

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
October 15, 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, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock, 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 Gomez.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of September 17, 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 the pool covers for Peak and Boisseranc Parks are currently out to bid. The playground equipment for Boisseranc Park will go out to bid in the near future.

In addition, Ms. Riley reported on the possible lease with “The Yard” – the softball complex at Ralph B. Clark Regional Park that was brought before City Council for discussion. Staff's recommendation was not to enter into a lease agreement. City Council agreed. It was the recommendation from City Council that staff contact the county of Orange requesting the County to deed the complex to the city at no cost.

Ms. Riley also announced the attempted kidnapping that occurred at Bellis Park. Police Explorers and volunteers will be distributing flyers to park patrons at Bellis Park.

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. The season will end November 14, 2015.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the gym continues to stay busy; everything is going well. Ms. Ramirez also announced the following: V.O.L.T volunteers will be assisting at Silverado Days; Candy Caneland will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Ehlers Event Center. More details are soon to follow.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Concept Plan for Larwin Park - Public Works Presentation - Craig Sensenbach from RJM Design Group presented a powerpoint presentation on the Larwin Park Master Plan. This plan was developed from the feedback received from the community workshops that were offered. The plan includes a parking lot, basketball court, spray pool, exercise stations, community building, shade structure, turf area, informal garden area and tot lots for ages 2-5 years old and 5-12 years old. After discussion, the commission expressed concern about the spray pool due to the drought. The architect commented that the newer spray pools are designed to be water efficient. The consensus of the commission is in favor of the master plan. The next workshop will be held within a month. The commission will be notified.
- b. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported there were no scholarships awarded since the last reporting period.
- c. Community Gardens Report - Ms. Van Sickle provided an update and distributed a handout. Current garden plots were renewable through September 30, 2015. New gardeners began registering on October 5, 2015. New plots were issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Gardeners must supply their own tools and water nozzle. There are currently ten (10) vacant plots available.
- d. Memorial Grove Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of Memorial Grove that was held on September 26, 2015. Commissioner Gomez thanked the commission for their support; the family was very pleased and honored to be a part of this occasion.
- e. 2015 Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Celebration: Discussion - After discussion, Commissioner Kato made a motion to move the December 17, 2015 commission meeting time to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. with the holiday celebration immediately following. Commissioner Gomez seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried. The holiday celebration will be held at the Buena Park Community Center.
- f. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various parks projects currently underway:
 - Edison Right-of-Way walking trail
 - Bellis Park restroom and snack bar upgrade
 - Bellis Park dugouts and wrought iron fencing
 - Brenner Park basketball court resurfacing
 - Boisseranc Park tennis courts

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – None.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Wilson-Thomas announced that she assigned her students to create a video presentation of people doing exercises in the park. She will provide the report at the next meeting.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.
- c. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, November 19, 2015 7:00 a.m., Knott's Berry Farm Hotel
- d. Tree Lighting and Commission Recognition Event, November 30, 2015 5:30 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Vaca called the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary


Philip Vaca, Chair