



AGENDA – PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 20, 2017
7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
6650 Beach Boulevard
Buena Park, CA 90621

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Kato, Pearson, Seibert, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
ABSENT: Gomez, Vaca

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Chair Pearson

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 16, 2017
Commissioners Seibert / Wilson-Thomas approved the minutes as presented.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
3. DIRECTOR'S / STAFF REPORT: Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced Maura Toohey, new Community Services Coordinator for Aquatics. Ms. Toohey provided a brief introduction of herself. Mr. Kurata also reported on the outdoor exercise equipment at the various parks. Students from California State University Fullerton's Kinesiology department have been onsite to assist residents on the proper use of the equipment. Students will be available until the week of May 11 and will continue in the Fall when classes have resumed at the college.

Mr. Kurata also announced the success of Giving Children Hope Food Drive as well as the Field and Track Meet. There were over 500 participants. Spring Eggstravaganza was also a success. A full report will be given at the next meeting.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that staff is preparing for Pnut season. Staff anticipates the fields and gym will be busy for the summer.

4. CITY UPDATES: Mr. Kurata announced the freeway off ramps south of the 91 freeway were recently renovated. Parks staff will be responsible for maintaining the medians.

Additionally, Mr. Kurata announced the following upcoming events: Children's Art Festival on Saturday, April 22 from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Jazz Under the Stars on Sunday, April 30 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Plaza at Ehlers Event Center. The new watering schedule took effect April 1 that allows watering a maximum of three days per week. Street addresses ending in odd numbers water Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Street addresses ending in even numbers water Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Ramirez reported on behalf of Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator. Ms. Ramirez distributed a list of pending applications. The current scholarship fund balance is \$4,201.00 which includes a donation of \$300 received from Friends of Families.
- b. 2017 Summer Program Overview for Aquatics and Gymnasium - Ms. Ramirez provided a presentation on Summer programs for Aquatics and the Gymnasium. The pools officially open on May 29 however, staff will be available for in-person registration on May 27. Staff is currently accepting pool rentals, as well. Ms. Ramirez also announced the start of Summer Sports Camp will begin the week of May 30, 2017 and end July 21, 2017.
- c. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata reported the Southern California Edison right-of-way walkway trail is still moving forward. Larwin Park project is moving forward, as well. The joint use agreement with Buena Park High School will be going back to Council with the conceptual drawings. This agreement will allow the city to have full access to the pool as well as the auditorium for productions.

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 Weinstock commented on the success of Spring Eggstravaganza. Commissioner Kato commented on the green grass at Peak Park. She also requested to have a representative from the TAGRS program be present to provide an update on the success of the program in regards to any arrests made.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Love Buena Park: The Source, Saturday, April 29, 2017
- c. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.