

**CITY OF RIALTO  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024  
IN PERSON SPECIAL MEETING  
150 S. PALM AVE., RIALTO CA, 92376**

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at \_\_6:34\_\_ pm by \_Chair Britt\_.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

<b>ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>PRESENT TO DATE</b>
Jose Aparicio	X		
Joe Britt	X		
James Maldonado		X	
Jan Morrison	X		
Scott Sparks		X	

c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by \_\_\_Commissioner Aparicio\_\_\_

d. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve October 1, 2024, meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Aparicio      **Seconded by:** Commissioner Morrison

**MOTION PASSES YES:** 3      **NO:** 0      **ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Noting the absence of Vice Chair Sparks and Commissioner Maldonado**

e. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

f. **STAFF UPDATES**

Director Alvarado gave updates on department programming: Administration: Rental information. In October 13 Facility Rentals, and 51 Park Shelters. In November 2 facility rentals, and 23 park shelters. In December 1 facility rental and 4 park shelters. We have a new staff member Joseph (facility maintenance assistant). Our department led the annual city Halloween staff appreciation luncheon, the parks and rec department won best group costume.

Special events hosted Annual Viva la Fiesta, Halloween Hi-Jinks and is preparing for the annual Rialto Holiday Festival and Parade. The division participated in the Walk like MADD and Pet-A-Palooza events held by the City Clerks office.

Youth & Adult sports is going well it was a great season. This seasons Championship teams are: Volleyball D1 Dragon Flies. Basketball Division C Rebels, Division B Mambas, Division A D2R and Division AA Panthers

Contract Classes are going well. Ballet Folklorico will be back in action in January. The Teen Center took a field trip to the natural museum. This trip was grant funded via CDBG. Holiday Parties were held with Mobile Rec, Teen Center, and Willow Village.

Child Development hosted their Halloween Bash in October, and held Friendsgiving in November. The Tiny Tots will be participating in the Holiday Parade riding on a float.

Fitness & Aquatics Center hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Floating Pumpkin Patch and expanded swimming lessons to be offered through December.

Senior Services hosted their Halloween Carnival, did their Turkey raffle, and are preparing for the Grinch Who Stole a Senior Social.

Community Engagement has been participating in opportunities with RUSD and other organizations setting up an information booth sharing what the department offers. The division also is working on putting together the Point In Time Count which will be held on January 23, 2025.

Parks Maintenance completed 475 work orders. They addressed water pressure issues at Birdsall park so the league can better prep their fields before practices and games. The division met with the Dodger Dream field Foundation for our yearly field evaluation and all looks well. Parks prepared Joe Sampson for the annual MAAD walk which was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. And lastly the team covered the Civic Center in lights in preparation for the holiday season.

#### **g. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM:** 24-1861

**ACTION:** Recommendation Parks and Recreation Commission review the Rialto Creative Connection Arts Policy Draft 1 of Section 1 and provide feedback to guide updates and refinements. Bring revised draft back to the commission for further review and consideration to the February meeting.

**ITEM:** 24-1862

**ACTION:** The Commission will go dark in January and July of the 2025 calendar year and if needed a special meeting can be called

**MOTION:** (Aparico)      **Seconded by:** Morrison

**MOTION PASSES YES:** 3 \_\_\_\_\_ **NO:** 0 \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSTAIN:** 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **h. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Morrison:** I'm impressed with the policy draft that we will be working on. Anxious to see what comes out of the policy. Some of the things that we are already doing will be highlighted by the policy and is excited to see where it goes. Programmers doing fantastic innovative things in our community. The Youth partnered with fitness center to finish soctober.

Likes to see the department working together to make things more exciting. Likes that they are partnering with outside organizations like fed ex. Can partner with multiple stores in the city. Sorry she couldn't stop by many programs but did stop with the youth and they are thriving. Likes the mobile recreation program they seem happy and they have a following. Looking forward to next year. Wants to see the commission expand –has been having conversation with NSG. I'm excited for 2025 to see what else is out there. We can make our part of the world a little bit nicer. Thank you for being here for me. Happy holidays

**Commissioner Aparicio:**

Apologies for not being here often. It is tough to get out. Will be here April May June. See we have a busy year in 2025. Reflect on 2024. Lots of volunteers at the Senior center Carnival event. Wants to do more of those events with his work and help with the program. Not sure if he will be able to attend Saturday. Will let us know. Can he jump on someone's float. Looking at the calendar would like to see integration with additional events i.e. veterans day, bring back something for that day, MLK day, more integration with the various events. Invite some orgs that celebrate those dates. For June he would like to see something with pride month.

**Chair Britt:** Cynthia thank you for what you and the staff have done. Appreciation day for staff, would like to do something maybe on parks and rec professional day. Jose thank you for coming to the meeting your voice is needed. This year coming up in 2025 wants to do something special. Like a fundraiser like a Mayors ball. Can we do a fundraiser? Juneteenth—I'd like to see it be kept in tact. The names that we have in our book in Rialto Progress Magazine can we get the commission names on it? Can we work with an organization for a backpack give away? We had a fruitful year. Thank you for all the hard work. Happy holidays!

**i. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to attend, \_\_\_\_\_ 8:21pm \_\_\_\_\_ adjourned the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ pm with the next regular meeting to be held at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the City Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Ave, Rialto, CA 92376

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford, Director  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services