



Cathedral City

MEETING MINUTES OF THE CATHEDRAL CITY
PARKS & COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION
AGENDA

MONDAY, October 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Diane Hines, Arianna Menon, Valerie Schechter, Karen Panico-Willis, Paul Thompson, Johnny Huynh-Simmonds (absent excused), Julie Haltman (RESIGNED)
City Staff: Chris Parman

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA FINALIZATION: None to approve

URGENCY ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 13, 2015: AM made the motion to approve. DH second (6/0 JH absent)

July 27, 2015: DH made the motion to approve with one correction "Arianna" needs spelling corrected. VS second (6/0 Haltman absent)

AGENDA

1. Budget Discussion

Karen Panico-Willis and Valerie Schechter inquired whether the Commission had a budget to print brochures. Staff reported that the Commission had no budget.

2. New Mission Statement

Karen Panico-Willis offered the idea to update the Commission's mission. She suggested "To enhance the quality of life in Cathedral City by providing safe, well-maintained parks and community events. Preserving and sharing our city's historical resources. Caring for our diverse residents and businesses while nourishing the community bonds."

Valerie Schechter motioned that the Commissioners read and offer additional suggestions at the next meeting. Karen Panico-Willis 2nd the motion
Motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Outreach to our Latino Community

Commissioners discussed what the best way would be to outreach to our Latino community and will return with more ideas at a future meeting.

4. Opening of Ocotillo Park

Commissioners discussed the grand opening of Ocotillo Park, but with construction delays, the exact date is unknown. Commissioners asked to be updated at the next meeting.

5. Shakespeare in the park

Arianna Menon and Valerie Schechter want to bring Shakespeare in the Park to Cathedral City by working with the high school. Valerie Schechter motioned to invite the CCHS drama/theater director to a future meeting. Arianna Menon 2nd the motion. Passed 5-0.

Staff Comments

Chris Parman provided the commissioners with an update on Special Events and asked them to volunteer for events.

Commissioner Comments

Valerie Schechter suggested that the Parks & Community Events Commission should get involved in bringing the Art Walk & Murals projects to fruition. She informed the Commission about the work being done by the Public Arts Commission.

Karen Panico-Willis informed the Commission that the Police Commission is fully staffed. The Police Department is going through the selection process for captains and lieutenants and a homeless liaison will be selected in mid-November.

Diane Hines discussed the Healing Field event that starts November 7 – 14 and asked to spread the word about getting volunteers.

ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:11 p.m.

2015	Term Expires	Elected Co-Chair	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July 13	July 27	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hines	6/30/2018	7/13/15	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Haltman	6/30/2017		P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	E	P	X	X	X
Thompson	6/30/2017		P	P	C	P	C	E	A	A	P	P	P		
Menon	6/30/2018	7/13/15	P	P	C	E	C	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Schechter	6/30/2018								P	P	P	P	P		
Huynh-Simmonds	6/30/2018								P	P	P	P	E		
Panico-Willis	6/30/2018								P	P	P	P	P		

P=Present, E=Excused Absence, A=Absent, C=Cancelled

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