

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Vaca called the meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:04 p.m. in the City Hall Main Conference Room, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gomez, Kato, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock
Excused: Pearson, 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 Chair Vaca.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of July 16, 2015.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Siebert– Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:**Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, introduced Maria Martinez, the newly-hired Senior Office Assistant in the Community Services Department. Ms. Martinez will be assisting the Senior Administrative Assistant with her duties as needed as well as the needs of the front office.

In addition, Ms. Riley announced that the County of Orange approached staff for a possible thirty (30) year lease with "The Yard" – the softball complex at Ralph B. Clark Regional Park. This item will be brought before City Council for discussion in October.

Ms. Riley also announced the facility rental contract with Buena Park High School (BPHS) to utilize Peak Park pool for water polo practice while their pool is being repaired. This agreement will be in effect through the month of October.

Lastly, Ms. Riley announced Doobies Inc. A Tribute Concert to the Doobie Brothers held at the Plaza at Ehlers Event Center on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; tickets are \$20. She also announced Silverado Days kickoff on Thursday, October 15, 2015 5:00 p.m. at Peak Park. All are encouraged to attend both events.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager, reported that the city met its goal of reducing water usage by 25%. Park staff continues to adhere to the restrictions.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced Youth Soccer season is currently underway. Games will take place at Boisseranc Park on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings for the next six (6) weeks.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the fields are currently being occupied by Buena Park Youth Football at Bellis Park and Girls Softball at San Antonio Park.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle distributed a handout. To date, there have been a total of seven (7) swim scholarships awarded. The total amount awarded for swim lessons is \$520.00. There were an additional four (4) scholarships awarded for the soccer program that totaled to \$80.00. The total amount transferred is \$600.00; leaving the scholarship fund balance at \$2,913.00. There is also one (1) scholarship pending for youth basketball. Registration begins in October. Basketball flyers have been distributed to promote the scholarship program.
- b. Memorial Grove Update - Ms. Van Sickle announced the Memorial Grove event on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Boisseranc Park. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

c. Summer Program Evaluation:

1. Summer Aquatics – Mr. Kurata provided a presentation on the Aquatics Program. All pools were opened from June 21, 2015 through September 7, 2015 except for Larwin Spray pool that was closed due to the drought. Overall, the program was a success however, revenue has gone down due to the change in school schedules not coinciding with the city's pool schedule. In 2016, the city will change its pool schedule to operate from Memorial Day through Labor Day to coincide with the school schedule and better meet the needs of the community.

2. Summer Parks Program – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the Summer Parks and Sports programs. This is a free drop-in program that was offered from June 15 – August 7, 2015, Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. With the completion of Ehlers Plaza, this program was available at Ehlers Event Center as well.

3. P-nut Baseball – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of P-nut and Clinic baseball. This year, there were thirty-two (32) teams. Each team played 17-18 games throughout the season. Clinic baseball started on June 15, 2015 for six (6) weeks that ended with an awards ceremony. P-nut Campout and Picnic Day concluded both programs on July 24 – 25, 2015 with an awards ceremony and a participation trophy for each player.

4. Gymnasium Programs - Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported on the success of the various gym programs. Adult softball and adult basketball continue to be busy and successful programs as well as the drop-in sports program. The gym classes offered for ages 2 – 14 years old are offered year round and continue to be consistent numbers year after year. The Youth Summer Sports camp is the biggest program offered for ages 7-14 years old; advanced registration is required. Overall attendance has increased.

Ms. Ramirez also reported on the V.O.L.T. (Volunteer Opportunities and Leisure for Teens) program. There are currently eighty-five (85) active members with 2000 hours volunteered. The volunteers will assist with the big clean-up day at Peak Park prior to Silverado Days and will assist with the 5k run at Silverado Days as well.

- d. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various parks projects currently underway:

- Larwin Park renovation
- Pool covers at Peak Park

- Pool heater upgrade for Boisseranc & Peak Parks
- Bellis Park project which includes snack bar, dugout and wrought iron fence upgrade
- Parking at Boys & Girls Club is complete

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, September 22, 2015 5:00 p.m.
b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2015 7:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Vaca called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Philip Vaca, Chair