



MINUTES
Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

January 24, 2019

6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (4) Commissioners Perez, Ramirez,
Ready, Salicos

ABSENT: (3) Commissioners Baron, Phan, Ruiz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Commissioner Perez

It was moved by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Ready that Commissioner Perez serve as temporary Chair until Vice Chair Phan arrives.

The motion carried by a 4-0-3 vote as follows:

Ayes: (4) Perez, Ramirez, Ready, Salicos
Noes: (0) None
Absent (3) Baron, Pham, Ruiz

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 29, 2018.

It was moved by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Salicos that:

The minutes from the November 29, 2018 meeting be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 4-0-3 vote as follows:

Ayes: (4) Perez, Ramirez, Ready, Salicos

Noes: (0) None

Absent (3) Baron, Pham, Ruiz

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Parks, Recreation and Facilities Master Plan

i. Survey Results

Staff reported that as of January 20, 2019 a total of 633 surveys have been completed, 361 responses included what district they belong to in Garden Grove. Since the goal is to receive at least 1,000 responses by February 8, staff will continue their efforts on collecting additional responses.

Commissioner Phan joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

ii. Community Meetings

Staff provided Commissioners with the updated postcard that includes locations, dates, and times for both of the community meetings. The postcard has been translated into Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese. Commissioners are encouraged to attend at least one of the meetings.

iii. PSA.

The PSA video was shared with the Commission. This video advertises both the survey and the community meetings; it is available on the City website and YouTube, and Commissioners are encouraged to share it.

Commissioner Ramirez asked if the feedback received at the Community Meetings will be combined with survey responses. Staff explained that all feedback including staff surveys will be compiled.

4.b. Art in the Park

i. Mural at Courtyard Center

ii. Event Information

Staff provided information regarding the Re:Imagine Art in the Park event taking place on March 16 at Village Green Park from 11AM – 3PM. This event is in collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District and will comprise of: an art gallery; live mural painting; walkway displaying fairy garden pots; temporary art installations; crafts for kids; meet the artists; painting a car; and music performances by students. Commissioners are invited to participate in the event.

4.c. Gymnasium Floor

Three bids were submitted for the gym floor replacement project, they have been reviewed and rated, and interviews were conducted. The Engineering department is evaluating all the proposals and will select one contractor. The project is scheduled to start March 18 until the beginning of June 2019. The gymnasium will be closed during this period and should reopen in time for basketball season.

A sample of the floor was circulated amongst the Commissioners present. It'll be a traditional maple hardwood floor, known to be easier on the knees.

4.d. West Haven Park and Building Rentals

Staff summarized the West Haven Water Reservoir project. The park will be closed through August 2019 for this project. The closure will affect the picnic shelter, which won't allow for any reservations during this time. The playground equipment and community building will be accessible.

Staff also informed Commissioners that the community meeting room will become available for rentals beginning March 1, 2019. The room will be available for smaller scale events such as baby showers and birthday parties. The capacity for the room is still to be determined but staff estimates about 50 people. Staff shared fee schedule for this room which is available on the City website.

4.e. Recreation and Human Services Upcoming Events

Mobile Pantry at Buena Clinton is scheduled for Monday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m. Staff expect to serve between 150-200 families and are looking for volunteers to help out.

The Sweetheart Dance is at the Senior Center on Friday, February 8 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Tickets are currently for sale at \$15 each.

Staff reported that in October 2018, the City of Garden Grove was awarded a grant from CPRS and USA Archery. Garden Grove was one of ten cities in California who received the grant for \$4,000 worth of archery equipment. In December 2018, Garden Grove was the host city location used to train staff to be USA Archery Level 2 instructors. Teens Try Archery events will be on Friday, February 22 and Friday, March 8 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. These free events are a pilot program that will help introduce archery in the community. Eventually, staff will offer Explore Archery clinics that will consist of a 6-8 week class that will have a cost. Three City staff are trained as instructors.

Staff reported that renovations are taking place at the Garden Grove Amphitheater. The operators, LFA are making improvements by adding a

kitchen to the facility as well as making other upgrades including an addition of a new sound system and new seating, in the next couple years. They hope to have the kitchen completed by May, before the Strawberry Festival.

In the next month, staff will begin working with Human Resources to recruit for summer staff. Staff will share information with Commissioners once job flyers are available.

Staff shared with the commissioners that a few weeks ago, Community Services in conjunction with GGUSD hosted the Lee Nguyen Soccer Camp at Chapman Sports Complex. Lee Nguyen is a professional soccer player who plays for Los Angeles Football Club. Eighty kids participated in the camp, of those, ten are participants in City programs from Magnolia and Buena Clinton Resource Centers, who were given free scholarships to play. The City hopes that this will become an annual event.

4.f. Public Works Update

Current Public Works projects include: a city-wide electrical retrofit lighting project where all lighting will be upgraded to LED; the replacement of light poles in parks due to decay; and ADA related projects at some of the City buildings.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Perez expressed her concern regarding the increase in coyote sightings in the city. Staff made recommendations on how to handle encounters with coyotes and provided contact information for the City coyote hotline. Staff added that the increase of sighting could be attributed to the fact that mating season for coyotes runs from the end of January through beginning of March.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff stated that current term for Commissioners is coming to an end. The City Clerk's office has extended the filing period to February 6; appointments will be made February 12.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:57 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary