

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kato called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Deterding, Kato, Weinstock, Beger, Kim, Siebert
ABSENT: Hoque
ALSO PRESENT: Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Community Services Supervisor
Sylvia Gonzales, Senior Administrative Assistant
Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator
Randy Franklin, Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Kim.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 21, 2021 - Regular Meeting

***** M/S/P –** Commissioner Beger made a motion to approve and Commissioner Kim seconds the motion to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT/CITY UPDATE:

Jim Box announced the upcoming Community meeting on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:00 am for the installation of exercise equipment at Images Park. The Community Services Department received a grant from St. Jude Hospital for the new equipment but are seeking community input. The Rick Gomez Park Groundbreaking Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10:00 am. There will be a photo opportunity for the City Council, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Gomez family.

Jim Box updated the Commission on city facilities. The Senior Center, which is still currently closed but we are holding virtual classes for seniors along with an outdoor Zumba Class. The Community Center is open, but we are not holding any indoor activities with the exception of Special Needs Martial Arts, and First Aid and CPR, which have been deemed an essential service. The Community Gymnasium remains closed. The Community Gardens is open as well as all parks with safety measures and social distancing in place. Pools will open in the spring too as swim lessons have been deemed essential.

Mr. Kurata updated the Commission on when Little League and Girls Softball will resume. Next Tuesday, at the City Council Meeting, the VOLT Youth Leadership Committee will be introduced to City Council. Lastly, at our next meeting in March, Doug Brodowski from Public Works will be giving a presentation on the city trees.

Randy Franklin updated the Commission on Spring Aquatics. There will be three, nine day sessions that will take place Monday through Friday. There will also be private swim lessons being offered. We will follow all safety protocols just as we did last summer. The cost is \$42.00 and registration starts March 22nd.

On April 3, 2021, we will be having our Drive Thru Spring Eggstravaganza event from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Ehlers Event Center. There will be more interactive adventures for the parents and kids than last year. We will have characters, a scavenger hunt, and much more. We would love to have all the Commissioners there if possible.

Michelle Van Sickle updated the Commission on the planning of our summer programs. We will have a summer camp at Boisseranc Park as well as offering our summer parks program. We have pushed P-nut baseball back to hopefully get into the red tier. Skills testing will take place in May and starting our games after the 4th of July.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Presented by Michelle Van Sickle
- b. Homeless Update in City Parks – Presented by Officer Boudreau from BPPD

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

- 6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Weinstock commented on the graffiti in the area and nonresidents who are hanging out at John Beat Park. Commissioner Weinstock would like to agendize the naming of the Dog Park. Commissioner Weinstock asked when sports would be starting up again. He also asked about the track meet this year wanting to know if it will take place since P-Nut baseball will be starting around the same time as the track meet. Chair Kato requested to have a park update at the March meeting.

7. ATTENDANCE:

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Commissioner Weinstock adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair