

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
November 19, 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  
Absent: 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 Siebert.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of October 15, 2015.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Gomez– Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, reminded the commission of the Tree Lighting / Commission Recognition Event on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

In addition, Ms. Riley reported on the restructuring of the Fine Arts Commission. In October, City Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate restructuring of the commission. City Council presented seven (7) recommendations that were provided by the Ad Hoc Committee. One of the findings is to remove all commissioners effective June 30, 2016. Those that are interested in serving on the commission, will need to re-apply.

Dale Kurata, Park and Recreation Manager, reported on the success of Silverado Days. Overall, the event went well and was well attended.

Additionally, Mr. Kurata reported on the growing homeless issue in Buena Park. An agenda report was presented at a recent City Council meeting to discuss this issue, however, no direction has been given at this time.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the Youth Soccer season has ended. Registration for basketball is currently underway through December 10, 2015.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced Candy Caneland on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Ehlers Event Center. Ms. Ramirez requested the assistance from the commission with booth judging. This year's theme is "Gingerbread Jamboree".

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported there were no scholarships awarded since the last reporting period. There are two (2) pending scholarships for Youth Basketball. The current scholarship fund balance is \$2,913.00.
- b. 2015 Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Celebration: Discussion - Commissioner Kato reminded the commission that the celebration will be pot-luck. Staff will create the sign-up sheet and will email it to the commission.
- c. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various parks projects currently underway:
  - Three-sided structure at OCFA Station 63 (at 9120 Holder) completed
  - Bellis Park restroom and snack bar upgrade
  - Bellis Park dugouts and wrought iron fencing
  - Boisseranc Park pool cover and heater
  - Drip irrigation projects in three locations: Western Avenue & El Capitan; Knott Ave. between Crescent and the Senior Center; Dale Street in front of Boisseranc Park
  - Ehlers Event Center - Liberty Hall will go through a major renovation
  - Boisseranc Park resurfaced tennis courts

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. News Releases, Department Flyers, Etc. – as distributed.

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

None.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- b. Tree Lighting and Commission Recognition Event, November 30, 2015 5:30 p.m.
- c. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2015 6:00 p.m.
- d. Park & Recreation Commission Holiday Celebration: December 17, 2015 7:00 p.m.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Vaca called the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

  
Philip Vaca, Chair