

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Gomez 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 , Kato, Siebert, Vaca, Wilson-Thomas  
Excused: Pearson, Weinstock  
Also Present: 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 Seibert.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of June 16, 2016.  
\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Commissioners Seibert/Vaca – Motion to approve minutes as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DIRECTOR’S/STAFF REPORT:**

Dale Kurata, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced Council's approval of the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget at the July 12, 2016 meeting. This approval includes policy issues that expand the summer programming to coincide with the revised school schedules. As a result, the revised schedule allowed staff to open three weeks earlier for the Aquatics and Summer Parks Program. Council also approved reduced watering restrictions that allows irrigation up to three days per week.

Additionally, staff responded to several complaints about the Pokemon Go phenomena which occurred primarily at Boisseranc Park after hours as well as during reserved field games. Staff had police officers patrol the park after hours to control the crowd of gamers. Mr. Kurata also announced the end of the Summer Concert Series at Boisseranc Park.

Michelle Van Sickle, Senior Community Services Coordinator, reported the P-nut season is coming to an end. The first tournament started Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and will continue through the weekend. Ms. Van Sickle also announced the summer parks program is going well and will conclude on Friday, August 5, 2016.

Community Services Coordinator, Veronica Ramirez announced the end of Summer Camp on July 22, 2016. This year had an average of 75 kids per camp. A full report will be provided at the next meeting.

4. **CITY UPDATES:** Mr. Kurata reported the city will be launching a new website at the beginning of August. Staff is working on migrating over.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Youth Sports Scholarship Update – Ms. Van Sickle provided an update to the Youth Sports Scholarship program. The majority of the scholarships are pending for swim classes and sports camp. To date, the remaining balance is \$4,913.00. *Sports*
- b. P-nut Campout/Picnic Day Preview – Ms. Van Sickle announced the P-nut campout begins on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Peak Park. The event will conclude on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. with an Awards Ceremony. Ms. Van Sickle encouraged attendance and participation in handing out the trophies.
- c. Park Projects Update– Mr. Kurata provided an update on the various park projects currently underway:
- Boisseranc Park playground in progress
  - Small dog park & drinking fountain installed at Bellis Park
  - Ehlers Event Center exterior improvements
  - Edison Right-of-Way project moving along
  - Larwin Park renovation goes back to Council for further discussion

**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, July 26, 2016 5:00 p.m.  
b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2016 7:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Coles-Guzman, Recording Secretary

  
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Rick Gomez, Presiding Chair