

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 21, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wilson-Thomas 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, Kato, Wilson-Thomas, Siebert, Pearson, Weinstock

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Box, Interim Director of Community Services
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Maura Toohey, Senior Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Wilson-Thomas.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 20, 2018 - Regular Meeting

*** *M/S/P* - Commissioners Pearson/Siebert approved the minutes as changed.

January 17, 2019 - Regular Meeting

*** *M/S/P* - Commissioners Kato/Vaca approved the minutes as changed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/CITY UPDATE: Mr. Jim Box reported the new council liaison is Council Member Park. Mr. Box met with Council Member Park about the commission and she noted that she would be contacting the commission.

Mr. Box gave an update on the Fine Arts Elementary Art Show and Awards program that took place Friday, February 15. It was the largest show in the last 42 years. Mr. Box reported on the City Council's town hall discussion on the proposed navigation center. Hundreds of members of the public attended. Another town hall style meeting with city staff will be held before council makes their decision. Mr. Box provided a brief overview of the meeting.

Mr. Box reported that at the last City Council meeting, staff discussed the proposed new park site at Whitaker School. Three proposed concept drawings were shown and discussed. Park hours and park access still need to be decided on. The staff recommendation will be brought to council in the near future.

A new celebration for the city is Arbor Day which is going to be hosted by the Beautification and Environmental Commission on Saturday, March 9 at 9 a.m. at Smith-Murphy Park. The Park and Recreation Commission is invited to attend. Mr. Box reported that opening day for Buena Park National Little League is Saturday, February 23 at Bellis Park. Mr. Box also reminded the commission they are required to attend a mandatory harassment training.

4. **STAFF REPORT:** Ms. Michelle Van Sickle reported that the city's youth basketball league is winding down with three weeks of games left. Our two new Senior Community Services Leaders in the youth sports division are doing a great job. The awards banquet is scheduled for March 19th and 20th at Heritage Hall at the Ehlers Event Center. All commissioners are welcomed to participate in the awards ceremony. More information will be sent out prior to the banquets.

Ms. Van Sickle reported the All City Track Meet will be held Friday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m. at Buena Park High School. We will be using the brand new facility that is not yet open to the public. The format will be the same as previous years and everyone is excited to use the new, all weather track. Commissioner Weinstock asked if flyers could be forwarded to the Savanna School District. Ms. Van Sickle reported that she will look into it. Ms. Van Sickle reported that Spring Eggstravaganza preparation is underway and we are starting on summer recreation programming.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle reported a balance of \$3,800, which is typical for this time of year. We do see most applicants request P-Nut baseball, Summer Sports Camp, and Summer Aquatics. Ms. Van Sickle requested clarification from the commission that applications coming directly from the Boys and Girls Club do not need additional approval. In the past we have not requested tax returns from the families forwarded from them because they have already gone through their own background check. The motion was made by Commissioner Kato, seconded by Commissioner Weinstock. Votes were recorded as follows:

AYES: 6 Commissioners: Vaca, Kato, Pearson, Wilson-Thomas, Siebert, Weinstock

NOES: 0 Commissioners

ABSENT: 0 Commissioners

ABSTAIN: 0 Commissioners

- b. Spring Eggstravaganza – Ms. Van Sickle reported Spring Eggstravaganza is coming up on Saturday, April 20 and asked the commission to sponsor the 9-12 year old group and provide baskets or 5-10 dollars toward a basket. Baskets can be brought to the Buena Park Community Center before the event or dropped off day of at Boisseranc Park. We will have a redemption booth for Bunny Money that begins at 12 noon in the clubhouse, and commissioners are welcomed to assist in the distribution of baskets.
- c. Memorial Grove – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the current nominees eligible for Memorial Grove. Ms. Van Sickle also reminded commissioners that at the last meeting it was proposed to add the late Commissioner Rick Gomez as an additional nominee for this year. Commissioner Weinstock made a motion for this year to bypass the rule that a person be deceased for three years before being eligible for current Memorial Grove consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioners Pearson and Siebert.

Votes were taken in favor of bypassing the three year rule and are recorded as follows:

AYES: 6 Commissioners: Vaca, Kato, Pearson, Wilson-Thomas, Siebert, Weinstock
NOES: 0 Commissioners
ABSENT: 0 Commissioners
ABSTAIN: 0 Commissioners

Votes were taken in favor of selecting Rick Gomez as the 2019 Memorial Grove recipient and are recorded as follows:

AYES: 6 Commissioners: Vaca, Kato, Pearson, Wilson-Thomas, Siebert, Weinstock
NOES: 0 Commissioners:
ABSENT: 0 Commissioners:
ABSTAIN: 0 Commissioners:

- d. Memorial Grove Plaque Discussion – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the current monument at Boisseranc Park. The plaque is running out of space for names and is currently in poor condition. Ms. Van Sickle reported on options of enlarging the plaque and upgrading the name plates for uniformity of fonts and styles. The commission agreed to view the site during the Park Tour and will table this item for discussion at a later date.
- e. Park Project Update – Council Member Sunny Park commented that she is very happy with the Whitaker School site park proposal and they as a Council are going to make it very nice as that area is park deficient. Park hours, especially during school time, has been a big discussion. A \$1.2 million dollar amount has been preliminarily approved. There will be further discussions.

Mr. Box reported on the Lindburgh Park playground renovation. Last month, preliminary renderings were shown. Staff just received new renderings that are airplane themed. Mr. Box reported that play value is high and the target age range is 3-9 years of age with slides and climbing apparatus. Swings are not available due to the small size of the park and Mr. Box believes the commission will be very pleased with the renderings.

Mr. Box also reported Gomez Park will have a fun park design that will incorporate community input within two months at the direction of Council.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.
 - a. Arbor Day 2019 flyer

- 7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Kato commented on the services for Rick Gomez and it was well attended and very nice. Commissioner Weinstock requested to add Whitaker School to the Park Tour. Commissioner Pearson asked to table to Memorial Grove Plaque discussion until after the Park Tour. Commissioner Siebert asked for an update on the Dog Park for the next meeting.

- 8. ATTENDANCE SHEET:** not distributed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

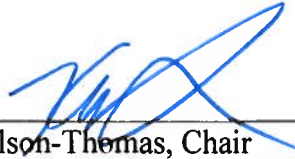
- a. Next City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Park Tour: Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 8:00 a.m

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wilson-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

ATTEST:



Maura Toohy, Recording Secretary



Wilson-Thomas, Chair