

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
April 20, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pearson called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:03 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas  
Excused: Gomez, Vaca  
Also Present: Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator  
Maura Toohey, 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 March 16, 2016.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Siebert/Wilson-Thomas – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, reported on behalf of Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services. Mr. Kurata 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 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.

Additionally, Mr. Kurata announced the Children's Art Festival on April 22, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Buena Park Community Center. Mr. Kurata also announced Love Buena Park which will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at The Source. This one-day event brings the community together to help improve the appearance of our city with various cleaning projects where ever needed throughout Buena Park. The kickoff for the event will start at 7:30 a.m. and will end with an after-party at 12:00 p.m. for all volunteers to enjoy some food, drinks, games and entertainment.

Lastly, Mr. Kurata announced Jazz Under the Stars will take place on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at The Plaza at Ehlers Event Center from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The groundbreaking of Orange County Fire Authority Station 61 will take place on May 2, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that Buena Park National Little League and Buena Park Girls Softball are currently underway. Ms. Ramirez also 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 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. This will remain in effect from April 2017 through October 2017.

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, 2017 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. The 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.

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- 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.

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

  
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Rose Pearson, Chair