

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
October 18, 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:** Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Weinstock  
**ABSENT:** Vaca, Gomez, Wilson-Thomas  
**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  
Angela Arias, Acting Senior Administrative Assistant

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 20, 2018 - Regular Meeting**  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* - Commissioners Weinstock/Siebert approved the minutes as presented.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Ms. Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services encouraged all Commissioners to attend Silverado Days October 19-21, 2018. Ms. Riley also reminded Commissioners the deadline for fingerprints was October 12, 2018 and asked those commissioners who have not already completed their live scans fingerprints to do so no later than October 31, 2018.

Ms. Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported Youth Soccer is half way through the season. Ms. VanSickle also announced that Recreation Leader IV, Nathan Flores has accepted a position with the Buena Park School District and the Sports Division will be recruiting two Recreation Leader IV positions.

Ms. Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced that Candy Caneland and Craft Faire is Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Ehlers Event Center. The theme this year is Winter Fairytale and staff is now preparing. Ms. Ramirez extended the opportunity for Commissioners to be Judges this year for booth decorations.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** None.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. VanSickle announced that there are no pending scholarship applications, however there have been recent inquiries with Youth Basketball which begins early January.

- b. 2018 Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Reception: Discussion – Chair Kato opened the discussion on the commission holiday reception. After discussion, commission agreed to a pot-luck style reception in conjunction with the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission on Thursday, December 20, 2018 immediately following the Park and Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner Weinstock made a motion to move the December meeting to 6:00 p.m. in order to attend the Holiday Party at 7:00 p.m. and Commissioner Pearson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
  
- c. Park Projects Update – Ms. Riley announced that the Gardening Workshop at the Community Gardens was cancelled due to rain on Saturday, October 13, 2018 and there currently is no make-up workshop. Ms. Riley also stated that the upcoming Gardening Workshop for Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. will teach easy gardening techniques to children. 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. VanSickle mentioned that the City has been receptive to the program and the committee has been able to educate the participants how to grow items in their own homes. Mr. Kurata announced that Ms. VanSickle will present on the Community Gardens next meeting as all garden plots are sold out. Ms. Riley mentioned that the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) at Ehlers Event Center will be replaced with the removal beginning in the next two weeks and a shade structure over the playground equipment at Larwin Park is currently in the planning process.

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.
  - i. Candy Caneland Flyer, Commission Roster

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

Commissioner Weinstock requested information regarding our transient population in the parks.

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

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Kato declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Angela Arias, Recording Secretary

  
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Gail Kato, Chair