed about ten different fitness centers and have had zero response. But there is a lot of availability for fitness centers in this City; however, no center is free. I have also been in contact with the Boys and Girls Club. I know that it won't save us a lot of money but I think that if our agenda is emailed and then we could possibly get a hard copy at the meeting that would be my vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Community Services Commission, the May 26, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.