

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
April 19, 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 Main Conference Room, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Gomez, Kato, Pearson, Seibert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas

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:** March 6, 2018 - Special Meeting for Commissioner Training
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Weinstock/Seibert approved the minutes as presented.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 15, 2018 - Regular Meeting
*** *M/S/P* - Commissioner Seibert/ Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas approved the minutes as presented.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services reminded the commission about Love Buena Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at The Source starting at 7:30 a.m.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager provided a brief report on the success of the Park Tour that took place on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported on the success of the track and field meet held on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Buena Park High School. A full report will be provided at the May meeting.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported on the current gym programs taking place. Staff is currently preparing for the Aquatics program that will be starting in May. Ms. Ramirez also noted that staff has submitted a project for Love Buena Park for the beautification of Peak Park. In particular, trash removal and touch-up paint around the clubhouse as well as the Aquatics facility at the park.

5. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced the groundbreaking of Hotel Stanford on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. This hotel will be located next to the former Ripley's Believe It or Not site and will consist of a 10-story hotel with 150 rooms and a five level parking structure

with a rooftop restaurant and bar. A schematic of the hotel was displayed for the commission to review.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle provided a brief update to the scholarship program. Currently, two scholarships have been approved for P-nut baseball. The current scholarship balance is \$3,243.00
- b. Memorial Grove Discussion - Ms. Van Sickle distributed a handout of the three (3) eligible recipients for Memorial Grove which are: Norma K. Waller, Lucille B. Pope, and Barbara Jeanne O'Brien. After review and discussion, the consensus of the commission agreed on Barbara Jeanne O'Brien as this year's recipient. Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas made a motion to nominate Barbara Jeanne O'Brien as this year's Memorial Grove recipient. Commissioner Vaca seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- c. Spring Eggstravaganza Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the event that was held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Boisseranc Park. The traditional activities were offered with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 hosted by the Buena Park Noon Lions Club. The egg hunt started at 12:00 noon. Ms. Van Sickle thanked the commission for their contribution of egg baskets.
- d. 2018 Summer Program Overview for Summer Parks, Aquatics, and Gymnasium - Ms. Van Sickle reported that staff is currently preparing for the Summer Parks program. The program begins May 29, 2018 and runs through August, 3, 2018. This is a free drop-in program held Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. at the following parks: Boisseranc, Peak, Smith Murphy, Brenner, San Marino, Larwin and Bellis. There will also be a Summer Parks program at Ehlers Event Center.

Further, Ms. Ramirez announced Youth Summer Sports Camp starting June 4, 2018 through July 27, 2018 for ages 7-14 years old at the Buena Park Community Gymnasium located at 6931 Orangethorpe Ave. Camps are offered full day for \$74 or half day for \$37. Camps include one field trip to Peak Park pool on Tuesday afternoons. An optional field trip to the Big Air Trampoline on Thursday afternoons are offered for an additional \$13 per child.

Ms. Ramirez also announced the Summer Aquatics program which begins May 28, 2018 and runs through September 3, 2018. Registration will begin Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Peak Park pool. Free recreation swim is offered on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. The fees are \$1.50 for adults; \$1.00 for kids. There is also a discount book available for purchase of \$8, which is normally a \$10 value.

- e. Park Projects Update - Ms. Riley reported that during the Park Tour, staff was able to identify a few areas that may be potential Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs). One location identified was the playground equipment at Lindbergh Park. Another location

was the playground equipment at Brenner Park. The third location was at John Beat Park to replace the covered shelter.

Additionally, Mr. Kurata reported on the potential 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 exercise equipment.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- 8. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Vaca commended staff for a job well done on Spring Eggstravaganza and the Track and Field meet. Commissioner Weinstock also commended staff for the Track and Field meet as well as Spring Eggstravaganza. The event was well received and well attended. Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas enjoyed the Park Tour and loved to see the upgrades that have been discussed. Chair Kato inquired about the training that staff receives. Staff are all required to attend orientation as well as training on the policy & procedures of the department.

- 9. ATTENDANCE SHEET:** as distributed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Kato declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair