

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 16, 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, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Gomez, Weinstock
Also Present: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Mary Coles-Guzman, Senior Administrative Assistant

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of January 19, 2016.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Siebert – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Council Liaison, Art Brown was present.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced the full-time position of Community Services Coordinator - Aquatics will soon be filled.

Additionally, Ms. Riley announced the receipt of Silverado Days grants as follows: \$500 for Peak Park Silverado Days improvements; \$250 for Youth Sports equipment; \$250 for V.O.L.T.; \$750 for Spring Eggstravaganza; and \$300 for Youth Sports Grant Program.

Senior Community Services Coordinator, Michelle Van Sickle reported the start of Pnut season. Staff is currently preparing for Spring Eggstravaganza and the Summer Parks program.

Senior Community Services Coordinator, Veronica Ramirez announced the recruitment for the Aquatics program is currently underway. Staff is also preparing for youth Summer Sports camp. Ms. Ramirez also announced the V.O.L.T. Interview Workshop for teens on February 23, 2017.

Additionally, Ms. Ramirez announced the kinesiology students from Cal State Fullerton will be serving as Physical Activity Coaches to the exercise equipment at our various parks. A flyer promoting physical fitness at our parks was distributed.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced the opening of Porto's restaurant on March 1, 2017.

Furthermore, Ms. Riley reported on the homeless outreach program through Bright Paths. Since its inception in April 2016, Bright Paths have contacted 286 individuals with 63 of those individuals placed in homes.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Spring Eggstravaganza Update - Commission to sponsor a hunt area - Ms. Van Sickle requested the commission's assistance with sponsoring a hunt area by providing spring baskets. After discussion, the consensus of the commission was to sponsor the 9-12 years of age group.
- b. Memorial Grove Discussion - Ms. Van Sickle distributed three application nominations for the commission's review. This item has been requested to be agendaized for the April meeting for further discussion.
- c. Park Tour Discussion - Chair Pearson opened the discussion on the tentative Park Tour date. After discussion, the commission agreed to set the date for Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting place before the tour is at the Community Center parking lot.
- d. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported there are three pending scholarship applications that are currently signed up for Youth Basketball. The pending status will be removed once the season ends to ensure the registrants stay committed to the program. Ms. Van Sickle also announced the current available scholarship balance is \$3,901.00.
- e. Park Projects Update – Ms. Riley reported the recent Council approval of roof repairs to the pool buildings at Boisseranc and Peak Parks. Parks Maintenance staff is currently constructing a volleyball grass court at Peak Park. Staff anticipates completion by March.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – Ms. Ramirez distributed the report on graffiti removal as well as the flyer for the V.O.L.T. Interview Workshop for Teens.

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Pearson requested to add the Memorial Grove discussion to the April meeting for further discussion.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:00 p.m.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Pearson adjourned to the next Park and Recreation meeting on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Rose Pearson, Chair