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## AGENDA – PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

June 21, 2018  
7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
6650 Beach Boulevard  
Buena Park, CA 90621

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### CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Gomez, Kato, Pearson, Seibert, Vaca, Weinstock  
EXCUSED: Wilson-Thomas  
ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services  
Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager  
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator  
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator  
Mary Coles-Guzman, Senior Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Chair Kato

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 17, 2018 - Regular Meeting -  
\*\*\***M/S/P** - Commissioners Seibert/Vaca approved the minutes as presented.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Council Liaison Beth Swift was present. She commended the commission as well as staff on a great job with regard to Larwin Park. It was a huge success. She looks forward to working with the commission and following through with the vision of "10 Minutes to a Park" where residents anywhere in the city can walk ten minutes to a park.
3. DIRECTOR'S / STAFF REPORT: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced that business cards should be arriving shortly. She also congratulated Michelle Van Sickle on 25 years of service. Ms. Riley also thanked the commission for their participation and attendance at Larwin Park's grand re-opening.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager, announced Larwin Park is currently open. Our first shelter rental is on July 4. A revised fee schedule that includes the rental fee for the new shelter at Larwin Park will be brought before City Council at the June 26 meeting.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the ending of P-nut season is coming to a close. P-nut Campout will be held on July 20 & July 21, 2018. She also announced the free Summer Parks Program taking place at all eight (8) park sites including Larwin Park.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that the gym continues to be busy with Summer Sports Camp. The last two sessions sold out which is the first time that has happened. Ms. Ramirez also reported that Aquatics has over 700

kids participating in lessons. Online registration for Aquatics will be available for the last session and will be fully operational for online registration by next year.

4. CITY UPDATES: None

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle announced there are twenty-five (25) pending applications. The swim lessons are the most requested.

b. Youth Basketball Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the program. Registration started on September 18 through December 7, 2017. Skills Testing was held on December 9, 2017. The season ended with a tournament and awards banquet. Each participant received an award and trophy. There were 260 total participants this year.

c. Track & Field Meet Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle provided a brief report on the success of the program held on April 13, 2018 at Buena Park High School. There were 480 kids registered for the meet. Participants may only register for three (3) events. Either 2 running and 1 field event; or 1 running and 2 field events. There were 12 local participating schools along with a few private schools.

d. Memorial Grove Update – Including Selection of Possible Dates - Ms. Van Sickle provided an update on Barbara Jeanne O'Brien. Staff is working with the City Clerk's office in trying to make contact with family. Staff requested the commission decide on a date. After discussion, the commission agreed to September 15, 2018 as the date for the event.

e. Discussion and Direction on Naming the Dog Park at Bellis Park - Ms. Riley reported at the request of the Beautification Committee to come up with an innovative name for the dog park at Bellis Park. Commissioner Seibert suggested that the park be named after a police canine that was killed in the line of duty. The commission agreed. Staff will get in contact with the Police Chief and report back to the commission.

f. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata reported that Lindbergh and Brenner Parks playground equipment upgrade have been approved in concept as well as a few other projects at the Ehlers Event Center. The Kaboom playground equipment is still pending a park site to install. Staff is in the process of searching for a smaller pocket park for the playground equipment to be installed.

Ms. Riley also announced the ribbon cutting of Fire Station 61 at 7440 La Palma Avenue will take place on July 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Parks Exercise Program (Wilson-Thomas) - this item was tabled to the next meeting

8. ATTENDANCE SHEET: as distributed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: July 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Kato declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.