



City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882

Minutes - Final

Public Services Committee

*VICE MAYOR KAREN SPIEGEL
COUNCIL MEMBER RANDY FOX*

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

3:30 PM

Council Board Room

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Spiegel at 3:30 p.m. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Darrell Talbert, City Manager
Joanne Coletta, Comm. Dev. Dir.
Tom Moody, Asst. General Mgr.
Tom Koper, Asst. PW Director
Mary Tapia, Program Coordinator

Kerry Eden, ACM/Admin. Services Dir.
David Montgomery-Scott, Lib. & Rec. Srv. Dir.
Chris McMasters, IT Director
Sylvia Viayra, Asst. to City Manager

Others Present:

Sylvia Barnett, Resident
Linda Bates, Peppermint Ridge
Joe Morgan, Resident
Wes Speak, Resident/Corona Historic Preservation Society
Don Williamson, Corona Historic Association

Agenda Items

2. [17-539](#) Request for City Co-sponsorship from Peppermint Ridge for the Comedy 4a Cause event to be held at the Community Center on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

(Management Services)

Action: Information & Discussion

Ms. Mary Tapia, Program Coordinator, introduced the item and reported that staff received a co-sponsorship request from Peppermint Ridge for their fundraiser "Comedy 4a Cause" to be held on Saturday, April 29th at the Historic Theater with performance by Mr. Fritz Coleman, a weathercaster for NBC4 News. She noted that there will also be a VIP event at the Historic Community Room. The proceeds are to be used to care for the needs of severely disabled adults. Peppermint Ridge desires to give quality of life to the residents by providing them with various services. Ms. Linda Bates, Peppermint Ridge, was present to answer any

questions of the Committee. Ms. Tapia also reported that the applicant has met all the requirements for co-sponsorship. The co-sponsorship request is for \$423 which covers: rental of the Historic Theater and lighting technician, the Community Room, 10 cases of water, advertisement at the Auto Center Sign and City's social media. Vice Mayor Karen Spiegel provided an overview of the co-sponsorship fund, explaining that co-sponsored events are not monetary and are for in-kind services only.

The Committee supports the request from Peppermint Ridge for the city co-sponsorship of the Comedy 4a Cause event to be held on April 29th and directed staff to work with Peppermint Ridge to ensure that their requests are fulfilled.

3. [17-540](#)

Naming of the Community Room at the Corona Public Library.
(Library & Recreation Services)

Action: Information & Discussion

Mr. David Montgomery-Scott, Library and Recreation Services Director, introduced the item and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the application process for honorary naming of a room/facility. He provided an overview on the request received to rename the Library's Grand Boulevard Room in honor of Frances Martinez. He noted that Ms. Sylvia Barnett, a family member of Ms. Martinez was present. Mr. Montgomery-Scott discussed the application submission process. He noted that the department shall cause notice of the application to be published at least twice in a newspaper circulated within the City, once at least twenty-one (21) days and once at least seven (7) days before consideration by the Public Services Committee. The noticing needs to be completed before the Committee can consider the request. He also provided a time table overview as follows:

- Week of March 8: Letter or legal agreement as consent
- Week of March 8: Letters demonstrating broad community support
- Week of March 15 and April 3: Press releases/social media requests for public comment and public noticing.
- April 5: Council resolution re: application fees and associated naming costs
- April 12: Presentation of application and public comments to the Public Services Committee
- April 19: Application to City Council for consideration

Mr. Don Williamson, Corona Historic Association, spoke in support of renaming the Library's Grand Boulevard Room in honor of Frances Martinez. He provided a brief overview of Frances Martinez's life and accomplishments.

The Committee supports the request and instructed staff to move forward with the process.

4. [17-546](#)

Discussion regarding filming of Planning and Housing Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

(Vice Mayor Karen Spiegel)

Action: Information and Discussion

Vice Mayor Karen Spiegel introduced the item and requested that the item be discussed by the full City Council during the March 22, 2017 Study Session. She mentioned that she is in favor of filming the Planning and Housing Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. Vice Mayor Spiegel noted that she has reached out to Commissioners to discuss the filming and many were in support.

Mr. Wes Speake, resident, spoke in favor of the filming. He discussed the importance of having more public involvement. He thanked Vice Mayor Spiegel for bringing the item to the Committee.

Mr. Joe Morgan, resident, spoke in favor of the filming. He mentioned that he has been using Facebook Live to stream the Committee meetings for about a year and inquired about negative feedback received. Vice Mayor Spiegel responded that there have been negative comments because residents feel intimidated to speak and be recorded during the Committee meetings since they are informal meetings. She noted that during the Commission meetings, the Commissioners are making decisions on behalf of the City and she supports the filming of the Commission meetings.

Council Member Randy Fox spoke in opposition of the filming. He stated that it intimidates residents and interferes with resident participation.

The discussion regarding filming of Planning and Housing Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings will be presented to the full City Council at the March 22nd Study Session. There was a split decision; Vice Mayor Spiegel was in support and Council Member Fox was opposed.

5. Public Comments

Mr. Wes Speake, resident, spoke in support of the honorary naming in honor of Frances Martinez. He also thanked the Committee for discussing the filming of the Commission meetings.

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6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.