

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
June 18, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Weinstock 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, Weinstock, Pearson, Siebert

Excused: Vaca, Wilson-Thomas

Also Present: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of May 21, 2015.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Pearson/Kato – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, announced that staff met with the Southern California Edison (SCE) pathway project designer, RJM Design Group to discuss results from the Community meeting held on April 30, 2015 at Raymond Temple Elementary School. The current design incorporated all of the feedback into one rendering which will then be presented to Southern California Edison (SCE) for review.

In addition, Ms. Riley announced that staff will be seeking approval from City Council to construct a new driveway and parking lot at the Boys and Girls Club to be used as overflow parking at Peak Park. Plans and specifications will also be presented before the City Council to construct the Bellis Park playground equipment. Both items will be presented before City Council at the June 23, 2015 meeting.

Lastly, Ms. Riley announced that on July 22, 2015, the City will be hosting a Community Meeting at Larwin Park to receive input from the community in regards to the re-design of the park. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager, reported on the success of the Memorial Day event held at Bellis Park and Relay For Life held at Buena Park Junior High School. Mr. Kurata announced staff is planning for Silverado Days as well.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, announced that the fields remain busy at San Antonio and Bellis Park with various sports leagues utilizing the space.

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Memorial Grove** – Ms. Van Sickle reported that two names have been forwarded as nominations for the Commission to consider: Cliff Usmani and Ruby Gomez. Carol Young is on a list of possible nominations to be considered when she has reached the 3-year mark. Ms. Young is a recommendation so far. Staff has not received a formal nomination for her, but has been added to the list anyway.

After discussion, Commissioner Kato made a motion to table this item until the July meeting for further discussion. Commissioner Pearson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed.

- b. Youth Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle announced there are no new scholarships that have been awarded. However, there are two (2) scholarships pending for swim lessons. A draft flyer was distributed for the Commission's review promoting the scholarship program. After review, Commissioner Kato made a motion to approve the flyer as written. Commissioner Gomez seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed.
- c. 2015 Summer Program Overview (Parks, Sports, Gym, Aquatics) – Ms. Ramirez reported that the gym remains to be busy with Youth Organized sports classes along with Drop-in programs and the basketball league. She noted that the Youth Summer Sports Camp is off to a great start. Advanced registration is required. The cost is \$70.00 per week or \$35.00 half-day sessions offered weekly for seven (7) weeks from June 15, 2015 through July 31, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mr. Kurata reported that the Summer Aquatics Program will officially start on Sunday, June 21, 2015 with a free recreation swim day. Registration for all classes began on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Peak Park Municipal Pool. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until classes are full.

Ms. Van Sickle announced the Summer Parks Program from June 15, 2015 through August 7, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is a free, drop-in program at eight (8) park sites including Ehlers Event Center (formally known as the Ehlers Community Recreation Center) with three (3) Special Event days held at Peak Park.

Ms. Van Sickle announced the P-nut Camp-out and Clinic Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at Peak Park. P-nut Picnic Day will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 as well as the Awards Ceremony for the P-nut Division. Ms. Van Sickle encouraged the Commission to attend and assist in passing out the awards and trophies.

- d. Park Projects Update – Mr. Kurata provided a slide presentation on the various parks projects currently underway:
  - San Marino Park basketball court resurfacing
  - San Antonio Park playground replacement
  - 3-sided Structure at Fire Station 63
  - Boisseranc Park playground replacement

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

**6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 5:00 p.m.


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- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: July 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.
- c. Summer Concert Series at Boisseranc Park, Wednesdays through July 22, 2015

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Vice-Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Suzanne Davis, Recording Secretary

  
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Mike Weinstock, Vice-Chair