

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
November 16, 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:** Kato, Pearson, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas  
**EXCUSED:** Gomez, Siebert  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services  
Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager  
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator  
Michelle VanSickle, 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 October 19, 2017.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Vaca/Weinstock approved minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ken McKinney, resident of 8206 California Street, Buena Park was present. He provided a brief introduction of himself as a Commissioner of the Beautification & Environmental Commission. Mr. McKinney along with other commissioners expressed interest in a possible future collaboration for the commissions to work together with projects that include beautifying the city.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced the Christmas Tree Lighting event on Friday, December 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in front of the City Hall courtyard. Ms. Riley also announced Candy Caneland on Saturday, December 2, 2017 10:00 a.m. at Ehlers Event Center.

In addition, Ms. Riley reported City Council's change on commission absences. The guidelines have changed to three (3) missed absences per calendar year. The new change takes effect December 14, 2017.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager reported on the success of Silverado Days. It was a well attended event. Mr. Kurata also reported on the success of Youth in Government Day.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported on the success of Parents Night Out. Staff is currently preparing for Candy Caneland.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported the field use continues to be busy with Buena Park National Little League and ASA Girls Softball.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** None.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle announced there are seven scholarship applications pending for Youth Basketball. The season starts in mid- January.
- b. 2017 Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Reception: Discussion - Chair Pearson reminded the commission to sign up for the potluck-style holiday reception on December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Candy Caneland Update - Ms. Ramirez announced Candy Caneland on Saturday, December 2, 2017 10:00 a.m. at Ehlers Event Center. This year's theme is Winter Toyland. Invitations were distributed to the commission. All are encouraged to attend.
- d. Community Gardens Report - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the community gardens. The current garden season runs from October through September. Current gardeners are given priority in September to renew their plots. New gardeners may register for open plots starting in October. Open registration begins in February and is on a first come - first served basis. All garden plots are currently taken.
- e. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata provided an update on the following park projects currently underway:
  - Parking lot next to Medieval Times is open
  - Wrought iron fence installation at San Antonio Park

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

**7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Weinstock requested the construction schedule for the Larwin Park project. Ms. Riley announced the expected completion date is February 2018.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:00 p.m.
- c. Commission Holiday Reception: December 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Pearson declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular commission meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

  
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Rose Pearson, Chair