

CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Vaca called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Main Conference Room, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gomez, Kato, Pearson, Seibert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Also Present: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
Michelle Van Sickle, Community Services Coordinator
Veronica Ramirez, Community Services Coordinator

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of January 15, 2015.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Pearson – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, reported that staff presented the Field School Use Permit process before City Council on the February 10, 2015 meeting. Council was in favor of keeping the Field School Use Permit process in place with no changes to the current procedure.

Michelle Van Sickle, Community Services Coordinator, announced that the Youth Basketball League is currently in mid-season. Staff is currently preparing for P-nut Baseball, Track & Field Meet and Spring Eggstravaganza.

Veronica Ramirez, Community Services Coordinator, announced that activity at the gym is slow due to the start of Youth Basketball. Classes will resume in mid-March after Youth Basketball season ends. This allows time for staff to prepare for Summer Camps and preparing the fields for P-nut Baseball as well. Ms. Ramirez also announced that the V.O.L.T. program is seeking out new opportunities for the participants to get involved in during the summer. If anyone is aware of any organizations that need assistance, contact Ms. Ramirez directly.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Memorial Grove – Nothing new to report since the last reporting period. However, Ms. Van Sickle distributed a biography of a resident that recently passed away; this biography is for the commission to consider for a future Memorial Grove nomination.
- b. Spring Eggstravaganza Update - Commission to sponsor a hunt area – Ms. Van Sickle announced Spring Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Boisseranc Park. The Pancake Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. with the egg hunt starting at 12:00 noon.

In addition, Ms. Van Sickle requested the commission to sponsor an egg hunt area for children ages 2 years old and under. All were in favor. Egg baskets may be dropped off at the Community Center prior to the event or taken directly to the event.

- c. **Park Tour Date Selection** – Ms. Riley announced that the tour date should happen on a Saturday in March. After discussion, the commission agreed on Saturday, March 28, 2015 as the date. The commission will meet at the Community Center at 8:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided.
- d. **Youth Scholarship Update** – Ms. Van Sickle announced that one scholarship has been awarded as well as a donation received from the Buena Park Noon Lions in the amount of \$400.00.
- e. **Park Projects Update** – Ms. Riley provided a brief update on the various park projects currently underway:
 - Installation of Greenfields workout stations at Bellis, Peak, San Marino, and Lindbergh Parks
 - Boisseranc Park east shelter
 - Peak Park pool diving board replacements
 - Peak Park pool shell resurfacing
 - Bellis Park block wall repair
 - Bellis Park chain link fence
 - San Marino basketball courts relocation
- f. **Larwin Park Master Plan Scope of Work** – Ms. Riley announced that staff has not yet met with RJM Design Group. More than likely, RJM Design Group will be seeking input from the community first before meeting with staff. The commission will be notified of any changes.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – Ms. Ramirez distributed the report on graffiti removal.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Vaca announced the website: www.nextdoor.com. This is a realtor website for specific neighborhoods within Buena Park that provides information regarding that neighborhood. Chair Vaca inquired about including Parks and Recreation events to this website. After discussion, staff will do more research on this website and will calendar this item for further discussion to the next commission meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: March 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Vaca called the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Philip Vaca, Chair