

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

**Call to order** – At 6:37 PM the Community Services Commission meeting was called to order.

COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE: Guerra, Bethel, Bratton and Weston Johnson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Brown, Moreno and Chambless

**APPROVAL-** Commissioner Bratton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Weston-Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 Community Services Commission meeting for August 13, 2020 as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: Guerra, Bethel, Bratton and Weston Johnson  
Noes: None  
Absent: Brown, Moreno and Chambless  
Abstain: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no citizens present who wished to comment at this time.

**Oral Update on Community Services Department (COVID-19) – Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.**

Last meeting was in March, because of COVID-19, things have changed opening parks and rec on a limited basis. Parks and facilities are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

Athwal park is being used regularly.

Senior center has been shut down since March, the City has taken on the role of providing lunches for 150 seniors every day since March. As of today, we have served 12000 meals, have received local funding from KCAPS and the Well Church.

Pool is open on a limited basis with aqua aerobics and lap swimming until the end of September.

Questions regarding maintenance and sanitization of the parks once a week is all public works can manage Bratton attends 3 meetings a week with the health department. Is very happy about the efforts the city has made to handle the disease.

Weston Johnson say it is great that the city is still meeting the needs of the seniors by providing at least 1 meal a day.

Jewel Hurtado are there any after school activities with the city. Director Castaneda stated that with schools remaining closed the city is not offering an after-school program at this time. But are trying to have a plan in place when schools open.

**Proposition 68 Grant Per Capita & Round 4 Discussion – Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda and Administrative Services Director Christina Windover.**

Director Castaneda gave a brief background, continuing with round 4. Last year with direction from the Community Services Commission, 4 applications were submitted for the grant, Athwal, dog park, Heritage

Park and Bicentennial Park. The City was not selected to receive funds, but it is open again for round 4. The question for the commissioners is whether we should apply for new projects or resubmit the apps from last year.

Reviewed the last apps and found areas we could improve on to make our chances better. The factors that knocked our points down the most are things we have no control over such as demographics.

We can resubmit 3 applications w/minor corrections if we do not change major items that were listed. Or we can choose new park spaces.

Commissioner Guerra stated that it would be a good idea to work with what we have since there are already challenges associated with COVID-19, community meetings may be difficult.

Commissioner Bratton asked if our chances are better since we did not receive funding the last time around. Director Castaneda stated it could help but it won't stop the same communities that were awarded funds from applying again.

Commissioner Weston Johnson, what has been the feedback on the skatepark. Are there other requests being made from the public at this park?

There has been an interest in a place for bicycle riders.

There is no limit to applications that can be submitted, we sent in 4 last year.

Commissioner Bratton, the water park gets the public excited, Also the dog park Sports complex, no official update has been received.

Hurtado, no news on the sports complex from the Council either.

We do have an application from last year for the sports complex that could be ready to go when the ownership of the land is settled.

Director Castaneda leaves next week but Administrative Director Christina Windover will be taking over the prop 68 grant. Director Castaneda will be back in December.

Administrative Director Windover will send out what was submitted based on community feedback. State employee we worked with stated we could get more points for sustainable features so we will continue to work on this area.

## Part 2 of prop 68

This part of prop 68 is not competitive the city was allocated funds to be used in the same manner as the competitive funds. In parks either new or improvement or expansion of existing parks.

Parks considered

- Bicentennial

- Downtown park

- Erling

- Heritage

- Kingsburg Dog Park

- Memorial Park

- Crandell swim complex

These parks meet eligibility criteria to use the funds above. The City Council passed a resolution to receive the funds. It would be good to develop the needs and how the funds should be used within the next couple of years. Applications are due June 2021.

Council recommends,

- Bathrooms, splash pad and bike track at Athwal

- Kingsburg Dog Park

- Heritage Park

The commissioners will visit the parks listed and meet again in October to discuss where funding should be spent.

Administrative Director Windover stated that a survey could be useful for the community to give feedback on their ideas for park.

**Unscheduled Matters for Commission Members – (For discussion only. Action may not be taken. Items must appear on the agenda as a specific item to be acted upon.)**

October 28<sup>th</sup> for next meeting

**Adjourn –**

Commissioner Bethel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bratton to adjourn the Community Services Commission meeting at 7:40pm. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes	Bethel, Guerra, Bratton and Weston Johnson
Noes	None
Absent	Brown, Moreno and Chambless
Abstain	None

Submitted by

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Planning Secretary