

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kato called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:34 p.m. via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Deterding, Kato, Weinstock, Beger, Kim, Siebert, Hoque

ABSENT:

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
Doug Brodowski, Operation Manger Public Works

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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***** M/S/P –** Commissioner Weinstock made a motion to approve and Commissioner Siebert 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 updated the Commissioners on the request by Commissioner Weinstock for the naming of the dog park. The City Manager has given the department direction to hold off on this event due to budget restrictions. Mr. Box suggested to the commissioner that during our annual park tour we can walk John Beat Park. At that time, commissioners can make suggestions on how to get more activities to take place there and park improvements. The city is in the red tier and will begin to reopen all facilities in April. At the upcoming Council meeting on the 23rd, the Community Services Department will be presenting on reducing youth access to tobacco products in Buena Park. The Elementary Art show is up in council chambers as well. Jim also inquired if Commissioners are comfortable to go back to in-person meetings or continue to hold meetings via Zoom.

Mr. Kurata updated the Commission on the Images Park Community Meeting. The meeting went well. The Buena Park Police Department will be bringing forward a neighborhood watch program for the residents around Images Park. We are getting quotes for an additional light pole and upgraded light fixtures, and rubberized surface or woodchips for the playground. A bench was also removed that was problematic. It will be relocated at a later time. Additional signs will also be placed at city parks providing the Police Department's phone number. As far as the exercise equipment installation, due to public input we did change out one piece of equipment. Once we have an updated layout we can present it to the commission. The community gardens community meeting

will take place on May 8, 2021 at 10:00 am. Once the flyer is ready we will send out to the commission. May 22, 2021 at 10:00 am, is the Rick Gomez Ground Breaking Ceremony. Invitations will go out to commissioners soon. Lastly, Mr. Kurata updated the commission on the Summer Concert dates and activities that will take place during the concerts.

Michelle Van Sickle reported to the commission on staff preparation of summer camps and summer parks programs. P-Nut Baseball is now open for registration. We had 150 participants register on the first day it opened. Skills testing will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Games will begin June 5, 2021. Our leisure class Tiny tots has decided to come back in the fall so we will be offering a spring/summer program for 3-5 year olds that will be facilitated by Community Services Leaders. It will be called tot time playschool. The first session will be offered on April 13th and will run through May 20th on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Randy Franklin reported on the Spring Egg Event taking place on April 3rd. There will be activities that can be done from the cars and a visit by the Easter Bunny at the end. Spring swim lessons beginning April 19th with registration opening this coming Monday. The Gymnasium will be re-opening on April 19th. We will kick things off with youth organized play basketball, volleyball and little stars programs.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. International Trees in City Parks – Presented by Dale Kurata
- b. Park Projects Update – Presented by Dale Kurata
- c. Park Tour Discussion & Date Selection – Dale Kurata
The Commissioners selected June 26, 2021 as the date for the park tour.
- d. Memorial Grove Selection Discussion – Presented by Dale Kurata
At the request of the commission, staff is to provide photos of the honorees and bring back to the next commission meeting for discussion.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Weinstock thanked the staff for the Images Park Community meeting. Commissioner Kim thanked the Community Services staff as well. Chair Kato advised the Commission and staff that she will be unable to attend the Rick Gomez Ground Breaking Ceremony.

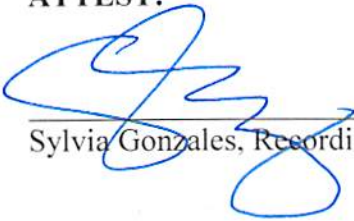
7. ATTENDANCE:

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Kato adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair