

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 16, 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: Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Gomez, Vaca
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 Siebert.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of June 18, 2015.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Siebert– Commissioner Kato requested to change Item C – third paragraph to read: “*formerly* known as the Ehlers Community Recreation Center”. Motion to approve minutes as corrected.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**None.
3. **DIRECTOR’S/STAFF REPORT:**Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, reminded the commission about the Community Outreach Meeting at Larwin Park on July 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The concept of the Master Plan will be presented to the community.

In addition, Ms. Riley announced the Special Olympics will be doing a torch run through Buena Park on Monday, July 20, 2015 around 3:25 p.m. The Buena Park Police Department will escort the runners from Knott’s Berry Farm to the city of La Habra border.

Lastly, Ms. Riley announced that construction for the parking structure at the Boys & Girls Club is currently underway. This will help alleviate overflow parking for patrons utilizing Peak Park as well as during Silverado Days.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager, reported that Peak Park and Bellis Park are extremely busy. The pools continue to be busy with sold out swim lessons.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced that they are currently midseason with Summer Parks program which closes on Friday, August 7, 2015. Participation continues to remain high with this program. The P-nut baseball season is winding down.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced that they are in their fifth week of Youth Summer Sports Camp which ends on July 31, 2015. The last week of camp will take the kids to the Big Air Trampoline located inside the Buena Park Mall.

4.DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Memorial Grove–Ms. Van Sickle distributed a copy of the Memorial Grove nomination for Ruby Gomez. The other nominee was Cliff Usmani. Carol Young was just a suggestion. There was no

formal nomination received. After discussion, Commissioner Pearson made a motion to nominate Ruby Gomez as the Memorial Grove recipient. Commissioner Wilson-Thomas seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried. The targeted date for the Memorial Grove ceremony is Saturday, September 26, 2015.

- b. Youth Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle announced there are seven (7) scholarships pending for swim lessons. An updated balance will be presented at the next commission meeting in September.
- c. P-nut Campout/Picnic Day Preview–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 an update on the various parks projects currently underway:
 - Peak Park electrical upgrade
 - Silverado Days planning
 - Bellis Park playground upgrade
 - Boisseranc Park playground renovation
 - Pool covers potentially due to the drought - will be brought before Council for discussion
 - Pool heater upgrade for Boisseranc Park & potentially Peak Park
 - Bellis Park project which includes snack bar, dugout and restroom upgrade
 - Landscape project on Auto Center Drive by Carmax

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, July 28, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:00 p.m.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Vice-Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Mike Weinstock, Vice-Chair