

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Rosso

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Haddad, Tarin, Vance (arrived 7:45 p.m.),
Baroldi, Rosso

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto and Parks and
Recreation Secretary Venters

ABSENT: None

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

4. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA** - None

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

AYES: Commissioner – Haddad, Tarin, Baroldi, Rosso

NOES: Commissioner - None

ABSENT: Commissioner - Vance

ABSTAIN: Commissioner - None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Action: Approved.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that he is currently working with Temple City Unified School District to secure a liaison. He stated that the Committee on Aging will discuss the survey results of the 2021 goals and the progress made on the 2020 report card.

B. PRIMROSE PARK UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission on the widely anticipated virtual groundbreaking that had over 2,000 views. He stated that the target date of completion is fall of 2021.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. MARCH PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto reported that Craft Club and Spring Day Camp has experienced lower registration. He speculated that virtual children's recreational programs may be losing their appeal as the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is loosening restrictions. He continued that Healthy TC and Family Trivia Night continue to do well virtually. He updated the Commission that Older American of the Year nominations will be accepted through the month of April.

Commissioner Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for further detail regarding Summer Day Camp.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the Summer Day Camp Program is planned to operate onsite outdoors beginning in June for half-days. He stated that the City continues to take a conservative approach and is minimizing indoor programming due to the increased risk of COVID-19 spread.

B. GAGA BALL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a PowerPoint and verbal presentation of the staff report. He briefed the Commission regarding Gaga Ball game and rules, various types of GaGa Pits, and potential locations to place the pit throughout Live Oak Park. He thanked Commissioners Haddad and Vance for their analysis regarding adding the amenity of a GaGa Pit.

Commissioner Haddad further explained the rules of conduct for GaGa Ball and preferred that the play area be placed on a rubberized surface or on the cement as injuries are low risk.

Commissioner Vance expressed concern regarding the GaGa Pit being played on cement. Ms. Vance asked if the GaGa Pit could be played in the grass and if the game would be supervised.

Chair Rosso asked if there is a liability if anyone becomes injured and if the GaGa Pit could be stolen.

Commissioner Tarin asked if this game is popular in the playgrounds at school and if the GaGa Pit could be placed on the grass.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City will always be in a position of liability for any activity at the at the park, the GaGa Pit would be placed in one of three passive play areas, occasional monitoring could occur by onsite staff, and the pit would be difficult to steal due to its size, weight, and bolts. He recommended that if approved to use the GaGa Pit as a non-permanent structure for as a trial period and to anchor it if it becomes heavily used.

Chair Rosso asked for feedback from the Commission.

Commissioner Haddad stated that she preferred the wood 20-foot octagon GaGa Pit to be placed on the handball court or near the basketball courts once high activity sports are allowable.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he preferred the wood 20-foot octagon Gaga Pit to be placed on of the west side of the park.

Commissioner Vance stated that she preferred the wood 20-foot octagon Gaga Pit to be placed in a grassy area.

Vice-Chair Baroldi stated that he preferred the wood 20-foot octagon Gaga Pit to be placed on the west side of the park.

Chair Rosso stated that she preferred the wood 20-foot octagon Gaga Pit to be placed near the basketball court or on the west end of the park.

Commissioner Haddad made a motion to approve the purchase of a wood 20-foot gaga pit court to be located on the west end of the Live Oak Park once high impact sports are allowable. Seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Haddad, Tarin, Vance Baroldi, Rosso
NOES: Commissioner - None
ABSENT: Commissioner - None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner - 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 the City Council proclaimed April 6 Arbor Day. He continued that activities for Arbor Day included an educational workshop, an art contest, and tree planting at the south end of Live Oak Park. He then provided an update regarding a recent compost giveaway held at Live Oak Park. He stated that the compost giveaway event hosted by Athens Services provided approximately 40 tons of compost to the public and provided information regarding the new trashcans and service provided.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONER HADDAD - None

B. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for an update regarding Concerts in the Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated the City is anticipating holding a small scale event onsite that would require registration and designated entry and exit areas.

C. COMMISSINER VANCE – Asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for an update regarding COVID-19 vaccination clinics.


Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City is hosting an additional COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Live Oak Park on April 28 and May 17. He encouraged the Commission to notify the public of the event.

D. VICE-CHAIRMAN BAROLDI - None

E. CHAIRMAN ROSSO – Stated that she had received complements regarding the prompt removal of a tree.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.



Joanne Rosso, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jennifer Venters, Secretary

