

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Kato called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gomez, Kato, Siebert, Vaca, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Pearson, Weinstock
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
Mary Coles-Guzman, Senior Administrative Assistant

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of February 16, 2016.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Siebert – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, announced that City Council approved the concept of a joint use agreement with Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) to demolish the existing swimming pool and build a new state-of-the-art 50-meter pool; and major renovations to the existing performing arts center at Buena Park High School.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager reminded the commission of the upcoming Park Tour that will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017. The tour will begin at the Buena Park Community Center at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Kurata also reported the replacement of the damaged park sign at Bellis Park due to a car accident.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported that youth basketball season is wrapping up. P-nut baseball season is currently underway with a skills testing date on April 7, 2017. Ms. Van Sickle also reported that staff is preparing for Spring Eggstravaganza, the Track and Field Meet as well as the Summer Parks Program.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported that staff is preparing for Youth Summer Sports Camp. The fee has increased to \$74 for a full day of camp. Youth Summer Sports Camp will begin on May 30, 2017 and will run for eight weeks.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced that Porto's Bakery and Cafe opened on March 1, 2017. Ms. Riley also announced Council's approval of temporarily housing Fire Station 61 that recently caught fire. The Fire Station will operate at Walter Knott school while the station is rebuilt.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported there has been one additional application received. As the aquatics season starts, staff anticipates more scholarship applications will be received.
- b. August Commission Meeting to Possibly Go Dark - After discussion, Commissioner Gomez made a motion to go dark in August. Commissioner Seibert seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- c. Memorial Grove Discussion - The commission reviewed the three nominations received. The nominees are: Lucille Pope, Barbara Jean O'Brien, and Donna Bagley. After discussion, the consensus of the commission was in favor of Donna Bagley. Commissioner Vaca made a motion to accept Donna Bagley as the 2017 Memorial Grove recipient. Commissioner Gomez seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- d. Park Projects Update – Ms. Riley announced Council will be evaluating the Larwin Park project at the March 28, 2017 meeting. The discussion will be under Study Session. All are encouraged to attend.

Additionally, Mr. Kurata announced the new volleyball court at Peak Park located near the west shelter.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – Ms. Ramirez distributed the report on graffiti removal as well as the Youth Summer Sports Camp and Summer Aquatics programs.

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Wilson-Thomas reported that her students from Cal State Fullerton Kinesiology department are working with a few people with the exercise equipment at the parks.

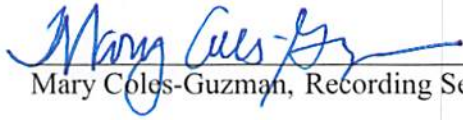
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Spring Eggstravanga - Boisseranc Park, April 15, 2017 9:00 a.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Vice Chair Kato adjourned the meeting to the Park Tour on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Vice Chair