

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
October 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Pearson called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Gomez , Kato, Pearson, Weinstock, Vaca  
Excused: Siebert, Wilson-Thomas  
Also Present: 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 Vice Chair Pearson.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of September 15, 2016.

\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Vaca – Motion to approve minutes as presented.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**3. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:**

Dale Kurata, Parks Manager, reported on the success of Silverado Days which was held October 14-16, 2016 at William Peak Park. Attendance was down but overall, the event went well. Mr. Kurata also announced the replacement trees at Boisseranc Park have been installed.

Additionally, Mr. Kurata announced that the discussion to add a Community Services Coordinator to oversee the Aquatics Summer Program will be brought before City Council on the October 25, 2016 meeting.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported on the success of Buena Park Goes to College that was held at the Community Center on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. The event was well attended with approximately 200 students.

Additionally, Ms. Ramirez noted that the gym programs are going well with regular classes. Ms. Ramirez also noted that the Community Services Department has fully implemented the new software registration program which is accessible from any mobile device as well as enables credit card payments to be processed at the gymnasium directly.

Lastly, Ms. Ramirez distributed the flyer for Candy Caneland which will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Ehlers Event Center from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The theme this year is Country Time Christmas. Invitations for the event will be distributed at next month's meeting.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported the youth soccer season games are currently underway. The awards banquet will be in December. More details about this event are soon to follow.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Mr. Kurata reported on the Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise that took place on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. This exercise occupied the entire grounds of City Hall, the Police Department as well as the Community Center. Ms. Ramirez provided further details on the success of this exercise that was in collaboration with the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) to administer flu shots to the public. There were over 150 staff and volunteers assisting with this exercise. Residents had the option to walk-up or drive through to receive their shot.

Mr. Kurata also announced the Cops N Goblins event hosted by the Buena Park Police Department from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. on October 31, 2016. Construction at the former Movieland Wax Museum site has begun as well as the installation of the monument signs along Beach Blvd is currently in progress. Mr. Kurata also added that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on November 17, 2016 at the Knott's Hotel at 7:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and available for purchase at the Community Center or at the City Manager's office.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Nothing to report
- b. 2016 Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Reception: Discussion – Vice Chair Pearson opened up the discussion. After discussion, the consensus of the commission is to host a holiday reception potluck style. A sign-up sheet will be distributed. Commissioner Kato made a motion to change the meeting time for the December 13, 2016 meeting to 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Commissioner Pearson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- c. Community Gardens Report – Ms. Van Sickle distributed the revised set of guidelines. This revision has been streamlined with a few additions which allow anyone in the community to obtain a garden plot. The new rule allows a maximum of four (4) garden plots per household by address. A copy of these rules is given to each registrant and they are required to sign and acknowledge that they read the rules.
- d. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various projects currently underway:
  - Boisseranc Park playground under construction
  - Liberty Hall remodel at Ehlers Event Center going well
  - Larwin Park project will meet October 25, 2016 for a design meeting

**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:**

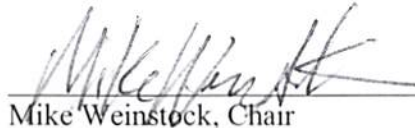
- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2016 7:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Vice Chair Pearson called the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Mike Weinstock, Chair