



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAWDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Loeza called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260.

Members Present: Commissioner Ignatius Lin
Commissioner Daniel Woods
Chairperson Joanne Loeza

Members Absent: Commissioner Uriel Gomez
Vice Chairperson Kenneth Miller

Staff Present: Community Services Director, Jason Minter

B. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Woods led the flag salute.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 25, 2024, Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Lin to approve the November 25, 2024, minutes as written.

Motion carried 3-0, absent Vice Chair Miller and Commissioner Gomez.

D. PRESENTATIONS

None.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Items not on the agenda (Public Comments)

None.

F. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Lawndale BEAT Ridership Report

Director Minter provided a very brief update on the Lawndale BEAT buses. A motion was made by Chairperson Loeza to accept and file the report. A second was made by Commissioner Woods.

Motion carried 3-0, absent Vice Chair Miller and Commissioner Gomez.

3. Approval of December 23, 2024, as a Commission Dark Night

Director Minter stated that due to the holiday week and the lack of business that staff recommended approval of December 23 as a dark night. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the dark night and Chair Loeza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0, absent Vice Chair Miller and Commissioner Gomez.

4. Review of the 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule

Chairperson Loeza thanked staff for providing the calendar. There was some discussion from Commissioner Woods about the lack of business as compared to previous years. Additionally, there were questions asked about different programs that the department previously offered and that the Commission had supported. Director Minter advised that there had not been any changes to the Commission schedule, and that if there were specific programs that the Commission would like information on that they can share that information with staff for future discussions. Additional discussion included programs like holiday baskets, tea parties, and movies.

H. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. Director's Report

Director Minter provided a brief review of the Angel Tree Lighting Event. Director Minter shared that the number of performances had increased from last year, that there were more food booths, and that staff had developed a partnership with the Leuzinger Careers Academy for photographs and cookies/cocoa. There was ice skating, sledding, show play, and train rides. Overall it was a well attended event with a great deal of energy and excitement from the community. He then confirmed attendance for Route 2 of Santa's Seigh. Chair Loeza confirmed that she would be attending and Director Minter confirmed that Commissioner Gomez would be in attendance, along with staff member Darrion and a member of the Senior Advisory Committee. Director Minter provided an update on the Youth Development Center, and that a presentation was scheduled for the January 21, 2025, City Council meeting in which they would be requesting approval of the final conceptual design for the project. There was some discussion on the project from Commissioner Lin.

I. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

J. SPECIAL EVENT UPDATE

None.

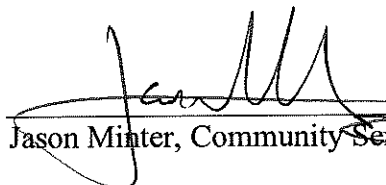
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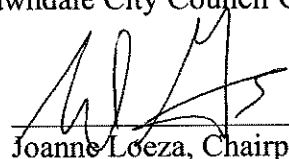
Director Minter shared more info about the Oath of Office Ceremony and the NRPA report about Park Engagement that was provided to the Commission.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Loeza adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. to a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Lawndale City Council Chambers, 14717 Burin Avenue.

Attest:


Jason Minter, Community Services Director

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Joanne Loeza, Chairperson