

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2009

INITIATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Pursuant to the agenda posted on December 11, 2009, Vice-Chairman Olivas called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Arrighi, Fish, Miller and Olivas

ALSO PRESENT: Director Burroughs

ABSENT: Chairman Goad

Commissioner Arrighi moved to excuse Chairman Goad for cause, seconded by Commissioner Fish and unanimously approved.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice-Chairman Olivas

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Arrighi moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Fish and unanimously approved.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting of November 18, 2009

Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2009

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Commission received the Attendance/Activity Reports for the month of November 2009

C. MONTHLY REPORT ON SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACTIONS AT LIVE OAK PARK AND TEMPLE CITY PARK

Commission received reports from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding Sheriff's Department actions at Live Oak Park and Temple City Park for the month of November 2009

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY AYSO FOR RESESERVED USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AT LIVE OAK PARK FOR ALL STAR GAMES AND PRATICES JANUARY 9 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2010

Director Burroughs presented the information as outlined in the staff report dated December 16, 2009. She stated that Temple City AYSO did not host tournament games last year and is requesting to host a U12 tournament this year including field space for practices. Staff is requesting the fields be closed for maintenance for a 4-week period beginning December 14. Director Burroughs reviewed the conditions set by staff should the request be approved.

Commissioner Fish moved to approve the request from Temple City American Youth Soccer Organization for reserved use of the athletic fields at Live Oak Park for all star games and practices January 9 through March 21, 2010 with the following conditions, 1) fields would be closed until January 11, 2010 for scheduled maintenance; 2) only one division (U12) would be hosted at Live Oak Park; 3) use on Saturdays and Sundays would be for games only with no athletic field lights allowed on Sundays; 4) use after February 1,2010 would be coordinated with TCASA and TCALL – staff to assign field locations for each organization; 5) use would be restricted to all-star games and practices (no spring soccer); 6) Temple City AYSO would not host all-star or tournament games at Live Oak Park in 2011, seconded by Vice-Chairman Olivas and unanimously approved.

B. APPOINTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIASION TO YOUTH COMMITTEE

Director Burroughs presented the information as outlined in the staff report dated December 16, 2009. She stated staff has met with local school principals to create interest with the students. Director Burroughs asked that a Commissioner serve as a liaison on the Youth Committee, with the first term ending June 30, 2010. Director Burroughs recommended the appointed liaison not have a teen that is currently enrolled in the City's teen program.

Commissioner Fish stated the appointed person should have experience working with children and government experience.

Commissioner Fish nominated Commissioner Arrighi to serve as the Parks and Recreation Commission liaison for the Youth Committee, seconded by Vice-Chairman Olivas and unanimously approved.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. CORRESPONDENCE FROM TEMPLE CITY AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE

Director Burroughs stated TCALL is requesting to add conditioner to the soil on the hard ball diamond at Live Oak Park. Director Burroughs stated the hardball diamond was completely renovated last year. At TCALL's request, a soil contractor examined the soil and determined improper maintenance of the dirt area was done and provided maintenance dirt training for TCALL. Director Burroughs stated she walked the diamond area today and found that the dirt was soft, stating if conditioner is allowed to be applied it must be maintained properly. She stated Park Maintenance Lead Worker Rutherford would coordinate needed work with the league.

Nick Stratis, Temple City American Little League President said he was concerned that a recommendation would be made by the City to not allow their program at the park because of low enrollment. Mr. Stratis said the option for families to choose to participate in either TCASA or TCALL would be eliminated by that decision. He stated they would like to continue to participate at Live Oak Park regardless of low enrollment numbers.

Director Burroughs said it would be difficult for staff to recommend joint use of the athletic fields if there is a significant difference in enrollment between TCASA and TCALL.

Commissioner Miller asked why conditioner needs to be added to the soil.

Tim Wilbur, Temple City American Little League Field Maintenance stated as the season progresses heat makes it more difficult to keep moisture in the dirt. Many of their parents work and scheduling regular maintenance/watering have been difficult. He stated the conditioner is much like "kitty litter" which would be added on a "as need" basis and would provide a safer area for the players. He stated the clay element in the dirt makes the dirt hard.

Commissioner Miller said some of the chemicals used in the conditioner are cancer causing and requested further research on the topic. She asked about alternatives.

Mr. Wilbur stated he would request product safety information for the conditioner and if necessary will check into other manufacturers. He said their main concern is safety of the players.

Director Burroughs stated staff recommends to use only a small amount of conditioner as needed, and to have the league submit the product safety information for the product.

Mr. Wilbur asked if a third party should evaluate the soil.

Director Burroughs stated staff would support an evaluation of the soil from a legitimate company.

Commissioner Arrighi moved to have Temple City American Little League submit to staff a product safety sheet for the soil conditioner and to if necessary use a small amount of an approved conditioner, seconded by Vice-Chairman Olivas and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fish moved to appointed Commissioners Miller and Olivas as representatives to the sports adhoc committee, seconded by Commissioner Arrighi and unanimously approved.

Mr. Stratis stated both leagues should be able to work together without the direction of the adhoc committee.

Director Burroughs asked both organizations to come to a mutual agreement regarding use of the softball diamond and to include discussion of use of the snack bar and to report back to staff by January 8, 2010.

B. CORRESPONDENCE FROM JAL TENNIS

Director Burroughs provided a brief overview of the request by JAL Tennis. She stated staff's concerns include limited lighted courts at the park and possible conflicts with tennis classes offered by the City.

Joselito A. Lasin, JAL Tennis Program - owner provided an overview of his tennis background, interest in helping the youth of Temple City, coaching experience and accomplishments in the tennis field. Mr. Lasin stated he would like to help financially support the teen program offered by the City.

Commissioner Fish asked Mr. Lasin if he currently offers a tennis program at Temple City High School.

Mr. Lasin replied no.

Commissioner Fish asked if he would charge for lessons.

Mr. Lasin said his rate for a small group is \$40 per hour. He stated he would offer lessons to Temple City students as well as those outside of the community.

Commissioner Fish asked if he would be flexible on the days requested.

Mr. Lasin replied no.

Vice-Chairman Olivas asked Director Burroughs if private lessons are already being conducted on the courts.

Director Burroughs stated the tennis court policy prohibits private or paid lessons.

Commissioner Fish stated she would not be of supportive approving exclusive, weekly use of one tennis court and does not agree with offering paid lessons for non-Temple City residents.

Commissioner Miller concurred.

In response to a question from the audience regarding other reserved uses of the tennis courts, Director Burroughs responded, there is a difference between school use and private use for financial gain. She said the Commission has approved use of the courts by La Salle High School and the Temple City Tennis Club, adding both groups have contributed monies to the City for use of the courts and the use is limited.

Commissioner Fish moved to deny the request from JAL Tennis for reserved use of one tennis court at Live Oak Park from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day and a monthly contribution/donation of \$500 to the Teen Zone Program, seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved.

Director Burroughs stated the corresponded submitted by JAL Tennis and the Commission's recommendation will be forwarded the City Council.

9. ADDITIONAL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

10. MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

A. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Burroughs reviewed the winter special events including Lights on Temple City and the Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Director Burroughs stated a meeting is scheduled for the painting of the Performing Arts Pavilion.

The City Council approved an official logo design for the City's 50th anniversary. The City will host a Chamber Mixer on January 11, 2010 at the Live Oak Park Community Center Annex.

Commissioner Fish moved to receive and file the Director's Report, seconded by Commissioner Arrighi and unanimously approved.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. COMMISSIONER ARRIGHI wished everyone a happy holiday and is looking forward to 2010 with additional events for youth and the seniors.
- B. COMMISSIONER FISH thanked the representatives from TCALL and TCASA for attending the meeting and thanked staff for the success of Lights on Temple City.
- C. COMMISSIONER MILLER reminded everyone not to drink and drive during the holiday season.
- D. COMMISSIONER OLIVAS concurred with Commissioner Fish. She is looking forward to the City's 50th anniversary activities.
- E. CHAIRMAN GOAD

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Olivas and seconded by Commissioner Fish that the meeting be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to be held on January 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5938 North Kauffman Avenue, Temple City. Vice-Chairman Olivas adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Olivas

ATTEST:

Secretary