

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 21, 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, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Absent: Seibert
Excused: Pearson
Also Present: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager
Michelle Van Sickle, Community Services Coordinator
Veronica Ramirez, Community Services Coordinator

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of April 16, 2015.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Wilson-Thomas – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, reminded the Commission about the upcoming Memorial Day event at Bellis Park where there will be a Continental breakfast at 8:00a.m. The event will begin at 10:00a.m. and will last approximately two hours.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager reported that the City Council discussed the drought and irrigation in the parks and stated that the city is in phase 2 shortage which is two day a week watering. City Council decided there will be drastic cuts at parks with some not being watered at all. All Median turfways will cease to be watered. This will affect Beach Blvd., sections of Knott Ave, all of Los Coyotes and a sliver of Auto Center Drive. Staff will have a clearer picture after the next City Council meeting when it will be discussed further. The State wants a 25% reduction in water usage.

Mr. Kurata also reported that San Antonio Park snack bar building was broken into. Some girls' softball equipment and pitching machines were taken.

Ms. Riley added that a decision to shut down the Larwin Spray Pool was made for this summer. Ms. Riley also reported that the Planning Commission will be considering a conditional use permit and construction of homes on the Dickerson School site. This was a controversial topic regarding the Larwin Park land swap which the City Council did not pursue. William Lyon Homes wants to develop about 70 Single Family Homes.

Mr. Kurata reported that Michelle Van Sickle and Veronica Ramirez have been reclassified to Senior Community Services Coordinators.

Ms. Riley answered the Commission's inquiry regarding walking trails throughout the Edison Right-of Way. She attended a Community Outreach meeting regarding the Edison Right-of-Way Master Plan. RJM Architects conducted the meeting and discussed different strategies

of design on the right-of-way. The Community wants low-key physical activities, like trails for walking and riding bikes. RJM will compile information from the community and then bring it back to them for feedback and preliminary plans which will then come to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, announced that P-Nut Baseball season began on May 2, 2015 and Clinic program division begins June 15, 2015. Soccer registration begins June 1, 2015. Ms. Van Sickle also reported the hiring of two new staff in the Sports Division. All new staff for the Summer Parks Program has been hired and training will begin on June 9, 2015 with the summer programs beginning on June 15, 2015.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported that organized play classes for basketball and volleyball started up now that the youth basketball league has ended. Girls softball at San Antonio Park is ending as well as the little league regular season. Post season for little league will begin soon and run through the middle of summer. All new staff for the gym has been hired and training will begin with summer programs beginning on June 15, 2015.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Memorial Grove – Nothing new to report since the last reporting period. However, Ms. Van Sickle made mention that this is at the commission's discretion whether to continue discussing nominations or forego this year since there are no new nominations at this time. After discussion, the commission agreed to table this item for the next commission meeting in June. A current list of nominations will be brought to the next meeting.
- b. Youth Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle announced that no new scholarships have been awarded however, there is one pending application for P-Nut baseball. More applications will be coming in as we near the summer season. After discussion, the commission agreed to advertise the Youth Scholarship on the basketball flyer.
- c. Spring Eggstravaganza – Ms. Van Sickle presented with photographs on this event that occurred on April 4, 2015 which turned out to be a very beautiful warm day. There were approximately 3,500 participants and was more crowded this year for the activities. Everyone seemed tolerant of the long lines. A pancake breakfast was served for a small donation and continued until they ran out of food. There were several activities such as face painting, field games, petting zoo, pony rides and carnival games. Easter baskets are donated from the local groups and are the highlight of the event. The Egg hunt was the last event and was a success.
- d. Track and Field Meet – Ms. Van Sickle reported that the meet was held on Friday April 17, 2015 at Buena Park High School and was a success. There were 250 children registered with about 95% in attendance. Participating schools are from the Buena Park School District, Centralia School District, and St. Pius. The top 4 boys and 4 girls from each event qualified to go to the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Orange County (SCMAF of OC) Track Meet which was held May 3, 2015. If they qualify in this meet they will move on to the final SCMAF meet at Warren High School June 7, 2015. They automatically qualify and do not have to register.

The Commission inquired as to how many made the cut last year. Ms. Van Sickle replied that out of 200 children last year, 15 qualified. This year 35 qualified.

- e. Projects Update – Mr. Kurata provided a brief update on the various projects currently underway:
- Images Park security lights
 - San Antonio playground is under construction
 - San Marino resurfacing the entire basketball court slab and exercise equipment slab
 - OCFA pre-construction meeting for station 63 covering for housing mobile stage and restroom trailer.
 - Bellis Park new playground
 - Peak Park electrical upgrade
 - Peak Park pool interior repair and new diving boards and dryers for the lifeguards
 - 2016 – 2017 Budget will include Brenner Park Basketball court resurfacing Boisseranc Park Tennis court resurfacing and playground replacement.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – Ms. Ramirez distributed the report on graffiti removal.
- b. The commission discussed closure to the Parks & Recreation embezzlement case that was prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

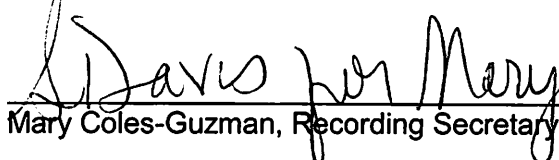
The Commission inquired about Measure A. Ms. Riley informed the Commission that it did not pass.


7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: June 18, 2015 7:00 p.m.
- c. Summer Concerts begin at Boisseranc Park on June 17, 2015

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Vaca called the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Philip Vaca, Chair

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