

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
DECEMBER 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Vaca, Pearson, Wilson-Thomas, Weinstock, Siebert
ABSENT: Kato, Gomez
ALSO PRESENT: 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 Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 15, 2018 - Regular Meeting
*** *M/S/P* - Commissioners Weinstock/Pearson approved the minutes as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:

Mr. Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor announced the success of Candy Caneland and the Christmas Tree Lighting. Mr. Kurata also announced that the new City Council Mayor is Art Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem is Fred Smith, Council Member Dr. Swift was reelected and the new Council Member in District 1 is Ms. Sunny Park and District 5 is Mr. Connor Traut. Mr. Kurata informed the commission that Ms. Riley retired and her last day was Thursday, December 20, 2018. The Community Services Department will have a Interim Director beginning December 21, 2018. Mr. Kurata reported that Ms. Van Sickle is working with Fullerton Joint Union High School District on securing their track for Buena Park's Annual Track and Field Event in Spring 2019. Mr. Kurata also added that due to the potential upcoming loss of baseball fields at Buena Park High School, the school may be using the baseball fields at George Bellis Park.

Ms. Michelle VanSickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced that Youth Basketball and Parents Night Out will start in January.

Ms. Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator reported that field groups such as AYSO, Little League, and Girls Softball have concluded their season and staff are preparing the fields for their Spring session. Gym programming is concluding and staff are preparing for Youth Basketball in mid-January. Ms. Ramirez also thanked all commissioners for attending Candy Caneland and participating as judges for booth decorations.

4. CITY UPDATES: Mr. Kurata notified the commission that the City will be closed for the holidays from December 24 - January 1, 2019.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Naming of Dog Park “Rocky” The City’s First Police Service Dog – Commissioner Weinstock made a motion to name the Dog Park after the City’s first police service dog “Rocky” and to include a description and signage of the dog. Commissioner Pearson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. VanSickle reported that there are three (3) participants whose applications are pending for youth basketball.
- c. Election of Officers –

Election of Officers – Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas opened nominations for Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Wilson-Thomas nominated herself as Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Roll call was taken in favor of Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas as Chair. The votes were as follows:

AYES: 5 Commissioners: Vaca, Pearson, Wilson-Thomas, Weinstock, Siebert

NOES: 0 Commissioners:

ABSENT: 0 Commissioners:

ABSTAIN: 0 Commissioners:

The ayes had it and Vice Chair Wilson-Thomas is the new Chair.

Chair Wilson-Thomas then opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Weinstock nominated Commissioner Seibert as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Vaca. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously and Commissioner Seibert is the new Vice Chair.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

- 7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Siebert wished all the commissioners happy holidays. Commissioner Vaca thanked staff for all of their great work and asked to pass his regards to Ms. Riley. Chair Wilson-Thomas also thanked staff for their great work.

- 8. ATTENDANCE SHEET:** as distributed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Commission Holiday Reception: December 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wilson-Thomas declared the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Angela Arias, Recording Secretary

Gail Kato, Chair