



4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Community Services Department Upcoming Events

4.a.1 Art in the Park

Staff reported on the Art in the Park event scheduled for March 7, 2020 from 11AM-2PM at Village Green Park. The report included a brief recap of last year's inaugural event as well as the introduction of new components added for this year's event. These new elements include performing and culinary arts. Commissioners were encouraged to sign up to volunteer for the event.

At 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Solis joined the meeting.

4.a.2 Eggscavation

Staff provided information regarding Eggscavation event scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2020 from 1PM-4PM. Tickets will go on sale early March. Staff explained they are still in the planning stages, but highlighted the main features planned which include egg hunts, pictures with the Easter bunny, arts and crafts, bounce houses, carnival games, and much more for families to enjoy. Volunteers are also welcome for this event.

4.a.3 Magnolia Family Resource Center 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Staff reported the Magnolia Family Resource Center will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 1PM-4PM. This center provides resources and services to the most vulnerable residents of Garden Grove. Planned event activities include entertainment, activities for children, and the unveiling of a mosaic mural.

4.a.4 Open Streets

Staff provided information regarding the planned Open Streets event tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020. Programming planned for this event includes pop-up art, musical entertainment, and the unveiling of a mural. Similar to Open Streets 2, there will be daytime (2PM-6PM) and nighttime (6PM-11PM) components. The Garden Grove Downtown area businesses will be curating programming for nighttime portion. Staff shared the proposed route with Commissioners.

4.b. New Operators for Arena Soccer Park and Chapman Sports Complex

Staff informed the Commission of the recently released RFP, seeking two new operators for the outdoor hockey rink located at Chapman Sports Complex,

and for the outdoor soccer arena located at Garden Grove Park. Three proposals were received for the Chapman Sports Complex hockey rink; Orion Sports, LLC was selected due to their experience in the hockey sector. Two proposals were submitted for the Garden Grove Park outdoor soccer arena; Esparza Soccer Academics Inc. was selected based on their experience with indoor soccer programming, their strong interest in community involvement, and proposal to make facility improvements. Both agreements will be for a three-year term with the option to renew contact for two additional one-year terms. Agreements will be presented at the next City Council meeting for approval.

#### 4.c. Census 2020 QAC's and Outreach

The City has been working closely with the County and other nonprofit groups to deliver information to hard-to-count communities. All three centers (H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center) in the Human Service Division will be Questionnaire Assessment Centers (QAC's). These centers will be available to provide assistance with completing surveys. They applied for a mini grant through Charitable Ventures and all three centers were awarded \$1,500 to use for the purchase of technological equipment to help residents complete their surveys electronically.

#### 4.d. Capital Projects

##### 4.d.1 Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center Gym Bleachers

New bleachers were recently installed at the Sports and Recreation Center gymnasium. The bleachers are traditional, retractable, and ADA compliant. Staff have received positive comments from the community.

##### 4.d.2 Atlantis Play Center Fence

Staff reported that the Atlantis Play Center fence, believed to be the original since its opening, is in dire need of replacement not only for the security of the facility but also for the safety of patrons and staff. The proposed project plan includes the removal and disposal of the existing 6-foot tall chain link fence and the installation of a Clearview fence. The new fence will be 8 feet tall with an additional 1-foot angled top making the fence nearly 9 feet tall. The project has been approved by the City Council and the contract was awarded to California Landscape and Design with a total bid amount of \$349,320. Installation is slated to begin in April and projected to be completed in approximately 8 weeks. Atlantis Play Center is expected to reopen once summer park hours go into effect in June.

#### 4.d.3 Proposition 68 Grant Programs

Due to the large number of applications submitted to the State, staff continue to wait for results of the Proposition 68 grant application. In January 2020, staff received a request to submit changes to the draft agreement with the Garden Grove Unified School District submitted as part of the grant application. Staff believe results will be released by early March 2020.

Staff informed Commissioners of another grant opportunity for cities and counties. This Per Capita grant program is also part of Proposition 68. For the first year, a total of \$185 million have been allocated to this grant program. This grant is based on per capita, based on the population of every city. At this point, agencies have not been notified of the amount of funding that will be available but staff have moved forward with a resolution which was approved by the City Council in January 2020, to proceed with the application process once the grant application becomes available. The application is expected to be finalized this month. Once the City is notified of the grant amount, staff will then decide what park(s) to focus on. Staff will look at the Park Master Plan and prioritize potential projects for this grant program.

#### 4.e. Public Works Department Update

Public Works department is giving the Faylane Park pump house a new look and design. The project includes an updated trim, drought tolerant landscaping, and an updated color scheme. Public Works staff are looking for input from Community Services staff as well as Parks and Recreation Commissioners. This project will serve as a template for future park and facility renovations to give facilities a more uniform look.

#### 5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Salicos thanked Public Works staff for their immediate response on reported graffiti. She commented on the ease of using the City App as well as the ability to upload photos to report graffiti. Commissioner Ramirez echoed Commissioner Salicos' comment regarding the App.

Commissioner Ramirez expressed her concern for the Right-of-Way and the need to have more lighting and possibly more patrolling of the area. It doesn't seem safe due to presence of homeless population and the constant graffiti.

Staff added that Shelley Kensington Park, between Lampson and Stanford off Nutwood, will be closed down until mid June for improvements to the Right-of-Way route. The basketball court will be placed next to the playground

area, this will leave room for a bike trail. Landscaping and a bench will also be added to this space.

Commissioner Solis gave Kudos to Animal Care Services for their quick response after reporting a deceased cat.

Commissioner Perez thanked staff for all they do and added that she looks forward to see Commissioners involved in upcoming events.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Summer Recruitment for Part-time Staff

Staff reported that part-time staff summer recruitment begins on February 24, 2020 and ends March 16, 2020. Positions opening for recruitment include: Lifeguards, Instructor Guards, a Pool Manager, Sport Officials, Atlantis Play Center staff, Day Camp Counselors, and Recreation Leaders for both Family Resource Centers. About 35 positions will be filled during this recruitment. Staff added that minimum wage did increase and may serve as an incentive to apply. The City will post recruitment information on its social media accounts, Commissioners are encouraged to share information.

6.b. 2020 Voting Centers – Dates and Locations,

The City is working with the Registrar of Voters to provide voting centers in the city of Garden Grove. Staff reported that the new California Voters Choice Act allows for Vote-by-Mail ballots or citizens to vote at any voting center. The City will provide three of its facilities to serve as voting centers. These centers will open 10 days prior to and up until Election Day. These facilities include the Sports and Recreation Center, West Haven Park building, and the Senior Center. Also in support of the Voter's Choice Act, large ballot boxes will be placed at two City sites and will serve as ballot drop-off locations, one at West Grove Park and another at Magnolia Family Resource Center; these will remain onsite for the duration of five years. More information regarding exact dates and times for voting centers can be obtained online.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:06 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

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