

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
October 19, 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: Gomez, Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock
ABSENT: Wilson-Thomas
ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager
Veronica Ramirez, 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 September 21, 2017.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Seibert/Vaca approved minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced Council's approval for commissioners to have business cards as well as a city-issued email address. Commissioners may also purchase city shirts. Staff will notify the commission once the policy has been formally adopted. Ms. Riley also reported on the completion of the \$1.2 million walking trail at the Southern California Edison right of way. The commission will be notified of the groundbreaking date.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager reminded the commission of the water restrictions that change effective November through March. City Council will be discussing the watering restrictions at a later date.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that the fields continue to be busy with National Little League, Buena Park Girls Softball League, AYSO, and Buena Park Youth Football. Staff is now preparing for Candy Caneland.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced the Butterfly Palladium, at the former Movieland Wax Museum site, is under construction. Halloween decorations are currently displayed throughout the entertainment corridor along Beach Blvd. Ms. Riley also provided an article from US News and World Report naming Buena Park as one of the top 11 places to celebrate Halloween across the nation. The New Moon restaurant next to Porto's Bakery is opening soon. Ms. Riley also announced, Poquito Mas, another new restaurant at the former Tice House location is open.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - A handout was distributed on the pending scholarship applications. Currently, six (6) applications are pending for Youth Basketball. The scholarship fund balance is \$3,173.00.
- b. Summer Program Evaluation:
 - i. Gymnasium Programs - Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported on the success of the gym programs. Summer Camp was held from May 30, 2017 through July 21, 2017 for ages 7 - 14 years of age. The camp continues to do well which includes one visit per week to Peak Park pool on Tuesday afternoons. Parents also have the option to include a trip to the Big Air Trampoline for an additional fee of \$13 on Thursday afternoons.
- c. 2017 Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Reception: Discussion - Chair Pearson opened the discussion on the commission holiday reception. After discussion, the commission agreed to a pot-luck style reception in conjunction with the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission on Thursday, December 21, 2017 immediately following the Park and Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner Kato made a motion to change the start time of the meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on December 21, 2017. Commissioner Gomez seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- d. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata provided an update on the following park projects currently underway:
 - Peak Park pool roof refinish
 - Ehlers Event Center remodel will be completed by January 2018
 - Westbound 91 Freeway at Beach Blvd. off-ramp is complete
 - Southern California Edison (SCE) right of way parking lot east of Beach Blvd. is almost complete
 - Joint Use Agreement with Fullerton Joint Union High School District for the pool project is still moving forward and will include a shallow end
 - Larwin Park project got awarded; ground breaking will be soon

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. - Graffiti report was distributed.

- 7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Siebert announced his retirement from the Los Angeles Police Department after 30 years of service. Invitations were extended to the commission as well as staff.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:00 p.m.

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- b. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, November 16, 2017 7:00 a.m.
- c. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2017 7:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Pearson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Rose Pearson, Chair