

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Weinstock called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of November 17, 2016.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Wilson-Thomas – Motion to approve minutes as presented.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

3. **DIRECTOR’S/STAFF REPORT:**

Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, announced the receipt of sight improvement plans for the Edison right-of-way. Ms. Riley also announced the Larwin Park project discussion goes back to Council in January.

Additionally, Ms. Riley announced the results of the mayoral election. Beth Swift is now Mayor; Virginia Vaughn is the Mayor Pro Tem.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, reported on the success of Candy Caneland. Mr. Kurata also announced the installation of drip irrigation in the center median along Beach Blvd. from Stanton Avenue to Crescent Avenue.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the end of the Soccer League season. Staff is preparing for youth basketball.

Senior Community Services Coordinator, Veronica Ramirez, thanked the commission for their assistance with booth judging at Candy Caneland. There were approximately 3,000 in attendance. Overall, the response from patrons was positive.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced the completed demolition of the former Movieland Wax Museum site. The Butterfly Pavillion is currently in plan check. Ms. Riley also announced the opening of Porto's Restaurant is set for January 2017. Additionally, the playground at Boisseranc Park is nearing completion.

In addition, Ms. Ramirez reported the newly installed energy efficient lights at the gymnasium. Staff is currently wrapping up Organized Play games to accommodate for the upcoming Youth Basketball season.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle reported there are four (4) pending scholarships for Youth Basketball for 2017. The current scholarship fund balance stands at \$3,601.00.
- b. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various projects currently underway:
 - Boisseranc Park playground nearing completion
 - Landscaping upgrade along Beach Blvd.
- c. Election of Officers - Election of Officers - The recording secretary opened nominations for Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Kato nominated Commissioner Pearson as Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Weinstock. Motion was carried. Commissioner Pearson is the new Chair.

The recording secretary then opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Pearson nominated Commissioner Kato as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson-Thomas. Motion was carried. Commissioner Kato is the new Vice Chair.

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, January 10, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Pearson called the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

Rose Pearson, Chair