

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kato called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 15, 2021 - Regular Meeting

*** *M/S/P* – Commissioner Siebert made a motion to approve and Commissioner Beger 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 reminded the Commission about the Rick Gomez Groundbreaking Ceremony this Saturday at 10 a.m. and our Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 31st at 10 a.m. at Ehlers Event Center. The new Buena Park Today is out. Mr. Box presented the High School Art Show Award video.

Mr. Kurata updated the Commission on the Park Tour that will be on June 26, 2021 at 8 a.m. This year it will be a bit different. City Council and all three of the department's Commissions have been invited. Mr. Kurata updated the Commission on the Community Gardens meeting that took place on May 8th. At next month's commission meeting, we will be reporting on all our summer programs taking place this summer. Mr. Kurata advised the Commission on the latest grant the Community Services Department received from 7-Eleven. We have asked them to attend an upcoming Commission meeting to make the presentation.

Michelle Van Sickle updated the commissioners on our first session of Tiny Tots. Our second session starts June 1st. We are nearing the final stages of preparing for Summer Parks and Camps which are scheduled to start June 7th. Our Kids Café will also start on June 7th at Bellis Park, lunch will be offered to kids 18 and under. Family Movies Nights start July 20th at Boisseranc Park. Parents Night Out will begin in July on select Friday nights. P-Nut Baseball's first game will be June 5th with closing day on August the 13th. We are currently getting feedback from the parents about a campout. If the campout does take place, it will be held the night before the picnic day in August.

Randy Franklin updated the Commission on the upcoming activities and classes taking place at the gymnasium and the pool. At the gymnasium, we have started, our second session of Youth Organized Play Basketball and Volleyball will take place next week. Little Stars is taking place on Saturdays. Summer programs begin on June 1st with swim lessons. Recreation swim will start June 13th and both pools will be open. A new program called SMASH will begin along with Youth Organized play running during the week.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

a. Memorial Grove Selection Discussion – Presented by Michelle Van Sickle

Commissioner Beger made a motion to nominate Norma Waller for 2021 Memorial Grove and Jim Dow for 2022 Memorial Grove. Vice Chair Hoque seconds the motion to approve Norma Waller for 2021 Memorial Grove and Jim Dow for 2022 Memorial Grove. All in favor, motion passed.

AYES: 7 Commissioners: Beger, Hoque, Deterding, Kato, Siebert, Weinstock, Kim

NOES: 0 Commissioners:

ABSENT: 0 Commissioners:

ABSTAIN: 0 Commissioners:

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Kim updated the Commission on the selection of trees that were picked by the subcommittee for the International Trees Program that will be planted at Whitaker School Park. Commissioner Siebert asked about the dates for concerts in the park. Commissioner Kim would also like to agendize a discussion on bringing pickle ball to parks. Commissioner Weinstock would like to agendize for the next meeting a discussion on the dates the Commission will go dark in 2021 and a report on the Get Your Mitts Program.

7. ATTENDANCE:

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

c. Park Tour: Saturday, June 26, 2021 departing the BPCC at 8:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Vice Chair Hoque adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



Gail Kato, Chair