

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 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: Kato, Seibert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
EXCUSED: Gomez, Pearson
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 Kato.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of February 15, 2018.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Wilson-Thomas/Seibert approved minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced Council's decision not to approve the Fullerton Joint Union High School District's (FJUHSD) joint-use agreement (JUA). The city would have to spend approximately \$4 million toward the construction of a new pool at Buena Park High School and the majority of Council voted not to allocate \$4 million. Ms. Riley reported the construction at Larwin Park is moving along. The project is on schedule for completion sometime in April.

Additionally, Ms. Riley reported that staff has applied for a grant for playground equipment with Kaboom. The requirement is that the city must match 10% of the grant fund. The city could potentially enter a joint-use agreement with the Buena Park School District for land use next to Whitaker School to construct a park, install the Kaboom playground and install park fitness equipment provided by a grant from St. Jude Hospital.

Further, Ms. Riley reported the Southern California Edison (SCE) walking trail has been named. Council awarded the name of the trail as the Silverado Trail. Ms. Riley also reminded the commission of the Park Tour that is scheduled for Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 a.m. The weather forecasts rain on that day. After discussion, the consensus of the commission decided to postpone the tour to Saturday, April 14, 2018 instead. Commissioner Weinstock made a motion to postpone the tour to Saturday, April 14, 2018. Commissioner Seibert seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager announced the recruitments for the summer season are taking place. Mr. Kurata also announced Proposition 68 that will be on the ballot in June. Should the voters approve, the city could apply for state grants for park projects.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the end of Youth Basketball season. The season will end with an awards ceremony. Ms. Van Sickle also announced the Track and Field meet on Friday, April 13, 2018. Staff is currently preparing for Spring Eggstravaganza.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported the gym programs are coming along well. Staff is currently preparing for Summer Camp as well as for the Aquatics training program.

4. CITY UPDATES: None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported there is nothing new to report since the last meeting.
- b. August Commission Meeting to Possibly Go Dark - Chair Kato reminded the commission that due to a slow period, it has been past history that the commission goes dark in the month of August. After discussion, Commissioner Wilson-Thomas made a motion for the commission to go dark in August. Commissioner Seibert seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- c. Spring Eggstravaganza Update - Ms. Van Sickle announced Spring Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Boisseranc Park. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Buena Park Noon Lions Club. Ms. Van Sickle reminded the commission that the egg baskets may be dropped off at the front office prior to the event or may be brought to the event itself. The commission has been asked to assist in handing out the baskets.
- d. Memorial Grove Discussion - Ms. Van Sickle reminded the commission of the packet that was distributed at the last meeting. The consensus of the commission did not review the packet therefore, this item has been tabled to the April meeting for further review and discussion.
- e. Park Projects Update - Ms. Riley reported on the renovation taking place at Ehlers Event Center. The project is near completion. A final walk-through will take place on Friday, March 16, 2018.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. - Summer Sports Camp and Scholarship Update flyers distributed.

7. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Weinstock expressed interest in obtaining business cards as well as a city-issued email address. Staff will contact those commissioners wishing to obtain business cards and email addresses. Commissioner Wilson-Thomas expressed interest in the grant for playground equipment through Kaboom.
8. **ATTENDANCE SHEET:** as distributed.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Park Tour - Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. departing from the BPCC
 - c. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Kato declared the meeting adjourned to the Parks Tour on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Gail Kato, Chair