



MINUTES

Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Eastgate Park
12001 St. Mark Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845

July 14, 2022

5:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (5) Commissioners Perez, Solis, Stevens,
Strickland, Tran

ABSENT: (2) Commissioners Bao, Rhee

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Commissioner Stickland

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 17, 2022.

It was moved by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Tran that:

The minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Perez, Solis, Stevens, Stickland, Tran

Noes: (0) None

Absent (2) Bao, Rhee

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Community Services Department Updates

4.a.1. Recreation Division

The Aquatics program has been extremely popular with most classes filling up within a few hours of opening registration. The department was able to hire additional staff and were able to increase the number of classes per hour as well as adding recreational swim nights at both Woodbury and Gary Hall pools.

The splash pad feature at Atlantis Play Center was closed for the summer due to a broken control board. Given the timing of the repair and the high cost, the City decided to close the feature for the summer and save the \$20,000 cost of the repair so that it can be part of the complete overhaul of the splash pad system planned at the conclusion of the summer. Staff are currently working with a few companies and hope to go out to bid in the next few months.

The first of the free summer movie series *Sing 2*, was held at Eastgate Park on Friday, June 17 with *Symphony on the Go* kicking off the event. There were nearly 300 people in attendance. The next movie in the park will be held at Garden Grove Park on Friday, August 5 featuring the movie *Spider-Man: No Way Home*.

The Summer Day Camp program has returned to Village Green Park and is now on its 5th out of the 9-week program. This program is very popular and has continued the trend from previous years of getting booked within 3 weeks of opening up registration. A waitlist has been created and will be valid until the conclusion of the program, which is scheduled to be August 12.

The Summer Youth Basketball program is underway with 18 teams competing this season. The season ends on Saturday, July 30 with championship games; the awards ceremony will be held on Friday, July 29 near the Garden Grove Park picnic pavilion.

Commissioners are advised to save the date for the annual Jack O' Lantern Jamboree event on Saturday, October 22 from 1-4PM at Atlantis Play Center.

4.a.2. Human Services Division

Human Services Division has been busy with a couple summer Day Camp programs at Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center (Buena Clinton) and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center.

Buena Clinton will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on August 11 from 6-9PM. There will be an outdoor concert featuring the band Soto; Bracken's Kitchen will be sponsoring dinner for 400 attendees; a community resource fair; and a rock climbing wall for attendees to enjoy.

Buena Clinton staff are also preparing for its low cost after school program as the new school year quickly approaches.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center has been offering a father involvement program that has been very successful. Various parenting classes are also being offered to the community.

The division continues their partnership with Healthy Smiles of Orange County, offering free dental exams and services at various sites.

Senior Center staff are planning a few trips for seniors this summer, including one to the Orange County Fair, Huntington Beach, and the Mission San Juan Capistrano. The Center is once again open Monday through Friday. Meals on Wheels will be phasing out their Grab and Go frozen meals program and will bring back the in-person dining program beginning August 1. Bracken's Kitchen will continue to offer hot meals weekly on Thursdays.

4.a.3. Facilities Division

Many of the sports fields are currently closed due to Public Works reseeding the grass areas to assure that fields will be ready for fall sports.

The rental facilities including the Community Meeting Center and the Courtyard Center are being reserved more for events on weekends. The division is in need of additional staff to be able to offer more rentals.

Park Patrol staff have been busy on weekends and evenings with oversight of park shelters and buildings. They are also providing support for special events such as summer concerts.

The theaters are also busy with their shows. The current production at the Gem Theater is *The SpongeBob Musical* which runs through July 31; the show has received good reviews. The Garden Amp has many upcoming concerts; schedule of events can be found on their website.

Pop Warner will no longer be using the fields at Garden Grove Park. There have been some issues between their board members and their operating body, Orange County Empire Conference. Pop Warner has been suspended for a year.

4.b. Update on Capital Projects

4.b.1. Garden Grove Park Project Phase 1 and 2

Phase 1 of the project includes the large picnic structure, the three small picnic shelters, as well as the new ADA walkway from the parking lot. Staff reported that the Notice of Completion for Phase 1 was

presented to City Council at the Tuesday, July 12 meeting. The pavilion will be power washed and the fence will be coming down tomorrow, July 15. The first rental is taking place Saturday, July 16. The smaller picnic areas will remain closed until phase 2 of the project is complete.

Phase 2 includes the new playground area that will connect to the new ADA walkway. There will be an unveiling and grand opening once installation is completed.

Also, at the Tuesday, July 12 City Council meeting, staff presented a new fee schedule for the renovated picnic pavilion and smaller picnic shelters. An assessment was conducted of current fees and actual costs to manage programming and rentals, as well as a comparison of fees of neighboring cities in Orange County. Fees will be increased, but are still reasonable compared to other pavilions in surrounding cities. The first reading was approved at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, the second reading is scheduled in August; new fees will go into effect in September.

Commissioners will be invited to an unveiling of the picnic pavilion on August 9 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the City Council meeting. Phase 2 is slated to be completed by early September. A bigger event will be planned for that unveiling.

4.b.2. Woodbury Park Revitalization Project (Prop 68 Grant)

Staff are in the RFP process of the project to hire an architect firm for the plans and specifications of the entire project. Once plans and specifications are permitted, the City can go out to bid for a contractor. The RFP was released on June 29 and will be due on July 27. There was a mandatory pre proposal meeting at Woodbury Park; 16 people signed in. Staff hope to award the contract at the second meeting in August or first meeting in September.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Strickland recognized staff for going from total shutdown due to COVID to staff adapting and moving forward with programs and events. He thanked staff for all they are doing.

Commissioner Tran also thanked staff for everything they do for the city.

Vice Chair Perez also thanked staff for all they do and especially for helping with the Strawberry Festival. She expressed that it was the best festival to date.

Commissioner Solis commented that the department makes summer fun in Garden Grove. Her family takes part in many of the programs and activities.

Her family really enjoyed the concert on Main Street featuring the Bruno Mars cover band.

Chair Stevens shared that he and Commissioner Perez attended the State of the City, it was a nice event and they were fortunate to attend. He was impressed that Community Services "stole the show", much of the Mayor's speech and PowerPoint slides focused on their programs and events. Chair Stevens gave kudos to staff.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:
None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:54 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary