

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 15, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Weinstock called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:08 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gomez , Kato, Pearson, Weinstock, Vaca, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Siebert
Also Present: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Weinstock.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting of July 21, 2016.

Commissioner Kato requested the minutes be corrected to reflect the following change:
Item 5a/Discussion/Action Items/ Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle provided an update to the Youth Sports Scholarship program.

*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Pearson – Motion to approve minutes with correction as noted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:

Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, provided a copy of the City Manager report dated August 23, 2016 regarding Larwin Park. Ms. Riley strongly encouraged the commission to attend the Larwin Park ad hoc meeting to be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Riley also announced the following upcoming events: Buena Park Goes to College on October 1, 2016; the Korean Arirang Festival on October 7 - October 9, 2016; and Silverado Days Kick-Off dinner on October 13, 2016.

Dale Kurata, Parks Manager, announced that Council approved Troy High School's usage of Peak Park Pool.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported the youth soccer season games start on September 17, 2016. She will provide information for the sports banquet schedule for December as it gets closer.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that Adult Softball field usage is underway at Bellis and San Antonio Parks. Staff is currently preparing for Silverado Days as well as Candy Caneland.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley reported that construction for The Source is still underway. Porto's restaurant is moving right along as scheduled and construction of the Butterfly Pavilion at the former Movieland Wax Museum will be underway shortly.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle provided an update to the Youth Sports Scholarship program. A total of \$300 was transferred from the youth scholarship account to the Youth Summer Sports Camp account. Two-hundred dollars was transferred for P-Nut baseball, and \$800 was transferred for swim lessons. Ms. Van Sickle stated the current scholarship fund balance is \$3,601.00.

- b. Summer Program Evaluations

1. Summer Aquatics – Mr. Kurata provided a presentation on the Aquatics Program. This summer, the program was expanded to start earlier to accommodate changes in local school schedules. All pools were opened from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Larwin Spray pool was closed again this year due to the drought. Overall, the program was a success.

2. Summer Parks Program – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the Summer Parks and Sports programs. The free drop-in program was offered at eight (8) different sites from May 31 - August 5, 2016, Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

3. P-nut Baseball – Ms. Van Sickle reported on another great season of P-Nut and Clinic baseball. There were a total of thirty-two (32) teams for P-Nut Baseball this season. P-Nut Campout and Picnic Day concluded both programs on the last weekend in July with an awards ceremony and a participation trophy for each player.

4. Gymnasium Programs - Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported on another successful summer season for the various gym programs. Adult softball had 16 teams registered over the summer. Adult basketball had 9 teams registered which is currently the maximum allowed. Ms. Ramirez stated that the fees for adult softball and adult basketball have increased. The drop-in sports program showed a significant increase in the number of participants registered for volleyball. The regular classes at the gym offered for ages 2 – 14 years old are offered year round and continue to be very popular. The Youth Summer Sports Camp is the biggest program offered for ages 7-14 years old and held at the gym. This year, the program offered two field trips per week: one trip to Peak Park Pool and the other to the Big Air Trampoline Park. The attendance numbers for this season increased by 126 kids. Many of the V.O.L.T. volunteers started out in the camp and are now working the camp. The V.O.L.T. program currently has 82 active members. Over the past few months there have been over 1,500 volunteer hours worked from the V.O.L.T. participants.

c. California State University at Fullerton Videos Supporting Exercise Park Equipment

Commissioner Wilson-Thomas presented a Power Point highlighting the work of her graduate students. The students did an evaluation of the parks in Buena Park and compiled data on exercise equipment, appropriate exercises and proper use of the equipment. Four videos were created: getting started; how to use the equipment; warm up and flexibility exercises; and exercises without the use of equipment. Additional material is also available on the website, such as goal setting, how to plan, and recommended work-outs. St. Jude's Hospital is also working with these students to develop ways to promote exercise and usage. The link to the website and videos will be added to the city's website.

d. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various projects currently underway:

- Upcoming Boisseranc Park playground pre-construction meeting
- Liberty Hall remodel is currently under construction
- Edison Right-of-Way pathway project is underway
- Larwin Park renovation – ad hoc meeting scheduled

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – Ms. Ramirez distributed the report on graffiti removal.

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:


None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 5:00 p.m.
b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Commissioner Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Maria Martinez, for Mary Coles-Guzman,
Recording Secretary



Mike Weinstock, Chair