

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 15, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: 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, Pearson, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
EXCUSED: Seibert, Vaca
ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
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 Kato.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of January 18, 2018.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Pearson/Weinstock approved minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services reported on the Silverado Days grant luncheon held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. The following grant amounts were awarded to the Community Services Department: \$500 for sports recreation equipment; \$500 for V.O.L.T.; \$1,000 for Spring Eggstravaganza; and \$500 for Youth Sports scholarship.

Ms. Riley also announced the mandatory commissioner training that will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. This training is mandatory to attend for any commissioners interested in obtaining business cards, email addresses, city apparel, etc. Ms. Riley also reminded the commission of the Form 700 due to the City Clerk's office on or before March 22, 2018.

Additionally, Ms. Riley announced the transition of the Parks Maintenance Division to Public Works. This transition took effect February 10, 2018. Studies were conducted and concluded that the Parks Maintenance Division has typically fallen under the Public Works Department. Buena Park decided to follow suit. As such, staff will no longer provide the commission with monthly graffiti reports.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the start of Youth Basketball season is coming along well. Staff took a different approach this year by working with an assigner through contract officials that are California Interscholastic Foundation (CIF) officials. Their experience is helpful to the program.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced opening day for the Buena Park Girls Softball on February 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at San Antonio Park. Opening day

for Buena Park National Little League takes place on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Bellis Park. Ms. Ramirez also announced the 5th Annual V.O.L.T. Interview Workshop to be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Buena Park Community Center.

4. CITY UPDATES: None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle provided an update on the scholarship program. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to the program through the Silverado Days Grant courtesy of the Buena Park Noon Lions. A request to transfer \$350 for Youth Basketball is in process. The current available balance is \$3,323.00.
- b. Spring Eggstravaganza Update - Commission to Sponsor a Hunt Area - Ms. Van Sickle announced Spring Eggstravaganza to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Boisseranc Park. The commission agreed to sponsor the 9-12 year old age group. Baskets may be dropped off at the office before the event or may be brought directly to the event that morning.
- c. Memorial Grove Discussion - Ms. Van Sickle distributed the pending applications for the commissions' review. The commission reviewed the applications and will table this item for discussion at a later date.
- d. Park Tour Discussion - Tentative Date is Saturday, March 17, at 8:00 a.m. - After discussion, the commission finalized the tour date of Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. The commission will meet in front of the Community Center located at 6688 Beach Blvd. Buena Park.
- e. Park Projects Update - Ms. Riley provided an update on the following park projects currently underway:
 - Larwin Park construction is moving along
 - Ehlers Event Center - exterior remodel- expected date of completion is March 2018
 - Ehlers Event Center - garden plot has been constructed in place of the shuffleboard court
 - Knott's Soak City to use Peak Park pool to conduct staff training

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. - Pnut Baseball flyer distributed.

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Weinstock inquired about a contest to come up with a name for the Edison Right of Way walking trail. Director Riley informed the Commission that the Council recently directed staff

to conduct a public contest open to residents, schools and on social media, for a short period of time. The Council will decide the name of the trail based on the submissions. The contest would involve children from local schools. Commissioner Wilson-Thomas reported that her students will soon be starting the free exercise instruction at the various parks again.

8. **ATTENDANCE SHEET:** The attendance sheet was distributed for informational purposes only. The revised commissioner guidelines regarding attendance will be discussed at the commissioner training on March 6, 2018. All are encouraged to attend.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018 7:00 p.m.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Kato declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular commission meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair