

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 19, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: 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: Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Gomez
Also Present: 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 Pearson.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of December 15, 2016.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Wilson-Thomas – Motion to approve minutes as presented.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Claudia Pena with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's office provided a brief introduction of herself.

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

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager, provided a brief update on the impact the recent rain has had on the drought. Mr. Kurata also reported that staff is preparing for hiring the full-time Community Services Coordinator position.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported the start of youth basketball as well as the preparation of Spring Eggstravaganza and the Track and Field meet. More details are soon to follow.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported the Buena Park National Little League opening day is February 24, 2017 at Bellis Field. Ms. Ramirez also announced the flyer for the annual V.O.L.T. Interview Workshop for Teens will soon be distributed.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Mr. Kurata announced the parking lot at the former Movieland Wax Museum site is completed. Additionally, Porto's is expected to open soon. The restaurant is hosting a job fair in anticipation of their opening.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Candy Caneland and Craft Fair Evaluation - Ms. Ramirez reported on the success of the event. There were a total of 2,800 in attendance with over 100 craft tables and 14 food and game booths. Overall, the feedback received has been positive.

- b. Santa Letters and Santa Visits Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of both programs. Santa Visits ran on December 2, 9, 10, 15-17, 2016. Visits were limited to fifteen minutes per household with a total of five visits per night. Letters to Santa program ran from November 29 through December 8, 2016. Santa was able to send a personal response if an address was provided. Overall, the feedback received has been positive.
- c. Youth Soccer Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of this program. Registration for the Soccer League ran from June 6 - August 11, 2016. Registration for Soccer Clinic ran from August 13 - November 19, 2016. All games were held at Boisseranc Park.
- d. Park Tour Discussion - Discussion for the Park Tour was tentatively set for Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.
- e. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle reported there are three (3) pending scholarships for Youth Basketball for 2017. The current scholarship fund balance stands at \$3,601.00.
- f. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various projects currently underway:
 - The remodel of Liberty Hall at Ehlers Event Center is nearing completion
 - Drip irrigation at Valley View Ave. and the 91 freeway has started
 - Former City Hall Christmas tree has been relocated to Brenner Park
 - Approval of Larwin Park Phase I increased funding to \$2.8 million
 - Boisseranc Park playground installation completed

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Weinstock requested to add Memorial Grove Discussion for the next meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Pearson called the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Rose Pearson, Chair