



MINUTES
Regular Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

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

July 14, 2016

5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER GIBSON, COMMISSIONER KLOPFENSTEIN,
COMMISSIONER PEREZ, COMMISSIONER SOEFFNER, VICE CHAIR
BAMINI, CHAIR MONTOYA

Absent: Commissioner Gibson

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Commissioner Klopfenstein

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.
2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 13, 2016

Action: Received and filed. (Commissioner Soeffner requested more details in the Matters from Commissioners section).

(Moved: Bamini; Seconded: Soeffner)

Carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Council Chamber Renovations Update

Staff reported that phase II, renovation of the Council Chamber at the Community Meeting Center (CMC), was approved by the City Council. The project is currently out to bid, and bids are due on July 29. The goal is to award the contract at the August 9 City Council meeting, begin preconstruction in September, and complete project by the end of December assuming there are no setbacks. During construction,

City Council meetings will take place in the CMC A room and Commission meetings in the Constitution room. Renovations include: new monitors for each City Council member, making the dais and podium ADA compliant, new lighting, carpet, voting system, and seating to accommodate the new City Council and Housing Authority.

4.b. Park Master Plan

Staff reported that the supplemental for this year's budget for the Park Master Plan was approved. The objectives for the Park Master Plan are to; evaluate and prioritize what the community desires for parks and facilities; to identify all funding including grants and fees; to identify trends relevant to Garden Grove; and create a maintenance priority plan. The next step is to hire a consultant through an RFQ process. Public Works will be working in conjunction with Community Services to complete the Park Master Plan by the end of Fiscal Year 16/17.

4.c. Parks Capital Projects

The Eastgate Park playground equipment has been ordered. Staff will go out to bid for the demolition and installation in the following week and anticipate to break ground in September.

The Garden Grove Park fitness equipment has been purchased. The project has been awarded to a contractor for the installation of the 12 piece equipment. Staff is in the process of finalizing the Agreement with the contractor and hoping to install the equipment at the end of August.

The installation of a fitness trail, set to go around the perimeter of Eastgate Park, has been delayed. There is a need to hire a landscape architect to design the trail to avoid damage to any of the rooting system or compromise any of the trees. Once staff obtains the design, it will be shared with Commissioners. Staff addressed Commissioner Soeffner's concern regarding the timeline of the project with an explanation of obstacles encountered.

Staff is in the beginning stages of the project at West Haven Park which consists of a new 2000 square foot recreation building and new playground equipment. The construction of the Fire Station will be a separate project, staff is in the process of hiring a landscape architect to help with the design of the hardscape around the fire station. The recreation building and playground will be closed during construction. Staff also reported that small improvements to the bathrooms will be made as well as adding a cover to the picnic structure.

4.d. Public Works Update

Staff apologized to the Commissioners for moving forward on the Spirit of '76 Mini Park without involving them. This project was in response to the Governor's action plan to cut a percentage of water usage, and displayed this by planting drought tolerant plants at the mini park. Staff extended an invitation to Commissioners to join in the re-dedication of the park on August 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Staff reported on several Public Works projects including the retrofitting of park lights with LED lighting, and overseeding at Garden Grove Park, Village Green Park, and Chapman Sports Complex.

4.e. Recreation and Human Services Update

- Will begin taking donations for the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center and the Magnolia Family Resource Center Back to School drive. This drive serves about 200-300 kids, donations will be collected through August 5.
- Senior Center day time Luau taking place on August 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Evening Luau will be on August 26 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Spelling Bee at the Senior Center on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- The City's 60th Anniversary event was a success. Activities included: carnival games, selfie station, GGUSD performances, mini museum, car show, bounce houses, cake cutting and happy birthday song lead by Mayor Nguyen, SOTO band, interactive workshops, and Main Street after party featuring Stone Soul band.
- Movie on Main Street featuring "Star Wars: The Force Awakens", brought in about 450 plus members of the community making it a successful event.
- Atlantis Family Campout scheduled for July 15 is sold out with 120 participants. The theme for this year's campout is Luau, there will be activities for kids, dinner, a movie, s'mores, and a continental breakfast the next morning.
- Summer Concerts at Eastgate Park will continue every Thursday through August 11.
- Movie in the Park featuring "Minions" is scheduled for August 17 at Village Green Park starting at 8:00 p.m.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Soeffner thanked staff for the improved communication. He opened up a discussion regarding the location of the Concert Series and the recommendation to have some of the concerts on the east side of Garden Grove. Staff explained the different factors that determine the location and that the final decision is made by the Concert Committee. Staff will take this recommendation to the Concert Committee.

Commissioner Montoya made a motion to open discussions with the Garden Grove Unified School District for a multi-use agreement for open space. Motion seconded by Commissioner Soeffner. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Staff will check with City Clerk's Office to make sure there are no conflicts with the Brown Act.

Commissioner Klopfenstein inquired about the landscaping around the Community Meeting Center and the possibility of re landscaping to deter the homeless issues. Staff addressed her concern by stating that there is discussion to landscape with drought tolerant plants.

Commissioner Perez shared that she attended the Strawberry Ball and the Senior Center 4th of July luncheon and that both events were great.

Commissioner Bamini inquired about Commissioner Chung, staff explained that he moved out of state and are waiting to hear from the City Clerk's office about appointing a new commissioner. She also asked if there would be another Open Streets event. Staff replied that they had a preliminary planning meeting for a possible spring 2017 event. Commissioner Soeffner added that he attended a budget workshop and learned that there is \$60,000 in the budget for the 2017 Open Streets event.

Commissioner Soeffner asked when this Commission's final meeting would be and when the appointment of Commissioners for the next term would take place. Staff will check with the City Clerk's office and will get back to the Commission with information.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:38 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center Constitution Room, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary