

DALY CITY RECREATION COMMISSION
DALY CITY RECREATION – VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

ROLL CALL

Recreation Commission Present:

Commissioner Nate Ortiz, Commissioner Jack Pastor, Commissioner Nadia Flamenco, and Chair Christina Luna

Recreation Commission Absent:

Vice Chair Luis Landos

Staff Present:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown, and Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, Assistant to the City Manager Leilani Ramos, Senior Recreation Services Supervisor Jennifer Der

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Commissioner Pastor, and second by Commissioner Ortiz to approve the agenda for September 22, 2020. The agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes for meeting on 7/28/2020, was not a quorum.

ACTION TAKEN:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown introduced Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos to talk about the summer program that was available for teens, Volunteer Leadership Program (VLP) Virtual Edition. The VLP program in a regular summer season is an opportunity to support staff in four recreation sites over the summer months. They assist with running the program with activities, field trips and special events. A video was provided as a recap to be viewed of what the VLP Virtual Edition participated in the summer of COVID. Video showed teens assisting with food distribution, video training, live streaming in different subjects. Meeting virtually did change the number of participants; this summer was 20 but usually it is about 125 teens that sign up. Guideline being followed was weekly training, access to livestreams, virtual special events, and community service. This program exposes teens to take advantage of opportunities available to them. The program ran for four weeks. It started July 6 and ended July 31. For weekly trainings it was staff lead with different topics. Training week #1- Leadership Communication, Training week #2-Team Building, Training week #3-Diversity, with guest speakers Mr. Peter Soewardiman and Mr. Andrew Hambre, both from Westmoor High School. They talked about their personal experience regarding diversity, as well as, how it is practiced at school, Training #4-Wellness, this training also had guest speakers Mr. Jonathan Portney, Executive Director Daly City Youth Health Center and Ms. Jennifer Salerno from the

YMCA, which she does the training for teens regarding mental health. Both spoke about how to cope with stress and wellness for teens and adults. First live Stream started with the Watermelon Challenge. It was very exciting to have people participate in person and virtually. The challenge was to place rubber bands around a watermelon until it exploded. Virtual viewing had the capability to guess how many it would take to have an opportunity to win a shirt. A staff member that put the last rubber band on the watermelon, VLP participant helping with the challenge and the virtual guest that said the correct or closest amount of rubber bands used won a shirt. Digital Drawing training with Recreator Jessica Reyes. She explained how to use the different tools on an iPad, such as, the colors, pens, and strokes to create drawings. Drawings were submitted by participants. It was so popular that a second instruction on how to draw/write your name. Many teens that participated submitted their names, and the additional names were created by Jessica so a shirt could be made as the Summer of 2020 participant shirt. Each Friday a cooking demonstration for how to cook a variety of dishes. Such as, Mac and Cheese, Breakfast Scramble, and S'mores French Toast. Ingredients were package up in a bag for pick up or delivered to participate with the cooking instructions and preparation, step by step recipe. Also used for Daly City Youth Advisory Committee (DCYAC) by making pizzas together, the idea worked out well. Tie Dye Mask with Recreation Aide Cherry Lynn Cabiles, same process as the cooking instruction. A kit was provided for pick up or delivery for the demonstration and instruction, with all items needed. The last Wednesday of July was national Chicken Wing Day. A chicken wing challenge took place with the top five hottest wings from Wing Stop with teams and appropriate social distancing. Live streams also included workshops. Financial Wellness with Mr. Mitch Oster from San Mateo Credit Union with four lessons that included Financial Institutions, Budgeting and Saving, Credit and Identity Theft. Four lessons, two hours each explaining the importance to start early to understand and prepare when transitioning to adulthood. Other workshops were Getting a Job and Succeeding at a New Job/working for Recreation facilitated by Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos and other staff on how to fill out an application and how to keep your job once hired. Also had teens facilitate workshops in Us Government lead by a VLP Recreation Aide Patrick Chin to present to his peers with an unbiased information from local, state and federal government that is important to know, Job Readiness by Daly City Advisory Committee (DCYAC) sharing information to the teen community. Community Service experience with food distribution that is held at Westlake Community Center ran by staff and Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. VLP's came out to volunteer their time to load cars and clean up at Westlake Park by picking up trash. Virtual special events was Game Nights by Recreator Jessica Reyes, Watch Party facilitated by Alex Cansanay that consisted of Sponge Bob and other viewing items, Summertime Show Case, one was done in June and did another in July, and VLP Documentary created by Matt and Chris Joe. The documentary presented the experience from the teens views that participated in the past and current programs. The event was on Facebook Live on 7/31/2020 at 7pm. It still can be viewed. A clip presented to view for Commission. It will be used as a promo for the program. Please like and/or join VLP at www.facebook.com/dalycityteens and www.instagram.com/dcteens. Commissioners commented on a job well done with VLP, especially during this time of change. Advertising of VLP is started in February but because of COVID it had to be cancelled. Those that had been registered were contacted to see if they would be interested in participating in the virtual edition for Summer 2020 some decided to stay in the program and others cancelled. Social

media notifications and emails were sent to kids that participated in the summer youth programs. In the future will advertise in schools too.

DCYAC is working on doing that during the school year. They were recruiting new Commissioners because the three founding teens have graduated high school and are off to college. Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos wanted the DCYAC to find the replacements to fill the open positions as an experience for future recruitments since they will be working together. 30 applicants were received, and the current Commissioners selected the top applicants with Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos final approval. DCYAC had their first two meetings creating a work plan, sub committees for items to be accomplished this year, and review by laws. Most current partnership is with the Boys & Girls Club-Mid Peninsula, Census 2020, voter registration, suicide prevention, and Ethnic studies. The conference scheduled was cancelled but will hold a virtual one. Information is available on the website <http://www.dalycity.org>. Which will include Minutes of the meetings and Agendas. Agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting date. Questions can be forward to Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos or can attend a meeting that takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown stated that the Senior programs available had to be modified, such as the lunch program. Staff is preparing meals Monday – Thursday to get picked up or delivered on the following Monday. Food distribution with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley takes place Thursdays and Fridays. Thursdays at Westlake Community Center serves 500 participants, 1st and 3rd Fridays at Serramonte Center serves 1,000 plus, and 2nd and 4th Fridays at Westlake Community Center serves 500. Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown Introduced a trailer of the first cooking contest, “SLICED”, that took place on September 5, 2020 that consisted of using the foods distributed from Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. Judges were two reps from Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, Mayor Glenn Sylvester, Kristin Joe, a Recreator and herself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown gave update on other recreation services. Facilities will be closed until the county moves into the Orange tier. Tennis courts are open, fields and playgrounds remain closed. Parks have been open but not the picnic shelter area. Gellert Park is closed due to construction. Skateboard parks placement put on hold because of the renovation of basketball and pickle courts. Senior population are safe and healthy, resources are available through H.A.R.T. in the community. Outreach being done to check in on the Seniors that participate on regular scheduled programs. Virtual classes available that target 50+ age community members is happening. Class Dev/Cultural Arts Coordinator Leslie DuBridge is working on more virtual programming with instruction. Daly City Rec at Home is a social media platform that offers information on different categories, such as mental illness and how to connect with gaming. Daly Fun through schools Monday – Friday at 3:30 PM are videos shown from previous events engaging with kids will start in October. Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte gave follow up on Master Plan that is through Public Works, City Council approved the

plans and is starting to implement the beginning stages of the plan. Also, said that American Red Cross has virtual support for families that lost a family member to COVID, is on the city website. Recreation Services Supervisor Edgardo Bolanos stated that September 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020 is Latin Heritage month. On September 14, 2020 promotion of LatinX with DCYAC for a showing of a mashup video of previous events, cooking demonstrations and other highlights to be celebrated for the month on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Kasayahan virtual Editions will take place on October 10, 2020 on Facebook, YouTube, and Kumu at 1pm. Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown mentioned other October events. Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2020 starting at 6:30 PM at Westlake Park, which normally services about 400 kids. Starting on October 1, House decorating and pet costume contest by submission of pictures and displayed virtually. Adventure kits with interaction Zoom will also take place. Must register for all events for head count purposes.

Meeting adjourned: 8:02pm

Next Meeting:

October 27, 2020 at 7PM

Daly City Virtual Meeting