



MINUTES
Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

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

April 17, 2018

6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (4) Commissioners Pham, Ramirez, Ready, Ruiz
 ABSENT: (2) Commissioners Baron, Perez, Salicos

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Vice Chair Pham

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

3.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2018.

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

The minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting be received and filed.

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

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Youth and Government Day Recap

Amanda Cross provided a presentation of the Youth and Government Day event held on February 15, 2018. The goal of the event was to introduce high school students on the mechanics of City government. The students had the opportunity to visit different departments within the City; enjoyed a luncheon with Mayor Steve Jones; and concluded the event with a mock City Council meeting. Over 160 applications were received.

The presentation included a recap of the whole event as well as feedback received by students. Overall the survey results were very positive. Staff is looking into offering it again next year.

4.b. CPRS Awards of Excellence

Staff provided background information on the CPRS awards given at the annual CPRS Conference and informed the Commission on the recognition the City of Garden Grove received. The Community Services Department received awards for outstanding achievement in two categories including, Creating Community and Economic Vitality, and Marketing and Communications for the RE:Imagine Open Streets campaign and event.

4.c. Code of Ethics

Commissioners received a copy of the Code of Ethics to review and file.

It was moved by Chair Pham, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez that:

The Code of Ethics be received and filed.

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

Ayes: (4) Pham, Ramirez, Ready, Ruiz

Noes: (0) None

Absent (3) Baron, Perez, Salicos

4.d. Parks and Facilities Master Plan Update

Staff provided an update on the Parks and Facilities Master Plan informing the Commission that the contract was awarded to Richard Fisher Associates. A scope of work was provided to the commissioners. Staff pointed out a few of the objectives regarding the Master Plan. This 15-year plan will be used as a guide for future improvements to all city parks and facilities in Garden Grove.

Presently, the consultant is in the first phase of completing the needs assessment and is gathering programming and demographics data as well as assessment and inventory of existing amenities at parks and facilities. Community meetings will be scheduled for some time in June. In addition, a web-based survey will go out to the community for feedback.

Staff explained the role the Commissioners will play with this project, including reaching out to the community and getting them engaged. Another component of this project will include interviews conducted by the consultant. They will interview stakeholders, including City Council members, City staff, and Parks, Recreation and Arts Commissioners to obtain their feedback on what they feel the needs are for Garden Grove parks and facilities. A special meeting will be scheduled to hold Commissioner interviews; more information will be shared as soon as dates are established for both interviews as well as community meetings.

4.e. Proposition 68 – Parks, Environment, and Water Bond

Staff provided information regarding Proposition 68 that will be on the June ballot. Staff encouraged Commissioners to visit ballotpedia.com to obtain more information on the campaign and view the pros and cons regarding the bond. In order for this proposition to pass, it needs a 50% plus 1 approval.

4.f. Recreation and Human Services Upcoming Events

- Magnolia Park Family Resource Center 18th Anniversary celebration on April 28 from 11AM-2PM.
- Garden Grove Community Foundation Golf Classic on May 9.
- Strawberry Festival marking its 60th year, focusing on celebrating 60 years of fun and fundraising.
- Movie in the Park on June 20 and Stone Soul Concert on June 27 will both be at the Elks Lodge.

Public Works Department has been working on the surveying of City buildings for energy efficiency in order to be in compliance with mandates from the State. They are also working with the lessee of the Amphitheater, LFA on some capital project improvements.

Future capital projects will be determined based on the results of the Park Master Plan.

4.g. Public Works Update

Staff provided an update on the fire station project at West Haven Park. All foundations have been poured and the underground utilities are in. The project is on schedule with completion projected for late 2018, early 2019.

Staff also updated commissioners on the light pole replacement project, reporting that four parks, West Grove, West Haven, Village Green and Pioneer Park are on schedule for this year's capital improvements plan.

Magnolia Park will be undergoing ADA improvements to its pool restrooms.

LED lighting will be installed in all the parks. An energy efficiency audit was conducted by a consultant hired to analyze where the city is energy deficient. Improvements to lighting will be paid for by the savings on energy bills through a zero based budget program. This project is yet to be approved by the City Council.

Staff also reported that the Atlantis Play Center picnic shelter will be replaced with a steel shade structure. This project is set to be completed in June. The park will be closed during demolition and construction of new shelter.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Constitution Day

Council Member Beard has expressed interest in celebrating Constitution Day this year. He has requested that the Community Services Department take the lead in accomplishing this by involving high school students in a Constitution Day essay contest. Staff requested that Commissioners be involved with this and become judges for this essay contest. Staff will work with the school district to see if this is something that would be of interest. More details to follow late summer or early fall.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:54 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to July 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street, Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary