



1. Call to Order
Chairperson Rasso called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

<u>Commission Present</u>	<u>Commission Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
D1 E. Kunter	D5 J. Ramirez	Deb Farrar
D2 E. Hernandez	D6 D. Valdez	Heidi Strutz
D3 P. Rasso		Dedie Lopez
D4 L. Rivas		
A/L M. Garcia		
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. November 18, 2015
A motion was made by Commissioner Rivas to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and approved by a vote of 5:0 with Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Valdez absent.
5. Public Comments
None
6. Presentations
 - A. Complete Parks System Project
Alfred Mata, MPA - Local Policy Specialist, Southern California
California Center for Public Health Advocacy, (CCPHA), California HEAL Cities Campaign
 - o Discussion and dialogue between Commissioners, staff, and Mr. Mata.
7. Commission Reports and Action Items
 - A. Appointment of 2016 Commission Officers
Commissioner Rivas motioned to keep the same Chair and nominated Commissioner Rasso as Chair seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and approved by a vote of 4:0 with Commissioner Rasso abstaining and Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Valdez absent.

Commissioner Rasso motioned to keep Commissioner Kunter as Vice-Chair seconded by Commissioner Rivas and approved a vote of 4:0 with Commissioner Kunter abstaining and Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Valdez absent.
 - B. Report on Parks & Recreation Foundation Meeting of 12/14/15
Commissioner Rasso reported that for the fourth quarter, 91 scholarship applications received and 91 were approved for a total of \$3,957; awarded to date is \$60,722; fundraising activity totaled \$21,110.70.
 - C. Consider Resolution CRPC-16-01 regarding Commission Meeting Start Time.
 - o Ms. Farrar briefly clarified the CRPC-16-01 changing of Commission Meeting start time from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
 - o Commissioner Rasso noted that the Resolution stated the meeting to be held every month and requested for the Resolution to be corrected and wording changed to read every other month.
 - o Discussion, dialogue, and discernment between Commissioners with clarification provided by staff.

Commissioner Kunter motioned to change the meeting start time to 6:00 pm seconded by Commissioner Rivas and approved CRPC-16-01 by a vote of 5:0 with Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Valdez absent.

8. Staff Reports

A. Recreation Division Report (Strutz)

Ms. Strutz gave each Commissioners the Spring Colton Connection and a 2016 Calendar and reported on the following events.

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Earth Day
- P.A.W.S.
- Star Wars Day

Ms. Strutz also invited the Commissioners to the following events/programs.

- Basketball Camp
 - How to Babysit
 - 50+ Club mini potlucks
 - Carnival Time/ Dia de la Bandera
 - Seniors-4-Seniors Meetings
- 129 Colton Birthday Community Meeting

Ms. Strutz also reported the demographics served per Commissioner Kunter's request.

- Commission Rivas asked if the numbers represents individuals enrolled in the program.
- Commissioner Rasso mentioned that Rhonda Lee is a great entertainment; asked for details regarding Senior Trips to the Redlands Farmers Market.

B. Parks Division Report (Soto)

Mr. Soto was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

- Commissioner Rasso asked the Commissioners for any concerns they might have for the Public Works division.

C. Sports Park Update (Farrar)

Ms. Farrar updated the Commission that the City has received funding and was able to move forward to have a vendor put together a feasibility study proposal that will be available by the end of this month; next step is environmental study and continually seeking grants.

- Discussion between staff and Commissioner regarding manner which staff are notified of grant opportunities or funding issues related to legislative action.
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D. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - Mid-Year Update

Ms. Farrar reported Items D and E together; mentioned that there are no changes on the Community Services Department Mid-Year Budget except for the increase of the minimum wage increase and the added sick leave time which significantly impacted the department; there is a citywide hiring freeze.

E. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 - Budget Priorities

Ms. Farrar reported that due to city deficit, there will be a June Ballot Measure and each department will create two budget if the ballot passes or fail but ultimately staff's goal is to provide excellent service to Colton residents.

- Discussion between staff and commission regarding details of ballot measure, including scope of measure and impact.

9. Status Update

A. Hall of Fame (Farrar)

Ms. Farrar is working with the Inductees and is close to have the project finalized; working with our local Historian, Mr. Sheffield, locating the family of Mr. Williams; we will update the Commissioners regarding the final date of the Hall of Fame event.

- Commissioner Garcia asked if we can still nominate somebody to the Hall of Fame.
- Commissioner Rasso stated that we can still nominate posthumously and the family will be honored.

B. Commission Involvement Opportunities

- Birthday Celebration - Fundraising & Ideas

Ms. Farrar reminded the Commission about the Birthday Community Meeting on January 28 at 5:30 pm to get more ideas from the community; there will be other meetings in March and May.

Ms. Farrar also invited the Commissioner to the California Parks & Recreation conference in Long Beach on March 9-11, 2016

10. Old Business

A. Staff Follow-up

- Items from November 18 Meeting
 - Department Program Participant Demographics
Ms. Strutz provided the demographics numbers during the Recreation Division Report.
 - Veterans & Chavez Park issues
Ms. Farrar reported that the score board at Chavez Park is now operational but the scoreboard at Veteran's Park was vandalized significantly and is not operational. City staff are trying to make the site vandal proof and will address operations. Parks Department develop watering schedule and addressed the water leaks at the park and a work request was submitted to fix the restrooms at Chavez and Veteran's Parks.

11. New Business

A. Volunteer of the Year

Ms. Farrar gave the Timeline and Draft Criteria for Nomination and Nomination Ballot to the Commissioners; reminded the Commissioners that this is not budgeted but this is a worthwhile program and we can figure a way to recognize our volunteer for their service and commitment.

- Discussion regarding number of nominees per nominator, amount of awardees, residency qualifications, and final award design.
- Commission discussion regarding Nomination Ballot and Criteria.

Commission approved by a vote of 5:0 that only a Colton resident can nominate a Colton resident to receive the Volunteer of the Year award and one award will be made per year.

Ms. Farrar will bring this item back in March for Commissioners to open the nomination period.

12. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners made comments on various issues and activities throughout the community.

- L. Rivas:
 - ✓ Asked if there are Baseball League opening ceremony information.
 - ✓ Asked if Channel 3 info can be forwarded to them via email information.
- M. Garcia:
 - ✓ Requested to have a better plan/ride for Commissioners in future Colton Christmas Parades.
 - ✓ Requested the Commission to spend time at the Hutton Center.
- E. Kunter:
 - ✓ Requested to say prayers not only for the City of Colton but also to the surrounding City.
 - ✓ Asked for the attendance of the Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Basket and did the Department fall short financially.
- E. Hernandez:
 - ✓ Requested to have a transportation return for Commissioners in future Colton Christmas Parades.
- Rasso
 - ✓ Support our City; support our local kids.

13. Staff Liaison Comments/Announcements

Ms. Farrar reminded the Commissioner about the County's point and time count on January 28; March meeting will be the Sports meeting; mentioned that the Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket event last year was successful due to Ms. Strutz's and Ms. Phelps' work on revamping the donation letter.

14. Upcoming Events/Meetings

2/15 President's Day Holiday - Centers Closed
Ride & Dinner

2/18 50+ Club Excursion, Palm Springs Tram

15. Adjournment

At 8:12 pm, Chairperson Rasso declared the meeting adjourned and requested a moment of silence in honor of the December 2 San Bernardino victims.