

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 21, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: 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: 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Vaca.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of December 17, 2015.
Commissioner Kato requested the minutes be reflected with the following change: Chair Vaca called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Main Conference Room not 7:00 p.m.
*** M/S/P – Commissioners Kato/Siebert– Motion to approve minutes as corrected.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, announced the results of the December 8, 2015 Mayoral elections. Fred Smith is the new Mayor; the Mayor Pro-tem is Beth Swift. On January 12, 2016, City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a City Council district electoral system and adopted a resolution establishing boundaries of the Council districts. These districts will be evaluated every ten (10) years. A map of the districts is available on the city's website or a copy may be obtained from the City Clerk's office.

Michelle Van Sickle, Community Services Coordinator, announced that the Youth Basketball League has started. Games will begin on January 30, 2016.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, reported there were no major issues over the holiday break. Staff is preparing for the upcoming spring sports for Little League and Girls Softball.

4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Candy Caneland and Craft Fair Evaluation – In Veronica Ramirez' absence, Mr. Kurata requested this item be moved to the February meeting.
 - b. Santa Letters and Santa Visits Evaluation – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the Santa Visits. This year, the visits were scheduled over three (3) weekends instead of weeknight visits. This allowed Santa to be scheduled consecutively each night which allowed five (5) visits per night. Santa Visits are open to Buena Park residents only. Residents can sign up for a 15-minute visit for \$25.00. Each visit is limited to a maximum of seven (7) children per household. The program ran from December 4, 2015 through December 19, 2015.

Additionally, Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the Santa Letters. Families were encouraged to drop off their letters at the Community Center from December 1-11, 2015. Each

letter received a personal response from Santa. Staff receives between 70 – 100 letters each season. Letters to Santa were also accepted via email and were given a personal response, as well.

- c. Youth Soccer Evaluation - Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of Youth Soccer. This season was held from September 19, 2015 to November 7, 2015. This program is designed for children between the ages of 4 – 14 years old. This program focuses mainly on fundamentals and sportsmanship. Everyone plays at least half of the game. Teams each played 9-10 games during the season which included a season ending tournament.

Ms. Van Sickle also reported on the success of Soccer Clinic. This program is designed for children between the ages of 4 – 5 years old. Games were played every Tuesday and Thursday at Boisseranc Park for six (6) weeks which started October 13, 2015 and ended November 19, 2015. This is an instructional program led by Recreation Leaders.

- d. Park Tour Discussion – Ms. Riley reported that staff will be calendaring a Park tour with City Council in March which will be separate from the Commission’s park tour. After discussion, the commission decided to hold their tour on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. starting at the Buena Park Community Center. Bus transportation will be provided.
- e. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle announced that staff recently received a donation of \$1,500 from Friends and Families of Buena Park. A full report will be provided at the February meeting. Commissioner Weinstock suggested that part of the scholarship money be spent on needed equipment. After discussion, the consensus was if it is a real need then the commission will address it again at a future meeting. For now, it seems like there is no need.
- f. Park-in-Lieu Fund Balance and Prioritization of Future Park Projects – Ms. Riley announced that the City Manager presented before City Council the balance of park-in-lieu funds is currently at \$1.5 million. It is a concern for staff since these funds are relied upon to help maintain and repair the parks. These funds are based on residential development. The Community Development Director, Joel Rosen, has projected that the city will receive another \$3 million this year from the residential projects in the city.
- g. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various parks projects currently underway:
 - Sink covers installed at all picnic shelters
 - Boisseranc Park pool heater installed
 - Peak Park pool heater soon to be installed
 - Pool covers for both Boisseranc and Peak Parks en route
 - Redo the backstops at Diamonds 1, 2 & 3 and Peak Park and alter the dugout fence and replace panels
 - Bellis Park dugouts
 - Bellis Park snack bar and restroom upgrade

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

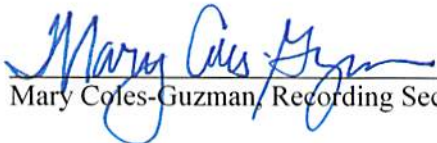
None.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

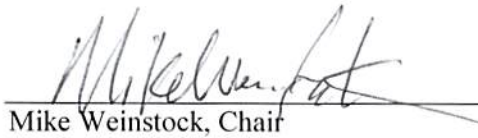
- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2016 7:00 p.m.
- c. State of the City Address, February 3, 2016, Knott's Berry Farm Hotel 11:30 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Mike Weinstock, Chair