

**COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF CHINO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Arlt led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Robert Martinez, Vice Chairperson Neal Jerry, and Commissioners Patricia Pereda Arlt, Linda Takeuchi, and Julissa Montenegro-Olivas

Commissioners Late: Jamie Aviles, arrived @ 6:08 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Stephanie Mendoza

Council Present: Karen Comstock

Teen Advisory Committee

Members Present: Ximenia Tapia-Lugo, Kale Lo, Neil Jatakia, Sofia Henderson, Flor Hernandez, Julia Barraza, Drew Ramirez, Karisia Rojas, Kathleen Chang, Bridget Moore, and Adrian Mora

Staff Present: Silvia Avalos, Ted Bistarkey, Mayra Pratt, Jeff Benson, Lizet Nunez, Crystal Gutierrez, Hayley Page, Brissa Sanchez, Natalie Camacho, and Marsha Ariyasu

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes – August 26, 2024, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting (Commissioner Arlt was absent).

Moved by Vice Chairperson Jerry, seconded by Commissioner Takeuchi, and carried on a 4-0-2-1 vote to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

AYES: Jerry, Martinez, Montenegro-Olivas, and Takeuchi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aviles and Mendoza

ABSTAIN: Arlt

V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Martinez opened the Public Communications. As there were no requests to speak, Chairperson Martinez closed the Public Communications.

VI. TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Introduction of Teen Advisory Committee Members for 2024-25:

Chairperson Martinez asked the Teen Advisory Committee members in attendance to introduce themselves.

- Kale Lo – Vice Chairperson, Ayala High School, second year on TAC.
- Sofia Henderson – Chino High School, first year on TAC.
- Drew Ramirez – Chino Hills High School, first year on TAC.
- Flor Hernandez – Chino High School, first year on TAC.
- Julia Barraza – Canyon Hills Junior High School, first year on TAC.
- Karisia Rojas – Chino Hills High School, second year on TAC.
- Kathleen Chang – Ayala High School, first year on TAC.
- Bridget Moore – Chino High School, third year on TAC.
- Adrian Mora – Chino High School, second year on TAC.
- Neil Jatakia – Ayala High School, second year on TAC.
- Ximena Tapia-Lugo, Chairperson, Don Lugo High School, second year on TAC.

Ms. Tapia-Lugo, gave the report. Ms. Tapia-Lugo reported the Teen Advisory Committee's (TAC) first service project is a Halloween costume drive to benefit the CARE Closet. Donation boxes will be located at the Carolyn Owens Community Center, Preserve Community Center, Neighborhood Activity Center, and Teen Center. The last day for the drive is Friday, October 25. TAC members volunteered at many community events, including Saturday Night Fights, Healthy Chino 20-Year Celebration, and Inclusion Community Celebration, where TAC members led an interactive bubble station and participants were able to blow bubbles of all sizes.

At their last meeting, TAC members voted for their Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. During the roundtable, members discussed getting into the routine of going back to school, homecoming, and preparing for college.

Chairperson Martinez wished the TAC members congratulations and asked when the membership starts for 2024-25.

Ted Bistarkey, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Manager, stated TAC has an orientation in August with their first official meeting in September and continuing through May.

Vice Chairperson Jerry congratulated everyone and stated he will be attending as many of their meetings as he can, and he looks forward to seeing great things from all of them.

Commissioner Takeuchi stated congratulations. It is exciting to see young people becoming involved in the community. They are the next generation, and she is glad to have someone from junior high school on TAC this year.

VII. INFORMATION

1. TUPE and PALS:

Hayley Page, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, gave the report. Ms. Page reported the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program is offered in partnership with the Chino Valley Unified School District and City of Chino. Chino CSPR Specialists, known as Facilitators, connect with educators at each school site to schedule the assigned programs and visit weekly to teach curriculum designed to educate and prevent smoking in youth. The TUPE program consists of two prevention programs: You and Me Together, Vape Free and Project Alert. The You and Me Together, Vape Free curriculum is designated

for 6th graders. The program is part of a tobacco prevention toolkit and is a theory-based and evidence informed curriculum created by the Stanford Research Lab. This program consists of six lessons that include online quiz games and activities to go along with the presentations. These presentations address key factors associated with e-cigarette use, including changing adolescents' attitudes towards smoking and investigating misperceptions about e-cigarettes in order to motivate youth to reduce, pause, and/or quit usage towards living a vape free.

Ms. Page reported Project Alert is for 7th graders and builds on the 6th grade curriculum. Project Alert contains seven lessons that focus on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and inhalants. This program uses interactive activities and videos to discourage use by recognizing and developing skills to resist peer pressure.

Ms. Page reported during the 2023-2024 school year, the two programs served over 3,000 students with 13,901 service contacts. TUPE Facilitators currently are reaching out to school administrators to set up times to start their lessons.

Ms. Page reported the PALS program (*Positive Actions for Life Success*) is designed to help students do better in school by helping to develop positive social skills with others and healthy self-esteem. PALS takes place at 11 elementary schools in Chino and one in Ontario. Students can be referred to the PALS program by school administrators who meet the following Tier 2 criteria: A teacher, administrator, and MTSS-B Counselor can fill out an At-Risk Screener Form, and then provide it to the administrators and the Counselor; a parent request in writing to an administrator, and other data or concerns, such as the SAEBRS Assessment through the District.

Ms. Page reported students in the PALS program meet for nine weeks with 3-4 other students led by CSPR Specialists. They meet for 30 minutes per week during the school day on campus where they learn with books, games, puppets, and crafts. Topics include building self-confidence by providing a supportive environment; increasing self-esteem by discovering special talents and personality traits; learning to make good choices and accept personal responsibility for their behaviors; developing and maintaining healthy friendships; learning to be assertive and communicate with others in positive ways; and learning how to problem solve, settle conflicts, and respect the rights of others.

Ms. Page reported in 2023-2024, they served over 450 students with 3,488 service contacts. PALS Specialists are currently receiving caseloads for their fall sessions at each of their school sites.

2. SOAR/RAAP After School Programs and Tiny Tots:

Crystal Gutierrez, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, gave the report. Ms. Gutierrez reported the Tiny Tots program serves children ages 3-5½. The fall session started with 25 plus-level and 32 junior-level participants. Tiny Tots activities help develop fine motor skills, positive interaction, movement, and introduces the alphabet and numbers in the creative play environment. Participants learn these skills through art, literacy, singing, and daily activities.

Ms. Gutierrez reported the Creative Explorers program is for children ages 3-5½. This program allows participants to explore their creativity through artwork and imaginative play with themed activities. Some of the themes offered this year are Junior Fire Academy, Monster Mash, Farm Animals, Little Love Bugs, and Pets Galore.

Ms. Gutierrez reported in collaboration with the Chino Valley Unified School District, the SOAR (*Students on a Rise*) program is held at five elementary schools serving the Chino community. The five SOAR sites are Anna Borba, Alicia Cortez, Doris Dixon, E.J. Marshall, and Walnut Elementary Schools. Each SOAR site has a no-cost program for transitional kindergarten through 8th grade participants. Each school site follows a 20:1 participant to staff ratio. Staff takes pride in having great relationships with Chino families and school administrators. The current enrollment numbers range from 60-90 at the individual sites, but each site is projected to have 100 participants by December of this year. The SOAR curriculum follows six points of service quality standards for expanded learning set by the State of California, Department of Education: Active and engaged learning, safe and supportive environment, skill building and leadership, healthy choices and behaviors, diversity, and access and equity. With these quality standards in mind, staff has developed themed curriculum for the school year.

Ms. Gutierrez reported the Ramona After School Achievement (RAAP) program is held at Ramona Junior High School. Currently, there are 42 participants who are assisted with homework and participate in enrichment activities. RAAP activities include art creation, team building, skill building, and a monthly career day.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

1. Establish User Fees Review Sub-Committee:

Chairperson Martinez requested three volunteers to be on the User Fees Review Sub-Committee. Vice Chairperson Jerry and Commissioners Montenegro-Olivas and Takeuchi volunteered.

Moved by Vice Chairperson Jerry, seconded by Commissioner Takeuchi, and carried on a 6-0-1-0 vote to approve the User Fees Review Sub-Committee members consisting of Vice Chairperson Jerry and Commissioners Montenegro-Olivas and Takeuchi.

AYES:	Arlt, Aviles, Jerry, Martinez, Montenegro-Olivas, and Takeuchi
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Mendoza
ABSTAIN:	None

IX. ACTIVITY REPORTS – AUGUST 2024

1. Activity Report. Administration Activity Report – No comments.
2. Activity Report. Programs Activity Report – No comments.
3. Activity Report. Parks & Facilities Planning and Development Activity Report – No comments.

Commissioner Arlt congratulated staff on a job well done.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mayra Pratt, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Manager, gave the report. Ms. Pratt reported the Impact Report for FY 2023-24 showcases the service contacts and successes throughout the last fiscal year with a three-year comparison.

Ms. Pratt noted upcoming events on the calendar, which included the Pumpkin Garden Festival on October 19, Chino Youth Museum Fall Bingo Bash on October 21, Senior Spooky Dance on October 24, Residential Community Clean-Up hosted by

Waste Management on October 26, and Halloween Spooktacular on October 31. A request for costume contest judges will be sent at a later date.

XI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Arlt reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Healthy Chino 20-Year Celebration, Healthy Chino Nutrition Class, and Ayala and Liberty Parks. Maintenance at the parks is good with the exception of gophers, but staff is doing a great job of keeping them at bay. Commissioner Arlt reported she checks on the progress of Chino Rancho Park and is looking forward to the opening soon.

Commissioner Aviles reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Fireworks Review Sub-Committee Meeting, and Meridian and Garden Parks.

Commissioner Mendoza – Absent.

Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas reported the parks are all looking good, but McLeod Park has a big brown spot in the front left side of the park. Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas reported watching both City Council meetings and School District Board meetings online, and attending the Milkcan football game.

Commissioner Takeuchi reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included both City Council meetings. ABC Channel 7 aired on the Inclusion Community Celebration event twice for about 3½ minutes on the evening news. It was nice to see.

Commissioner Takeuchi reported there are two large Oak trees that are very brown at Oak Tree Square. She asked if staff could go to the site and take a look at them. The women's restroom at Walnut Park needed attention. She reported the issue to the Chino Police Department's non-emergency number, and they got in touch with the on-call duty staff. It is important for our citizens to know who to call on the weekend. She reported it was cleaned up within an hour. She thanked staff who responded for the great job they did and for doing it so quickly.

Vice Chairperson Jerry reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting, which included both Council meetings, Chino Cares Emergency Preparedness Fair, Fireworks Review Sub-Committee meeting, Inclusion Community Celebration; and parks visited included the Community Garden. Vice Chairperson Jerry reported at that at one of the City Council meetings, Council adjourned in memory of former Mayor, Dennis R. Yates. Mr. Yates is an amazing man and Chino is a little more "Chino" because of him.

Chairperson Martinez reported the Chino Cultural Foundation's Artist Showcase will be held on November 7, at Centro Basco, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Chairperson Martinez reported on attending a Council meeting and met with City staff regarding CHINO Days. He visited Monte Vista Park and the Community Building since the last meeting.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Calendar. October 2024: No comments.
2. Commission Assignments/Parks. Listing of Current Commission Assignments and Parks: No comments.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Marsha Ariyasu
Management Assistant

(Minutes – September 2024)