

CITY OF BUENA PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 19, 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 Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kato, Pearson, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock, Wilson-Thomas
Excused: Gomez
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 Vaca.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of April 21, 2016.
*** *M/S/P* – Commissioners Kato/Wilson-Thomas – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, reported that staff attended the kickoff meeting with the Larwin Park architect along with the landscape architect. The architect will be preparing the construction plans for Larwin Park with the scheduled date to begin construction in November or December 2016. Ms. Riley also reminded the commission of the Memorial Day celebration at Bellis Park on Monday, May 30, 2016. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. with a pancake breakfast followed by the memorial service at 10:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Additionally, Ms. Riley announced the start of the Summer Concert Series that will start on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Boisseranc Park. The Summer Concert Series will open with the Eagles tribute band, Desperado and end with Savor, the premier tribute to Santana, on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. For a detailed list of performances, please visit the city's website.

Ms. Riley reported that on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 council meeting, City Council will seek direction on bond measures for park renovations and improvements. The park-in-lieu fund is near depletion and staff would like to address additional funding for park improvements before the funds are entirely gone.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced that the aquatics season will officially begin registration on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Peak Park pool. Pools will remain open through September 5, 2016 to coincide with the change in the local school schedule.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, announced the P-nut season is currently underway. Games began May 7, 2016 and will end in July. Staff is currently preparing for the Summer Parks program.

Veronica Ramirez, Senior Community Services Coordinator, announced that staff is preparing for Summer Sports Camp which will begin early this year on May 31, 2016. The camp will run for eight (8) weeks with an option for a trip to the Big Air Trampoline at an added cost.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley announced that May 26, 2016 will be the groundbreaking of the Butterfly Pavilion located at the former Movieland Wax Museum. The pavilion is 53,000 square feet which will consist of a butterfly and hummingbird sanctuary, a jellyfish aquarium, a 3-D movie theater along with a retail shop.

Ms. Riley also announced the groundbreaking of Aloft hotel on May 31, 2016 which is located next to Mc Donald's restaurant on Beach Blvd. and La Palma Ave. This hotel will be six stories tall with 150 rooms.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Memorial Grove Discussion – Chair Weinstock opened the discussion. After discussion, the commission was in agreement to pass this year's Memorial Grove recognition. Commission Kato made a motion to pass this year's memorial recognition. Commissioner Pearson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried.
- b. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle distributed the current list of pending applications. She noted that some of the participants' names have not been removed because some of the applicants are pending team placement. Ms. Van Sickle added that three more applications have been received in office for swim lessons.
- c. Review of Youth Sports Scholarship Application Procedure – Ms. Van Sickle distributed the current procedure form. Staff is seeking recommendations from the commission on any changes deemed necessary. After discussion, the commission was in agreement not to change the process at this time. Commissioner Kato inquired about advertising the scholarship program. Ms. Van Sickle reported that this program is currently advertised on the various sports flyers, the city's website, as well as working closely with the Buena Park Boys & Girls Club.
- d. Track & Field Meet Evaluation – Ms. Van Sickle reported on the success of the track meet held at Buena Park High School on Friday, April 15, 2016. This year had twelve (12) local participating schools ranging in ages from 5-15 years old. There was a huge growth spurt this year from 250 participants to 378. Some of the activities included a 50m run, softball throw and long jump. This year, there were thirty-two (32) participants that advanced to the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) at Laguna Hills High School.

- e. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various park projects currently underway:

1. Bellis Park wrought iron fence at diamonds 1 & 2 completed
2. Bellis Park handball court net
3. Bellis Park small dog park
4. Drip irrigation on Knott Ave. eastside by the 91 fwy and Girls & Boys Club
5. Drip irrigation on Lincoln Ave. west of Knott Ave. in the center median
6. Drip irrigation on Knott Ave. south of Crescent Ave.
7. Hired architect for Edison Right-of-Way

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2016 7:00 p.m.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



Mike Weinstock, Chair