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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
FIESTA LA BALLONA COMMITTEE  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 2, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Guzzetta called the regular meeting of the Fiesta La Ballona Committee to order at 7:01 P.M. via videoconference.

Present: Greg Guzzetta, Chair  
Lisa Marie Parker Desai, Vice Chair  
Lizet Alvarez, Member\*  
Ronnie Jayne, Member  
Marcus G. Tiggs, Member  
Bob Wayne, Member

\*Member Alvarez joined the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Absent: Lila Swenson, Member

Staff: Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community  
Services Director  
Stephanie DaVall, Recreation and Community  
Services Coordinator  
Darren Uhl, Recreation and Community Services  
Manager  
Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services  
Supervisor  
Terrica Miller, Administrative Clerk

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ronnie Jayne sang the Star Spangled Banner.

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**Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda**

Chair Guzzetta invited public comment.

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**Consent Calendar**

Item C-1

**Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2020**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding minor typographical errors to be corrected.

MOVED BY CHAIR GUZZETTA AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PARKER DESAI THAT THE FIESTA LA BALLONA COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2020 AS CORRECTED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: GUZZETTA, PARKER DESAI, JAYNE, TIGGS, WAYNE  
NOES: ALVAREZ, SWENSON

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**Order of the Agenda**

No changes were made.

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**Review of Virtual Fiesta La Ballona 2020**

Stephanie DaVall, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, provided a presentation on Virtual Fiesta La Ballona 2020; discussed website redesign; lining up events with the regular Fiesta; the marketplace; carnival games; food; Zero Waste World; entertainment; Fiesta La Ballona

history; assistance by the Historical Society; and the family scavenger hunt.

Member Alvarez joined the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the event; the history component; the scavenger hunt; the hot weather during the event; participation data; spreading the Fiesta around the City; concern with lack of publicity for the event; the planning process for the event; participation by local businesses; and integration of sponsors into the scavenger hunt.

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**Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)**

Terrica Miller, Administrative Clerk, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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**Receipt of Correspondence**

Terrica Miller, Administrative Clerk, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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**Items from Staff**

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, announced that he was moving on to a job in the City of Irvine; reported that Armando Abrego would act as Interim Director during the recruitment process to fill the position; assured Committee Members that they would be in good hands with staff; and he thanked the Committee for their work and innovation.

Committee Members thanked Mr. Lakin for his hard work, innovation and enthusiasm; discussed continuity; and the timeframe for hiring a new Director.

Darren Uhl, Recreation and Community Services Manager, discussed vacancies; options moving forward; and the need to have an October meeting to address Committee Membership.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a request that the option previously proposed by Member Tiggs be put into writing for the Committee; the need for a recommendation to come forward to the City Council from the Committee; the ability of Committee Members to submit suggestions to staff; the process; the need for Members to serve; termed out Members; the mistake in Member Swenson's application for reappointment; and approval of WiFi for all of Veterans Memorial Park and facilities.

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#### **Items from Committee Members**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Committee consensus to agendize a discussion regarding moving the date later in the year due to the heat; options for dates; a suggestion to continue the scavenger hunt in the future; working on Fiesta La Ballona 2021 whether it happens or not; and expanding the Fiesta beyond the park.

Terrica Miller, Administrative Clerk, thanked Anissa Di Vincente for IT support.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:41 P.M., the Fiesta La Ballona Committee adjourned the meeting to October 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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Terrica Miller  
SECRETARY of the Fiesta La Ballona Committee

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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GREG GUZZETTA  
CHAIR of the Culver City Fiesta La Ballona Committee  
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

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Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK

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Date