

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wilson-Thomas called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
ABSENT: Vaca,
ALSO PRESENT: Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Maura Toohey, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Sylvia Gonzales, Senior Administrative Assistant

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
May 16, 2019 - Regular Meeting
*** *M/S/P* - Commissioners Wilson Thomas/Siebert approved the minutes as amended.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT/CITY UPDATE:** Mr. Jim Box – Introduction of Sylvia Gonzales. She is the new Senior Administrative Assistant. Sylvia joins us from the City of Covina. She will be at all the commission meetings. Update on Peak Park mural. We will be doing a showcase highlighting the mural. We will be inviting all commission and council members. The date of the showcase is tentative and will be held in July or August. Recap on Gomez Park a couple of weeks ago there was a community meeting, held on June 8, 2019, with 50 residents, community members and leaders of the community present.
4. **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Dale Kurata reported that the Larwin shade structure project has been completed. Linbergh playground went to bid June 11, 2019, completed bid opening is July 3rd. We will wait to see what the bid show hopefully we get a good price. Memorial Day at Bellis went well 100 plus people with luncheon after at Moose Lodge. Couple potential project Brenner playground that is budgeted. We can start spending on it as of July 1st. We will be doing a walk through next week with the City Manager. Commissioner Weinstock had a question on drones the last meeting. Dale spoke to both Captains at PD. He was told by PD we have no ordinance over the drones but if someone is acting inappropriately we can contact PD.

Ms. Michelle Van Sickle reported on Youth Sports. The Peanut baseball program is in its mid season getting closer to the end. There are no games scheduled July 1-6th. When we return we will have the Peanut coaches tournament meeting and begins tournament that next weekend. With that being said, peanut campout and picnic are July 20 and 21. Awards presentation Saturday the 20th. Please put

that on your calendars so you can come out. Soccer registration is going on now. It is set to begin in August.

Ms. Michelle Van Sickle reported on our Summer Parks Program. Parks is still hosting kids café that has also picked up Bellis serving 20 lunches per day Peak is slower 8-15 lunches per day. The kids don't need to participate in order to get lunch but are encouraged to do both lunch and activities. Parks are getting 15-20 kids per park. Mr. Jim Box suggested the commissioners go out and take a look at the program. Today, the parks division had Picasso in the Park about 150 people participated. There were eight different stations of activities for the kids to participate in. Last Friday, was the first Family Movies Under the Stars night at Smith Murphy Park. We had vendors, games, and a raffle. Some of the prizes included sidewalk chalk, a racquetball, and the grand prize was a gigantic water gun. We had about fifty people who came out. July 12th is the next movie night at San Marino Park the movie we will be watching is The Lego Movie 2. We did a mailing a month ago to promote the program. Commissioner Kato made a suggestion of where we should put the screen and have popcorn at movie night.

Ms. Michelle Van Sickle reported on Youth Sports Scholarships. We currently have eight recipients who are participating in swim lessons and youth sports through the scholarships. We have two pending applications. Youth sports scholarships program gets about one or two applications per week. Youth sports has reached out to the Boys and Girls Club to get more kids involved as well. Current balance before we process these recipients is \$4,393 dollars. Update on Memorial Grove it will be held September 21, 2019. Commissioner Weinstock proposes the Commission donate \$30 for gloves for kids through "Get Your Mitt Fund." Weinstock made a motion to approve this proposal. Siebert asked Dale if he has any influence or contacts that can help? Jim Box said there are a couple of places we can go to and ask. Commissioner Weinstock would like to donate his time into this program. BSN Sports maybe able to help Mr. Dale Kurata will talk to BSN Sports. Commissioner Weinstock motions to approve \$500 to get your mitt for children who are in the 6-7-year-old range. Commissioner Kato seconds; all in favor motion passes.

Ms. Maura Toohey reported on the Gymnasium programming - We are running Youth Summer Sports Camp this day camp goes Monday-Friday. In the last three weeks, we had 300 youth participated in the program.

Ms. Maura Toohey reported on the Aquatics programming - The program is now in its fourth week. We have had hundreds of people participating in the Aquatic Program. Commissioner Weinstock inquired if we will offer volleyball classes again at the pool. Maura let commissioners know that we will offer the volleyball classes once we get better goals. The goals are sinking so we need to invest in some good goals before we can offer volleyball again.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

a. Whitaker Park – Brief discussion on Whitaker Park, two days ago received a call from City Clerk that Public Works is going with a different architect. Public Works will be going with David Volz who is also the architect for Gomez Park. RFP went out and the lowest bid was Volz. Mr. Dale Kurata comment that this will give us time to go over the joint agreement with the Superintendent and the Buena Park District regarding the joint use agreement. Also, we are looking at this project as a potential grant site through Prop 68 program. Commissioner Kato asked if Gomez Park will it be available during school hours? Mr. Jim Box responded that during school hours the school will

retain the right to use the park and nonschool hours it will be open to the community. This topic will be continued at our next meeting in July.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

Twilight Swim
Kids Cafe
Summer Aquatics
Swim Lessons
Youth Summer Sports Camp
Family Moves Under the Stars
Summer Concert Series (English & Spanish)

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Pearson commented on Gomez Park community workshop turn out. She was impressed with the park. Commissioner Kato said they had great ideas and positive feedback from the community. Commissioner Weinstock asked about the status of Rocky Dog Park. Mr. Dale Kurata advised it will be discussed at a later meeting. Commissioner Kato said, that she loves the Movies in the Park and can't wait for the next one. Commissioner Kato asked Dale about trees being knocked down at San Marino Park. She wanted to bring it to Dales attention it's on the side by Hoffman Street. Commissioner Siebert had a question about the Sears, he is hearing Sears is going out of business and they are going to sell the property. Per Mr. Jim Box, Sears has a two-year lease left but there is discussion of re-use of the property/multi-residential project. Commissioner Kato suggests we make it a park. Mr. Jim Box said it is an idea being they are trying to make it residential.

8. ATTENDANCE SHEET: As distributed.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

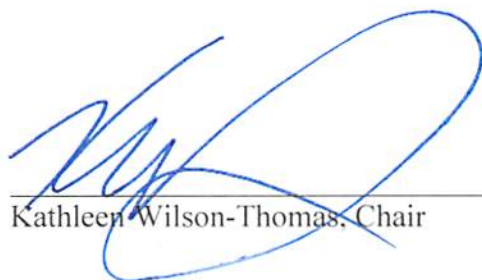
- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wilson-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



Kathleen Wilson-Thomas, Chair