

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
June 16, 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: Gomez , Pearson, Siebert, Vaca, Weinstock  
Excused: Kato, 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 Chair Weinstock.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of May 19, 2016.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Seibert/Vaca – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT:** Margaret Riley, Director of Community Services, reported at the June 14, 2016 Council meeting, local residents presented a petition with over 300 signatures requesting that Council amend the master plan for the Larwin Park project. Residents expressed concern for the potential parking lot and requested the funds be utilized to construct a new community clubhouse instead. As a result, City Council decided to put the entire project on hold. Staff will bring this item back to Council in August for further discussion and direction.

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced that Council informally approved the budget at the June 14, 2016 meeting. Mr. Kurata also announced that the Merchants Landscape agreement was approved to be extended for three more years.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported the P-nut season is coming to an end. Games will end in July with the P-nut Picnic and Campout. Ms. Van Sickle also reported that the Summer Parks program is currently underway.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Ms. Riley made the following announcements:
  - New Public Works Director, David Jacobs
  - Summer Concerts every Wednesday through July 13, 2016 at Boisseranc Park 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  - Fine Arts Commission has been renamed to Cultural and Fine Arts Commission. The structure has also changed from fifteen (15) commissioners to seven (7)

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. VanSickle announced there are twenty-four (24) pending scholarship applications. The majority of these scholarships are for swim classes and sports camp. To date, the remaining balance is \$4,282.00.
- b. 2016 Summer Program Overview (Parks, Sports, Gym, Aquatics) – Ms. VanSickle provided a powerpoint presentation on the various summer programs. The Summer Parks Program began May 31, 2016 and will run through August 5, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is a free, drop-in program at eight (8) park sites including Ehlers Event Center with three (3) Special Event days held at Peak Park.

Ms. VanSickle also reported that the Youth Summer Sports Camp is off to a great start. Advanced registration is required. The cost is \$70.00 per week or \$35.00 half-day sessions offered weekly for eight (8) weeks from May 31, 2016 through July 22, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Camp includes pool visits on Tuesday afternoons and the Big Air Trampoline on Thursdays for an additional fee.

Additionally, Ms. VanSickle reported that the Summer Aquatics Program officially started on Saturday, May 28, 2016 with a free recreation swim day. Registration for all classes began on Monday, May 30, 2016 at Peak Park Municipal Pool. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until classes are full.

Lastly, Ms. Van Sickle announced the P-nut Camp-out and Clinic Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, July 29, 2016 at Peak Park. P-nut Picnic Day will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 as well as the Awards Ceremony for the P-nut Division. Ms. Van Sickle encouraged the Commission's attendance.

- c. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various park projects currently underway:
  - Boisseranc Park playground in progress
  - Ehlers Event Center remodel at Liberty Hall
  - Ehlers Event Center exterior improvements
  - Edison Right-of-Way project moving along
  - Bellis Park fence completed

**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, June 28, 2016 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Weinstock called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary



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Mike Weinstock, Chair