

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 20, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Siebert 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: Beger, Hoque, Kato, Siebert, Wilson-Thomas, Gomez

ABSENT: Pearson

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Sylvia Gonzales, Senior Administrative Assistant
Art Brown, Council Member Liaison

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 16, 2020 - Regular Meeting

*** *M/S/P* - Commissioner Beger/Kato motioned to approve the minutes as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Council Member Art Brown introduced himself to the Commission. He is the new Liaison for the Park and Recreation Commission.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT/CITY UPDATE: Mr. Box introduced the new Commission Liaison Art Brown. Mr. Box updated the Commissioners on the Whitaker School Park Design which was approved by City Council. Groundbreaking for the park will begin in approximately six months. We are procuring an additional parcel of land at Gomez Park. Mr. Box updated the Commissioners on the State of the City that took place on February 12, 2020.

Mr. Dale Kurata reported on Arbor Day on March 14, 2020. We are hosting the VOLT Job Interview Workshop on March 21, 2020, at the Community Center. March 28th is our Paws in the Park Event. Lastly, we will be offering early swim lessons at the pool four weeks earlier for elementary school children and a drowning prevent program that we will update the Commission on at a later time. Opening Day for Girls Softball, National Little League, and Crescent Little League are next Saturday.

Ms. Michelle Van Sickle reported on program updates. Youth basketball is about midway. We are working on scheduling the banquets for youth basketball. Track and Field meet is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd at Buena Park High School. Parks staff is currently getting ready for summer programs. We are continuing our sports camp at Emery School and it is selling out each time. March 2nd we will start the same program at Whitaker School.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Report – Present by Michelle Van Sickle: Current balance in the scholarship fund is \$3862.00. We did not receive any scholarship applications for Youth

Basketball however, we currently have 5 for P-Nut Baseball. We are also working on the scholarship application as well as the website so they are available in Spanish.

- b. Spring Eggstravaganza Update – Presented by Dale Kurata: Community Services Commissions to sponsor a hunt area, assist with spreading of candy, and handing out of baskets to the kids.
- c. Memorial Grove Selection Discussion – Presented by Michelle Van Sickle: There are four current applicants that are eligible for selection.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Vice Chair Kato requests to have action item c. Memorial Grove Selection Discussion to be continued at the next Park and Recreation Commission Meeting in March.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Commission Park Tour: Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., departing from the Buena Park Community Center.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Siebert adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary

John Siebert, Chair