

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION
AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
6:00PM
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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You may speak up to 5 minutes on Agenda item. You may combine up to 2 minutes of time with another person's speaking. No person may speak more than a total of 7 minutes. The Commission Chair and Commissioners may change the amount of time allowed for speakers.

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In accordance with Executive Order No. N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed in the following ways:

Participants are encouraged to join the meeting 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Public comment will be accepted via email to recreation@montereypark.ca.gov during the meeting, before the close of public comment, and read into record during public comment, when feasible. We request that written communications be limited to not more than 50 words.

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Important Disclaimer – When a participant calls in to join the meeting, their name and/or phone number will be visible to all participants.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL – Recreation and Parks Commissioners: Philip Chang, Barbara Ngai
Community Participation Commissioners: Mary Ann Barlow-Garcia, Sandy Hildalgo, Carol Sullivan

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Related to Items NOT on the Agenda). While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Commission to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Commission may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed. Persons may, in addition to any other matter within the Commission's subject-matter jurisdiction, comment on Agenda Items at this time. If you provide public comment on a specific Agenda item at this time, however, you cannot later provide comments at the time the Agenda Item is considered.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] PRESENTATION

[2.] TREE MEMORIAL

2-A. NOMINATION OF WILLIAM R. SANCHEZ

It is recommended that the Commissioners

- (1) Review the program criteria and consider the nomination of William R. Sanchez;
and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

2-B. NOMINATION OF JOHNNY C. THOMPSON

It is recommended that the Commissioners

- (1) Review the program criteria and consider the nomination of John C. Thompson;
and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable

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Recreation & Parks Commission and Community Participation Commission Staff Report

DATE: September 28, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2-A

TO: Recreation & Parks Commissioners and
Community Participation Commissioners

FROM: Robert Aguirre, Director of Recreation & Community Services

SUBJECT: Nomination of William B. Sanchez

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commissioners:

- (1) Review the program criteria and consider the nomination of William R. Sanchez; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Aguirre".

Robert Aguirre
Director of Recreation and
Community Services

ATTACHMENT:

1. William R. Sanchez Biography

William "Bill" Sanchez Bio

William "Bill" Sanchez, born in 1918, lived to be 103 years young. A Sergeant in the U.S. Army, WWII Veteran, and Prisoner of War "POW."

Mr. Sanchez graduated from Jefferson High School and was then offered a boxing scholarship to UCLA. He enlisted in the Army in September 1940 and chose to go to an outpost in the Philippines. While serving in World War II, on May 6, 1942, his whole division was captured after keeping the Japanese at bay for five months. Mr. Sanchez survived the Bataan Death March and the Japanese Prison Camp Omori for nearly four years until he was freed on September 22, 1945. William earned the American Defense Medal with 1 Bronze Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Defense Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Badge with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, 1 Service Stripe, and 8 Overseas Bars.

Mr. Sanchez moved to Monterey Park in 1958 and has been a keynote speaker at many of the City's patriotic and national holiday events. He has served as a mentor at the American Legion Post 397 in Monterey Park for many years. In 2015 he served as the Grand Marshal in the Play Days parade. As a POW Veteran, he advocated for veterans' rights and benefits and helped at the Veteran's Hospital.



Recreation & Parks Commission and Community Participation Commission Staff Report

DATE: September 28, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2-B

TO: Recreation & Parks Commissioners and
Community Participation Commissioners
FROM: Robert Aguirre, Director of Recreation & Community Services
SUBJECT: Nomination of John C. Thompson

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commissioners:

- (1) Review the program criteria and consider the nomination of John C. Thompson; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Aguirre".

Robert Aguirre
Director of Recreation and
Community Services

ATTACHMENT:

1. John C. Thompson Biography

John C. Thompson Bio

Johnny, along with his brother and parents, moved to Monterey Park in 1949. Since 1949, he lived and worked in Monterey Park. In 1959, as a sophomore at Mark Keppel High School, Johnny decided to give guitar lessons. To promote his guitar lessons, he hand-painted a sign that hung from his family's front yard fence. After graduating from high school in 1961, he opened Johnny Thompson Music as a retail store and offered music lessons.

Johnny's father, a professional carpenter, built the needed displays, and his mother helped with customers. In the 1980s, he was the founding member of the Downtown Merchants' Association, now known as the Garvey/Garfield Business Improvement District (BID). Also, he began to work closely with local school districts' music programs at about the same time. However, in 2002 No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) diminished and almost eliminated disadvantaged students' access to music education.

In 2009, Johnny started Parents for Music and Arts and established a .org website. In 2014, No Child Left Behind became Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This new act showed great promise to reverse the 12-year decline of music and arts at our schools.

Johnny served as a committee member on the Business Improvement District Advisory Committee for numerous years and has consistently donated many hours of volunteerism to our schools and the community. He supported numerous local community organizations such as the Alhambra Educational Foundation and the Alhambra Latino Association.

Johnny had endless dedication and was committed to supporting and promoting the value of music in the community, especially for the youth.

Johnny Thompson Music has been in business in the City of Monterey Park for 60 straight years.