

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Kato 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: Gomez, Kato, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Absent: Pearson, Siebert,
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 Vice Chair Kato.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of April 20, 2017.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Weinstock/Kato approved minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced that the recently-hired City Clerk, Adria Jimenez will start June 5, 2017. Ms. Riley also announced the Memorial Day event at Bellis Park on May 29, 2017. The event will begin with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Additionally, Ms. Riley displayed the photo renderings of Fire Station 61 that is temporarily being housed at Walter Knott Elementary School. The fire station is set to be completed by 2018.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the start of Aquatics registration on May 27, 2017 at Peak Park pool. The pools will officially open to the public on May 29, 2017 with free swim.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced Pnut baseball season is currently underway.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** this item was previously discussed under the Director's / Staff Report
5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle distributed a handout on the list of pending applications. The list also include names of those that completed the Youth Basketball program and whose amounts have been requested to be transferred for payment. The current fund balance is \$4,051.00.

- b. Youth Basketball Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle provided a brief presentation on the success of the program. Youth Basketball league ran from January 28, 2017 through March 11, 2017. An Awards Ceremony was held on March 21, 2017. There was a total of 267 participants.
- c. Track & Field Meet Evaluation – Ms. Van Sickle provided a brief presentation on the success of the event. The free track and field meet was held on Saturday, April 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Buena Park High School. The track and field meet was restricted to students who live in Buena Park or attend school in the Centralia or Buena Park School Districts. There were a total of 510 participants this year.
- d. Spring Eggstravaganza Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the event that was held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Boisseranc Park. The traditional activities were offered with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. hosted by the Buena Park Noon Lions Club. The egg hunt started at 12:00 noon. Ms. Van Sickle thanked the commission for their contribution of egg baskets.
- e. 2017 Summer Program Overview for Summer Parks Program - Ms. Van Sickle reported that staff is currently preparing for the Summer Parks program. The program begins May 30, 2017 and runs through August 4, 2017. This is a free drop-in program held Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. at the following parks: Boisseranc, Peak, Smith Murphy, Brenner, San Marino, Larwin and Bellis. There will also be a Summer Parks Program at Ehlers Event Center.

Additionally, Ms. Van Sickle announced the Pnut picnic day will be held on Friday, July 21, 2017 with the Awards Ceremony for the Clinic Division taking place at 6:00 p.m. The Pnut Division Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

- f. Park Projects Update - No report.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Vice Chair Kato adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Vice Chair