

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2020 – 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** – Commissioner Haddad, Tarin, Vance, Baroldi, Rosso

PRESENT: Commissioner Haddad, Tarin, Vance, Baroldi, Rosso

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto, Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson, and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rosso led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA** –

Raymundo Galvan, TCASA – Asked for an update regarding the use of the baseball fields at Live Oak Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto stated that the County of Los Angeles has mandated that all sports fields are closed for the time being however, discussion regarding reopening of the baseball fields at Live Oak Park will occur in the near future.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice-Chair Baroldi moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Haddad and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner - Haddad, Tarin, Vance, Baroldi, Rosso

NOES: Commissioner - None

ABSENT: Commissioner - None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner - None

Recommendation: approve items **A - B** per recommendations

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

ACTION: Approved.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson stated that the Committee On Aging met on July 28 to discuss the goals that were set prior to COVID-19. He stated that the Committee voted to retain four out of five goals and to postpone one goal relating to meeting with churches and local organizations. He stated that the Committee has a strong desire to establish a Senior Database and therefore created a Senior Database Subcommittee. He concluded that the next Committee meeting will be held on October 27, 2020.

B. PRIMROSE PARK UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto reported that the City is currently in the building design phase, that the City will soon begin the bidding process and that he is projecting that the project will break ground before the end of the year.

C. PARKS & RECREATION COVID-19 RESPONSE & UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following virtual programs: Virtual Enrichment Workshops; Temple City's Got Talent; Temple City's Got Talent Award Show hosted by Mayor Chavez; Summer Concert Series; Summer Day Camp; Camp-A-Palooza and Drive-In Movies. He concluded that the City is currently working on fall programming which will be presented at the Commission Meeting in September.

Commissioner Vance asked if staff has surveyed other cities regarding their programming.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City has not surveyed other cities regarding programming, however many cities have reached out to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding how our programs were implemented.

7. NEW BUSINESS – None

8. COMMUNICATIONS – None

9. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA
- None

10. UPDATE FROM PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

A. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that on the City Council meeting of August 4 additional amenities for Primrose Park were approved. He then announced that Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson has accepted a position as Director with the City of Jurupa Valley, Community Services Department. He commended Steve for his dedication and hard work with the City and expressed that his expertise will be missed.

Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson stated that it has always been his goal to become a Director. He stated that it is bittersweet that he is leaving Temple City but is excited to lead staff as a Director. He commended the Commission for working together cohesively.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the tennis courts have been reopened after being closed for approximately one month due to over 90 Los Angeles County Health Code violations. He stated new larger signage has been placed along the perimeter of the courts and has since observed much better compliance from the public. He continued to update the Commission that there has been much more noncompliant use of the parks, particularly at Live Oak Park. He reported a recent event that occurred at the baseball field at Live Oak Park that required the involvement of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He stated that if noncompliant use of the parks continue the City could be forced to close the fields.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

- A. COMMISSIONER HADDAD – Thanked Steve for his service with the City of Temple City.
- B. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Thanked Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson for the service that he has provided to the City and wished him well in his new endeavors.
- C. COMMISSIONER VANCE – Stated that she found the Concerts in the Park series enjoyable and congratulated Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson for his new position in the City of Jurupa Valley.

- D. VICE-CHAIRMAN BAROLDI – Congratulated Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson for his new position as Director.
- E. CHAIRMAN ROSSO – Echoed the comments made by her fellow Commissioners regarding Mr. Lawson’s new career endeavors.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Joanne Rosso, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary