

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 18, 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, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Pearson
Also Present: Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services
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 January 21, 2016.
*** *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, announced the retirement of Public Works Director, Jim Biery after thirteen (13) years of service. Various key projects that Mr. Biery has been involved in were the Community Center, Ehlers Plaza, remodel of the Senior Activity Center, athletic field lighting upgrade, and the Peak Park electrical upgrade. Mr. Biery’s last day will be February 25, 2016.

Additionally, Ms. Riley reported on the Silverado Days Grant luncheon held on February 9, 2016 at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel. The following grants were awarded: \$250 for the Volunteer Opportunities and Leisure for Teens (V.O.L.T.) program; \$250 for Recreation Equipment; \$500 for Youth Sports Scholarship; \$1000 for Spring Eggstravaganza; and \$1000 to purchase folding tables for Silverado Days.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, announced that the Youth Basketball league is midway through the season. Games will end mid-March. Currently, staff is preparing for Spring Eggstravaganza as well as the Summer Parks program.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported that classes at the gym will resume when the basketball season has ended. The Buena Park Girls Softball will have their opening day on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at San Antonio Park from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. On Friday, March 4, 2016, the Buena Park National Little League will have their opening day 6:00 p.m. at Bellis Park-Field 3. Ms. Ramirez also announced the free Interview Workshop for Teens on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Buena Park Community Center. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Candy Caneland and Craft Fair Evaluation – Ms. Ramirez provided a report on the success of Candy Caneland that was held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Ehlers Event Center. This event was well attended with approximately 2,800 attendees. Ms. Ramirez thanked the commission for their participation. Special commendation was given to staff for their hard work and effort in helping to make this event a success.
- b. Spring Eggstravaganza Update – Commission to sponsor a hunt area - Ms. Van Sickle announced Spring Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Boisseranc Park. The Pancake Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. with the egg hunt starting at 12:00 noon.

In addition, Ms. Van Sickle requested the commission sponsor an egg hunt area for children ages 2 years old and under. All were in favor. Egg baskets may be dropped off at the Community Center prior to the event or taken directly to the event.

- c. Memorial Grove Discussion – Ms. Van Sickle reported that she has not received any nominations that are eligible for this year. However, a current list of nominations will be brought to the next meeting for further review and discussion.
- d. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the three (3) scholarship applications received for youth basketball. The total available balance is \$4,782 which includes the \$500 grant that was awarded by the Buena Park Noon Lions. Staff promotes the youth scholarship program through all the sports flyers. The scholarship rules and application will be brought to the next meeting for the commission to revisit and review.
- e. Park Projects Update– Ms. Riley provided an update on the various park projects currently underway:

- 1. Boisseranc Park pool heater installed
- 2. Peak Park pool heater installed
- 3. Pool covers for both Boisseranc and Peak Parks received
- 4. Bellis Park dugouts
- 5. Bellis Park snack bar and restroom upgrade
- 6. Solar lights to be installed by the exercise equipment at Bellis Park

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

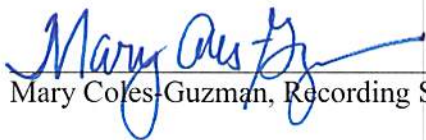
None.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2016 7:00 p.m.
- c. Park and Recreation Commission Park Tour: Saturday, March 19, 2016 8:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Mike Weinstock, Chair