

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 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 Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Gomez, Kato, Seibert, Vaca, Wilson-Thomas
EXCUSED: Pearson, Weinstock
ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Michelle Van Sickle, 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: June 21, 2018** - Regular Meeting
*** *M/S/P* - Commissioners Seibert/Gomez approved the minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Council Liaison Beth Swift was present. She reported that when Fire Station 61 burned down, all their contents including the quilts that each firefighter had were also burned. The Acacia Quilt Guild received word and agreed to make a total of thirty-five (35) quilts to replace those that were lost in the fire. Five (5) of those quilts were personally made by Council Liaison Swift.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced the Commission Recognition Event on Friday, August 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Plaza at Ehlers Event Center. The food will be catered by The Habit followed by the performance of Xanadu. Commissioners are asked to RSVP through the City Clerk's office.

Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor, announced the summer season is coming along well. The Summer Sports Camp program is experiencing a high volume of attendees. The Buena Park Little League is finished and the start of Youth Football is beginning. Staff is now in the planning stages of Silverado Days.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that the Pnut baseball season is wrapping up with the Pnut campout taking place July 20-21, 2018. She also added that the free drop-in Summer Parks Program will be ending August 3, 2018.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator provided a brief update on the success of the aquatics season. Online registration will become available for the last session. Numbers are at a record high. Ms. Ramirez also noted that the gym continues to be busy with the Summer Sports Camp program. Attendance for the sports camp reached an all-time high and beat the previous record of 701.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced the official opening of Fire Station 61. An official open house will occur sometime in October. Staff will notify the commission of the exact date when it has been determined.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle announced there are twenty-five (25) pending applications. With the summer program wrapping up, the numbers will change. The swim lessons are the most requested. The current scholarship fund balance is \$3,243.00.
- b. Memorial Grove Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported that she was able to make contact with the son and daughter of Barbara Jeanne O'Brien. They are both willing to assist in any way possible. A write-up of Ms. O'Brien for the Buena Park Today brochure was distributed for the commission's review.
- c. Pnut Campout / Picnic Day Preview - Ms. Van Sickle announced that the campout and picnic start Friday, July 20, 2018. Staff will be there at 6:00 a.m. Baseball Clinic games will be played on Friday night followed by an awards ceremony at 5:45 p.m. On Saturday, July 21, 2018 there will be an awards ceremony for all teams at 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- d. Park Projects Update - Ms. Riley announced that staff has received complaints that there is no shade at Larwin Park. Staff will conduct a walkthrough with Public Works staff to explore possible options for shade.

Mr. Kurata announced that the playground equipment for Lindbergh Park is coming soon as well as some lighting and restroom upgrades for Ehlers Event Center.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. - Scholarship Update and Attendance Sheet were distributed.

7. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Park Exercise Program Update (Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas) - Commissioner Wilson-Thomas distributed a handout on the feedback her Kinesiology students had received with regard to the fitness equipment at the various parks. Overall, the students agreed that the most challenging aspect was getting interested participants. Commissioner Wilson-Thomas plans on bringing her students back this Fall to continue offering free exercise instruction on the fitness equipment.


8. **ATTENDANCE SHEET:** as distributed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

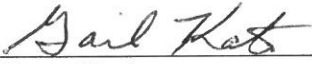
- a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 5:00 p.m.
- b. August Commission Meeting Goes Dark
- c. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, September 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Kato declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair