

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

6:00

**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  
Excused: 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 November 19, 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, reported on the Larwin Park Community Outreach meeting held on December 3, 2015. The meeting went well and staff received positive feedback from the community.

In addition, Ms. Riley reported on the December 8, 2015 City Council meeting. Council decided to reject the bid on the Boisseranc Park playground equipment upgrade. This item will go back to City Council at a later date. Staff will bring a representative from Coast Recreation to explain and present data. On December 10, 2015, staff met with the Public Works Director along with the City Manager to move forward on the walkway at the Southern California Edison (SCE) right-of-way. The first phase of the walkway from Valley View to Knott Avenue will go out to bid.

Ms. Riley also announced the new Mayor, Fred Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Beth Swift.

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

Additionally, Mr. Kurata announced the minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2016. This will affect part-time workers only.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the basketball season is currently underway. This year the season started early. The coaches meeting will be held after the holiday closure. This allows the teams adequate time to practice before the actual games begin.

Ms. Van Sickle also reported on the success of the Santa visits. This weekend ends the Santa visits.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator announced the activity at the gym is at a minimum due to the holiday closure.

Ms. Ramirez reported on the success of Candy Caneland. There were approximately 2,000 in attendance this year. She thanked the commission for attending and offering their assistance with booth judging. A thorough evaluation will be presented at the January 2016 Commission meeting.

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update - Ms. Van Sickle reported there were no scholarships awarded since the last reporting period. A full report will be provided next month.
- b. Park Projects Update- Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various parks projects currently underway:
  - Bellis Park snack bar upgrade
  - Bellis Park dugouts
  - Boisseranc and Peak Park pool covers and heaters
- c. Election of Officers - The recording secretary opened nominations for Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Kato nominated Commissioner Weinstock as Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Siebert. Motion was carried. Commissioner Weinstock is the new Chair.

The recording secretary then opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Gomez nominated Commissioner Pearson as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Vaca. Motion was carried. Commissioner Pearson is the new Vice Chair.

**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, January 12, 2016 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2016 7:00 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

  
Mike Weinstock, Chair