

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 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: Vaca, Gomez, Wilson-Thomas, Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Weinstock

EXCUSED:

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
Maura Toohey, Community Services Coordinator
Angela Arias, Acting Senior Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Kato.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 19, 2018 - Regular Meeting**
*** *M/S/P* - Commissioners Siebert/Pearson approved the minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Ms. Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services announced that Mary Coles-Guzman has transferred and accepted a position with the City Clerk's Office and Angela Arias is the Acting Senior Administrative Assistant. She also added that the Olde Tyme Fall Festival and 80's Dance at the Plaza will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

Mr. Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor, announced Maura Toohey, Community Services Coordinator, will be temporarily overseeing contract class responsibilities for Ariana Chavez, Senior Office Assistant, while she is on maternity leave. He also added that Silverado Days is October 19-21, 2018.

Ms. Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that youth soccer has begun and staff are preparing for fall programs. The FIT Committee is hosting three Food Garden Workshops in Buena Park on September 29, 2018, October 13, 2018 and October 27, 2018 at the Community Gardens. The workshop on October 27, 2018 will be targeted toward youth. Ms. Riley added that the City designated a garden plot (30' x 20' in size) so that members of the FIT committee can experiment with gardening fruits and vegetables.

Ms. Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced that Buena Park Girls Softball, Buena Park Youth Football and National Little League is in full operation. She also added that staff preparation is on its way with Silverado Days and Candy Caneland.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** None.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported that there was a request to transfer the appropriate funds from the scholarship account to the corresponding program accounts (i.e. swim lesson and p-nut baseball). The current scholarship fund balance is \$3,893.00.
- b. Memorial Grove Recap – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the event. There were approximately 30-35 people in attendance. City Council presented a resolution to Barbara Jeanne O'Brien's son and daughter. Ms. Van Sickle also thanked Commissioner Wilson-Thomas for attending and Commissioner Kato for her participation as the master speaker.
- c. Summer Program Evaluations
 - i. Summer Aquatics- Ms. Toohey provided a brief report on the success of the program. Revenue total for the season was \$117,377.00.
 - ii. Summer Parks Program- Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the program. The free drop-in program was offered at eight (8) different park sites from May 29, 2018 – August 4, 2018, Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Attendance total for all parks this season was 11,550.
 - iii. P-Nut Baseball- Ms. Van Sickle reported on another great season of P-Nut and Clinic baseball. Total attendance this year was 367.
 - iv. Gymnasium Programs- Ms. Ramirez reported on the success of the gym programs. Summer Camp was held from June 4, 2018 – July 27, 2018. She also added staff is looking at adding excursions to the Summer Sports Camp like Knott's Berry Farm and Medieval Times for an optional cost.
- d. Park Projects Update - Mr. Kurata reported that Larwin Park signs are now installed off of Ball Road and the main park entrance. He also reported that shade structures will be installed. Ms. Riley reported that City Staff will present development ideas for Whitaker School behind the head start program up to the flood control channel to City Council. She also reported that there is a grant in place to install fitness equipment.
- e. Naming of Dog Park- "Rocky" The City's First Police Service Dog – At the previous Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission directed staff to research if there were any police service dogs killed in the line of duty. Ms. Riley announced that although there were no police dogs killed in the line of duty, the first service dog of the Buena Park Police Department was "Rocky" and his handler was retired police officer, Bob Mote. The Commission asked staff to reach out to Mr. Mote to see if he would be willing to describe some of "Rocky's" background to assist the Commission in naming the dog park at Bellis Park.

- f. Live Scan Fingerprint (Staff): Ms. Riley presented on Ordinance No. 1649 which was passed on August 28, 2018 by City Council. The ordinance requires Parks & Recreation Commissioners to get live scan fingerprints due to the nature of working with children. The Ordinance goes into effect September 28, 2018. She asked the Commissioners to contact Human Resources on or before October 12, 2018 to arrange an appointment for a live scan fingerprint at the Buena Park Police Department.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.
 - i. Park Exercise Program flyer was presented by Commissioner Wilson Thomas.

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Kato requested to discuss naming of the dog park further and invite Retired Officer Bob Mote. Commissioner Weinstock requested to have discussion on issues in parks regarding vandalism and or crime with a presentation from the City's Task Force. After clarification on this request, staff will invite the City's Homeless Services Outreach Contractor, City Net to speak to the Commission at the meeting in November.


8. ATTENDANCE SHEET: as distributed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 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, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela Arias, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair