

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
December 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pearson called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas

EXCUSED: Gomez

ALSO PRESENT: 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 November 16, 2017.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Weinstock/Seibert approved minutes as presented.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager announced the results of the Mayoral election. Virginia Vaughn is the new Mayor. Art Brown is Mayor Pro Tem.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported that staff is currently preparing for Youth Basketball season.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported on the success of Candy Caneland. Ms. Ramirez thanked the commission for their assistance and participation in booth judging. A full report will be provided at the next meeting.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Mr. Kurata announced the opening of New Moon restaurant located next to Porto's Bakery and Cafe.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle distributed a handout on the pending scholarship applications for Youth Basketball. Currently, there are seven (7) pending applications with the possibility of two additional scholarship applications that staff is waiting to receive from parents.

b. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata provided an update on the following park projects currently underway:

- Ehlers Event Center - exterior remodel - target completion date of February 2018
 - Larwin Park - target completion date of March 2018
- c. Distribution of Policy Regarding Commissioner Name Badges, Business Cards, City Apparel, Email Addresses, Event Entry, and Coffee Mugs for City Commissioners - Mr. Kurata distributed a copy of the agenda report on the policy regarding commissioner name badges, business cards, email addresses etc. Commissioners interested in obtaining an email address will be required to go through training by the City Clerk to review the California Public Records Act.
- d. Election of Officers - The recording secretary opened nominations for Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Pearson nominated Commissioner Kato as Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Wilson-Thomas. Motion was carried. Commissioner Kato is the new Chair.

The recording secretary then opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Kato nominated Commissioner Wilson-Thomas as Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Vaca. Motion was carried. Commissioner Wilson-Thomas is the new Vice Chair.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Wilson-Thomas reported that students from California State Fullerton's Kinesiology Department have completed their free exercise equipment instruction at Bellis, Lindbergh, San Marino and Peak Parks. The program ended December 10, 2017. Commissioner Weinstock requested to add discussion on collaborating with other commissions. Commissioner Vaca requested to add discussion on recognizing staff for all they do.

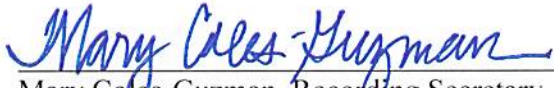
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 5:00 p.m.
b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2018 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, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Rose Pearson, Chair