



MINUTES
Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Eastgate Park
12001 Saint Mark St., Garden Grove, CA 92845

July 8, 2021

5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (4) Commissioners Perez,
Stevens, Strickland, Tran

ABSENT: (3) Commissioners Bao, Rhee, Solis

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Commissioner Tran

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Speaker: Mr. Nicholas Dibs

Commissioner Rhee joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2021.

It was moved by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Strickland that:

The minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting be received and filed.

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

Ayes: (5) Perez, Rhee, Stevens, Strickland, Tran
Noes: (0) None
Absent (2) Bao, Solis

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Reopening of Facilities and Programs

Recreation Division

Staff provided an update on the reopening of summer recreation programs and facilities including Summer Day Camp, Summer Aquatics, special events, Atlantis Play Center, and the proposed Teen Action Collaborative.

Day Camp began June 14, all weeks are full with 60 campers per week. Due to the pandemic the department was unable to offer day camp in 2020. In order to properly social distance participants, camp was relocated to Atlantis Play Center.

Aquatics programming began on Monday, July 5, 2021. All classes for session A, first two weeks of the program are full. Registration recently began for session B and is nearly sold out as well. Less classes are being offered this summer due to staff shortage.

The department hosted two movies in the park, with 75-80 people in attendance at each event. Two additional movies are planned.

Atlantis Play Center is open only on weekends due to Day Camp programming at the park during the weekdays. The splash pad is running smoothly.

A survey was posted on social media outlets to obtain input from teens regarding a proposed teen action collaborative program. The survey was released July 7 and already has 525 responses in less than 24 hours. There is an incentive for an opportunity to win a \$50 Starbucks gift card. Teens must be Garden Grove residents ages 13-17 or attend a GGUSD school. Results of the data collected will be shared with Commissioners.

To celebrate Parks Make Life Better month in July, about 22 cities in California were provided with a free month of Agents of Discovery, an augmented reality app. Through the app, Garden Grove residents will be able to participate in eight challenges at Eastgate Park. This app will allow users to participate in trivia, learn facts and history of Garden Grove as well as nature facts, and encourages families to participate in physical activities as the app requires users to walk throughout the park to find all the geo tags. Of the 22 cities, whichever one gets the most downloads will get an extended free license. The free trial allows cities to select only one park, and so the extended license will allow expansion to other parks. This program will be marketed at the concerts and through social media outlets; commissioners are encouraged to share the post through their social media accounts.

Human Services

Staff reported that the division has shifted gears from focusing their efforts of providing resources during the pandemic to now being able to offer programming once again. Buena Clinton Youth and Family Resource Center (BCYFRC) just began their 4-week summer program in collaboration with Boys and Girls Club. Magnolia Park Family Resource Center is offering a 2-week summer camp. Both centers started a six-week partnership with Orange County Public Library to offer mobile libraries, crafts, story time, and free Wi-Fi with the use of hot spots.

The Senior Center reopened on July 15. Phased programming includes in-person Bingo, "Let's Chat About It" hybrid (in person and virtual) program, and Jeopardy activity hosted by Kaiser Permanente. The home delivered meals program is experiencing some challenges due to a surge in participants and shortage of volunteer drivers. The center is seeking volunteers through a marketing campaign on social media.

With the new school year approaching, Buena Clinton is gearing up for their after school program. They are doing a back-to-school drive giveaway for low income families that participate at the Buena Clinton and Magnolia Park Family Resource Centers.

Magnolia Park FRC is focusing on food distributions for families in need. Once a month the center partners with Community Action Partnership to offer the Clementine mobile food pantry. Recently both FRCs have partnered with Bracken's Kitchen who provide free hot meals to families.

The Garden Grove Community Collaborative comprised of 30-40 partner agencies continue to meet to support the community during these challenging times.

Facilities

Staff reported the Community Meeting Center and Courtyard Center have reopened for bookings including wedding receptions, birthdays, baby showers, and celebration of life events, including those events that had been postponed due to the pandemic. Park buildings and picnic shelters have resumed rentals as of July 1, 2021.

The Courtyard Center, the Sports and Recreation Center, and West Haven Park building will be used for the upcoming special election in September.

The athletic fields have been back in use since spring, leagues are returning hoping to rebuild their number of participants.

Summer concerts have returned, today (July 8) is the second concert of the series. Two concerts are being held at Eastgate Park and two concerts at Garden Grove Park.

The Gem Theater has an upcoming fundraiser – “Hearts for the Arts” on July 17, and their next show is *A Chorus Line* in September.

The Garden Amp will be resuming concerts in mid-July.

4.b. Present Proposed Public Art Donation Policy

Staff explained that this policy was brought forth at the request of the City Council as a way to establish criteria and guidelines for public donated art to be installed in parks, buildings, and utility boxes. Staff highlighted some of the main points of the policy including an Introduction; Public Art Definition; Government Speech on Public Art; Administration; Donated and Private Funding of Art; and Review Process/Criteria. Commissioners asked questions and provided some feedback throughout presentation.

Staff added that the Commission will have an opportunity to review the complete policy and provide feedback to staff before it is submitted to the City Council for approval tentatively the second meeting in August. Staff mentioned that the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission will play a role with the administration of this policy.

4.c. Public Works/Capital Projects Update

The Garden Grove Park improvements project is currently at a halt, staff are waiting for the picnic pavilion and picnic shelters to be completed by the manufacturer. Once completed they will begin installation of the units. If no further delays occur, the project is slated to be completed by early to mid-September.

Staff provided an update on the Activity Center renovations stating that the project is almost complete. Renovations include installation of new flooring, new paint on all the walls, new fixtures, remodeling the office, and adding décor.

The next project that Public Works is moving forward with is the removal and replacement of the two bridges by the Community Meeting Center and the Senior Center. Staff are currently working with an architect and reviewing some renderings that have been designed. As soon as the rendering is finalized sometime next month, the project can move forward.

The shade structure at Magnolia Park pool has been installed, and although this pool is not operating this summer, it will be ready for the 2022 season.

Regarding the Prop 68 Grant Program, the State has informed staff that decisions should be made sometime late August or early September whether the Woodbury Park project will be awarded a grant. Unfortunately this second round is more competitive than the first round.

Another grant program staff are working on is the Per Capita Grant program which provides guaranteed funds to cities. The project needs to be approved and a contract needs to go into effect. This grant will be dedicated to Magnolia Park. Currently staff are establishing the scope of work for this project and working on the application process which is due in December 2021.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Strickland expressed his gratefulness toward the staff for the art easels displayed during Art in the Park at Village Green Park, and expressed that he wished they could have stayed up longer.

Commissioner Tran echoed Commissioner Strickland's sentiments and shared that she is impressed with everything the City is doing for the community. She will keep her fingers crossed for good results regarding the Prop 68 grant application.

Chair Perez thanked staff for doing a great job, offering amazing programming, and keeping the community involved.

Chair Stevens shared the other commissioners' sentiments and hopes to check out the Agents of Discovery App, and is happy that everything is back up and running. He expressed that he is interested in the Youth and Government Day program and will reach out to his district council member.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff welcomed Commissioner Rhee back to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, he was recently reappointed after the vacancy of Mr. Johnson who resigned after moving out of Garden Grove.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:10 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary