

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Community Services Department Updates/Upcoming Events

Human Services

Staff provided an update on the Human Services Division upcoming events. The next event is the Strawberry Ball on Thursday, May 26 which kicks off the Strawberry Festival and recognizes outstanding volunteers. This year's King is Mark Mahoney and the Queen is Jeanette Tallmon.

Staff also provided an update on the frozen meal distribution program established in partnership with Meals on Wheels (MOW) when the COVID-19 pandemic began. The Grab & Go Frozen Lunch Café program will transition from a drive-thru to a walk-up option beginning June 7. Due to a reduction in funding, meals will be reduced from 6 meals to 4 meals a week. Staff will be working with MOW to once again begin offering in-person dining in the upcoming months.

The Family Resource Centers will begin their summer programming for youth and teens including summer camps and leadership opportunities.

Staff highlighted a partnership with Healthy Smiles of Orange County who offer dental services through mobile clinics at both Magnolia Park Family Resource Center and Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center. Staff hope to offer the mobile clinics at the Senior Center as well.

Staff addressed Chair Stevens' question on why indoor dining is not an option for Meals on Wheels explaining the challenges and reasons why MOW are not ready to offer this service to all cities at this time.

Recreation

Youth Basketball program begins on June 11, staff added an additional six teams this summer compared to the winter season.

The Summer Day Camp program will run from June 13 – August 12 and is back to its original location, Village Green Park. Staff are excited to offer excursions once again since the pandemic began. Due to staffing issues, maximum number of campers will be decreased from 80 to 60 participants.

The Aquatics program began their spring session on Monday, May 16. This program is being offered only at Eastgate Park and is currently sold out. The summer program will begin on June 6 and will be offered at Eastgate Park and Woodbury Park pools. Aquatics staffing levels have been hit hard, not only at our city but nationwide. Due to the low number of staff available, only afternoon classes will be offered. Pool rentals will be available on the weekends once again, and recreational swim hours will resume this summer at both pool locations.

Staff provided information on the upcoming movie series. The first movie, *Sing 2* will be shown at Eastgate Park on Friday, June 17. The City is partnering with Symphony on the Go who will provide a symphony concert at 7:00 p.m. prior to the start of the movie scheduled to begin at about 8:30 p.m. The next movie at the park will be shown at Garden Grove Park on Friday, August 5 featuring *Spider-Man: No Way Home*. The movie will begin at about 8:30 p.m.

The Atlantis Play Center splash pad begins operating on Tuesday, June 7, which also kicks off summer hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Facilities Division

The division has been getting both the Community Meeting Center and the Courtyard Center ready for the annual Strawberry Festival. Events take place at both facilities during the festival as well as the showmobile stage which is parked on Acacia Parkway and Main Street.

Immediately after the festival, the Courtyard Center will become the site for the Summer Day Camp program from June through August.

The athletic fields and parks were busy in the spring for sports groups such as AYSO, Friday Night Lights, Pony Baseball, and Little League. Programming will be ending this month and then the reseeding schedule of the fields will begin to get turf ready for the fall and spring seasons.

The Festival Amphitheater have a variety of concerts lined up during the next few weeks.

The GEM Theater's next performance will be *Cocktail Hour at the GEM: Live! The USO Episode* on June 17, followed by *SpongeBob: The Musical* that runs from June 30 through July 31.

The Garden Grove Community Foundation is planning the Free Summer Concert Series with six concerts at 3 different locations. The high school vocal competition The Voice, will be celebrating its 10th anniversary.

4.b. Garden Grove Gems Program

Staff provided some background information on the Garden Grove Gems program, formerly known as Garden Grove Pride a few years ago. Due to the decline of interest, the program went on hiatus. This year, the program is being brought back but as a virtual program, where residents can self-nominate their homes from April 11 through April 29. Four of the self-nominated homeowners were randomly selected to receive a \$100 Home Depot gift card. A total of 58 homes were nominated throughout all six districts in Garden Grove. The community at large were able to vote online

from May 9 through May 13 for one home per district; a total of 295 votes were received. Each district had one winner and one runner up.

Staff provided a slideshow of the winners and runners up for each district. Winners and runners up will be invited to a small reception before the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 14 and recognized during the City Council Spotlight.

4.c. Capital Projects

4.c.1. Garden Grove Park Project Phase 1

One punch list item has been pending at the large pavilion structure for several weeks. Staff just received an update from the contractor and expect the work to be completed in the next couple weeks. Staff hope to open the large pavilion to the public for rentals before the end of June. The three smaller picnic shelters will remain closed until the playground project is complete during phase 2.

4.c.2. Garden Grove Park Project Phase 2

The contract for phase 2 was awarded to Western State Builders Inc. at the April 26 City Council meeting. The construction agreement has been executed, and the contractor received the Notice to Proceed with work. This project is estimated to be completed by mid-July.

4.c.3. Senior Center/Community Meeting Center Bridges Update

Plans are currently under plan check review.

4.c.4. Woodbury Park Revitalization Project (Prop 68 Grant)

The City received a grant award for \$6 million to revitalize and expand Woodbury Park. In early April, the contract was officially executed between the City and State Parks Office. Staff are currently working on RFP for architectural services and plan to release the RFP by mid-June for 30 days. The goal is to have the City Council award a contract to a firm by the end of August.

4.c.5. Congressman Lou Correa's Office Community Grant Funding

The City was awarded \$1 million from Lou Correa's office through a grant opportunity offered to different cities Lou Correa represents.

Funding for these park improvements in the 46th District will include three city parks, Jardin de los Niños located in District 6, Haster Basin Park and West Haven Park both located in District 5. These park improvements are priorities outlined in the 2019 Parks and Facilities Master Plan.

Improvements to Jardin de los Niños located in the Buena Clinton neighborhood include the replacement of existing playground with new

playground equipment and surface, and replacement of outdoor fitness equipment pieces.

Haster Basin Park improvements include the replacement of existing playground with new playground equipment and surface, and replacement of park restrooms.

West Haven Park will include the replacement of park restrooms.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Stevens inquired on the closure of the restrooms at Eastgate Park due to the recent vandalism incidents. Due to limited resources in Public Works and the continuation of vandalism, the restrooms are currently closed and only being opened for picnic shelter reservations.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Receive and file Code of Ethics

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

The Code of Ethics be received and filed.

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

Ayes: (5) Bao, Solis, Stevens, Strickland, Tran

Noes: (0) None

Absent (2) Perez, Rhee

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:31 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Eastgate Park, 12001 Saint Mark St., Garden Grove.

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Commission Secretary