

**MINUTES**

**GARDEN GROVE PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Thursday  
January 24, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The special session of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: Vice Chair Galschiodt, Commissioners Adams, Selvaggi, Wallin

ABSENT: Chair Piccirillo, Commissioners Chung, Malcolm

ALSO PRESENT: Community Services Manager, Pilar Alcivar-McCoy; Supervisors, Chad Clanton and Saimi Hayes; Administrative Analyst, Janet Pelayo; Recording Secretary, Sugeiry Reynoso; Records Specialist, Denise Kehn; and Senior Planner, Erin Webb.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Galschiodt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Minutes from October 11, 2007, seconded by Vice Chair Galschiodt. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Adams, Galschiodt, Wallin  
NOES: Commissioners: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners: Chung, Malcolm, Piccirillo  
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Selvaggi

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

General Plan Update

*Presentation by Erin Webb, Community Development Department*

Erin Webb from Community Development provided an update on the City's General Plan specifically on the section of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Activities. Ms. Webb identified areas for potential growth in Garden Grove that included Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove Boulevard, Civic Center, and Stanford Avenue. The new

draft on Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Activities will be available in May for the Commissioners to review and make suggestions on elements to be included in this section of the General Plan. Ms. Webb informed Commissioners that there is limited open space available to develop parks in Garden Grove; however, the city has the option to negotiate lease agreements with the school districts for use of the fields. Other options include the use of large development areas such as Brookhurst Triangle, developments that can dedicate space for a park, and the OCTA Right-of-Way.

### 2008 Commission Review

#### *Recreation and Human Services Upcoming Events*

Pilar Alcivar McCoy informed Commissioners that there would be changes to the department updates at regular Commission meetings, these changes include removing the calendar review and Public Works update. Commissioners will receive these updates by mail and e-mail on a monthly basis. Ms. Alcivar McCoy would like the Commission meetings to focus the discussion on upcoming special events and content that requires Commission feedback.

#### *Capital Improvement Projects*

No items to report.

### Buena Clinton Art Element Review

Chad Clanton presented the art element design that will be located on the exterior of the new Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center. Staff conducted community meetings that included key members of the community such as service providers, youth and parent volunteers. The group selected the final design for the tile mural, which will measure 16' x 9'. The mural portrays a sun, a budding tree and green leaves symbolizing life and new beginnings.

### Fitness Equipment Grant, Senior Center

Saimi Hayes provided an update on the Fitness Equipment grant awarded by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. On Tuesday, January 22, Supervisor Janet Nguyen presented City staff with a check in the amount of \$30,000. The money will be used for outdoor fitness equipment to be located outside the Senior Center. Ms. Hayes distributed pamphlets with outdoor equipment to Commissioners and asked that each commissioner identify eight equipment pieces suitable for seniors.

### Gem Theater

Pilar Alcivar McCoy provided an update on the Gem Theater. One More Productions (OMP) offered to make repairs to the Gem Theater at no cost to the City, in exchange for a ten-year lease Agreement for use of the theater. OMP will provide five theatrical productions and twenty other performances per year. Ms. Alcivar McCoy informed the Commission that staff would submit the Agreement with OMP for City Council approval on February 12.

### Dog Park

Janet Pelayo informed the Commission that City Council approved the development of a dog park at Garden Grove Park. The park to will be located next to the Sports and Recreation Center. It will be approximately 9,000 square feet and cost approximately \$75,000. This project will be funded through the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Supervisor Janet Nguyen's office.

### COMMISSION MATTERS

#### Review of CPRS District X Commissioner Training

Commissioner Adams provided an update on the CPRS District X Commissioner Training. The training was attended by Commissioners from various cities throughout Southern California and was very informative.

#### CPRS Recreation and Park Training Conference

Pilar Alcivar McCoy informed the Commission that Chair Piccirillo, Commissioners Adams and Chan were registered to attend the CPRS Recreation and Park Training Conference. Ms. Alcivar McCoy encouraged Commissioners to review the list of educational sessions that will be offered at the Conference, including the brochure by the Commissioners Association with a recommended list of workshops.

### MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

#### Request from Commissioner Adams for a resource and tool book for Commissioners

Pilar Alcivar McCoy addressed Commissioner Adams' request to include the Commissioners mission statement on the commission book. Ms. Alcivar McCoy informed the Commission that the mission statement, "We Create Community through People, Parks and Programs" is located on the front cover of the book. In addition, staff can provide Commissioners with information and examples on how our department follows the vision and mission.

#### Request from Commissioner Adams that Commissioners commit to attending 4 to 6 Community Services events per year

Commissioner Adams proposed the idea of having the Commissioners attend Community Services events to support City staff and for Commissioners to become more active and involved. Commissioner Adams motioned that Commissioners consider attending at least 3 to 5 events annually, seconded by Vice Chair Galschiodt. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Adams, Galschiodt, Selvaggi, Wallin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Chung, Piccirillo, Malcolm

Janet Pelayo distributed a list of upcoming events scheduled during February through April 2008 that Commissioners may commit to attending.

Request from Commissioner Adams that Community Services vision, mission, and/or values be added to business cards

Pilar Alcivar McCoy addressed Commissioner Adams' request to have the mission or vision placed on the back of their business cards in order to use as a reference when attending events. Staff will print out labels with the mission statement so that Commissioners can easily add them to the back of their business cards.

Pilar Alcivar McCoy addressed Commissioner Wallin's concern about the status of the restrooms at Garden Grove Park and Eastgate Park, stating that Public Works had contracted with an architect, and additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Galschoidt adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Sugeiry Reynoso  
Recording Secretary