

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Haddad

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson and Parks & Recreation Secretary Venters

ABSENT: Commissioner – None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION**

Commissioner Rosso moved to elect Commissioner Vance as Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Haddad and carried by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Rosso, Tarin, Vance, Haddad
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

Commissioner Haddad moved to elect Commissioner Rosso as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Rosso, Tarin, Vance
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

Chairman Vance requested that Vice-Chairman Rosso act as Chairman for the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of July 17, 2019.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Leanne Baroldi, resident, suggested that booths sell different items at the Summer Concerts in the Park series to avoid competition.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Tarin, Haddad, Rosso, Vance
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

The Parks & Recreation Commission is requested to review the Monthly Attendance/Activity Reports for June 2019.

Action: Received and filed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE

Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson updated the Commission that the Committee on Aging created three subcommittees: 1) Funding, 2) Marketing and 3) AARP Age-Friendly Communities. He stated that all three sub-committees have conducted meetings and are making progress.

Acting-Chairman Rosso invited the public to attend the upcoming Committee on Aging meeting, scheduled for July 23, 2019.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (TCASA) FOR RESERVED USE OF THE SOFTBALL FIELD AT LIVE OAK PARK FOR FALL PRACTICES FROM AUGUST 5 – NOVEMBER 15, 2019

As required by the Agreement for use of the Athletic Fields, the Commission is requested to review and approve the request for reserved use of the softball field at Live Oak Park for fall practices from August 5 – November 15, 2019.

Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson congratulated Commissioners Baroldi, Rosso, and Vance for their reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission and gave a brief overview of the staff report.

Acting-Chairman Rosso opened public comments. Hearing no request to speak, Acting-Chairman Rosso closed public comments.

Commissioner Haddad moved to approve a request from TCASA for reserved use of the softball field at Live Oak Park for fall practices from August 5 – November 15, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Tarin, Haddad, Rosso, Vance
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

B. APPROVAL OF PRIMROSE PARK CONCEPT PLAN

The Commission is requested to review the proposed Primrose Park Concept Plan.

Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson gave a brief overview of the staff report and introduced David Volz of David Volz Design.

David Volz, David Volz Design provided a PowerPoint presentation of three conceptual plans of Primrose Park. He stated that plan three is a hybrid of the first and second conceptual plans after public input. He then asked for input from the Commission.

Commissioner Tarin asked for clarification regarding the use of the canopy. He stated that he prefers to maximize the green area in the park and have the grass area extended to use the track.

David Volz, David Volz Design stated that a playground could be placed underneath the canopy with a small wall surrounding the area.

Commissioner Haddad stated that she is in favor of the playground area in concept plan two, a small wall surrounding the play area, and the ADA parking plan shown in in concept plan three. She asked if shelter tables would be placed near the playground; if the parking spaces would be parallel or angled; if the parking area is intended to be shared with adjacent businesses; if one bathroom could be installed; and if a small portion of parking could be eliminated so a bathroom could be installed.

Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson stated that one of the goals from the outset of the project was to not reduce the amount of existing public parking spaces available, which is currently 58, in the new parking lot. As

such, eliminating a small portion of the parking lot for a bathroom would be very difficult.

David Volz, David Volz Design stated that Primrose Park will have parallel parking, that the parking area could be shared with neighboring businesses and that a seating area would be placed near the playground area.

Acting-Chairman Rosso asked if there would be an area to wash hands.

David Volz, David Volz Design stated there is not a designated area to wash hands; however, a drinking fountain will be installed.

Commissioner Baroldi stated that he prefers additional greenspace as opposed to rubberized concrete and asphalt and suggested that the proposed public art area be replaced with a picnic area.

David Volz, David Volz Design stated that the greenspace could be broadened and that the grass could be extended to the upper area in concept plan three.

Commissioner Vance asked if a bathroom could be installed outside of the park. She commented that it appears that the park could be expanded in the future.

Acting-Chairman Rosso asked what kind of exercise equipment would be in the park.

David Volz, David Volz Design stated that cardio equipment with a kiosk that describes the muscle groups used would be placed in the park.

Acting-Chairman Chairman Rosso opened public comments.

James Ponnet, resident, spoke in favor of additional parking spaces in the downtown area, but felt that the park is too small to be beneficial to the community.

Lucy Liou, resident, stated that she is in favor of installing a wash area, exercise area, and additional green space. She stated that small parks typically do not have restrooms and two nearby businesses have restrooms.

Hearing no further request to speak, Acting-Chairman Rosso closed public comments.

Commissioner Haddad moved to recommend that City Council approve concept plan three with revisions and evaluations as follows: insert a shelter adjacent to the playground; develop one bathroom stall, eliminate the patio area and/or rubberized asphalt to create additional greenspace; emphasize greenspace in the wellness and planter area; and eliminate parking as needed to accommodate such modifications. Seconded Commissioner Tarin by and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Tarin, Vance, Rosso
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA – None

11. UPDATE FROM PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

A. PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson provided the following summary regarding events in the Parks & Recreation Department: Camp-A-Palooza, an eighties themed event including a classic video gaming truck, board games, a water play area, crafts, movie, and dinner provided by the Habit; Summer Movies in the Park; National Park & Recreation Month, upcoming events include Neon Night Walk starting at 7:30 p.m. and Bark in the Park beginning at 6:00 p.m.; and Summer Concerts in the Park. He updated the Commission that the City Council approved the Parks & Recreation Department to apply for Measure A funds to have new flooring and new paint installed at the Live Oak Park Community Center and that the recruitment of the Parks Maintenance Worker and Parks & Recreation Director positions are ongoing.

12. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONER BAROLDI – Spoke favorably of the special events held over the summer.

B. COMMISSIONER HADDAD – spoke favorably of National Parks Month and congratulated Chairman Vance and Vice-Chairman Rosso for their new position in the Commission.

- C. COMMISSINER TARIN – Thanked Commissioner Haddad for serving as Chairman, congratulated Chairman Vance and Vice-Chairman Rosso for their new position in the Commission, and thanked Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson for running the meeting.
- D. COMMISSIONER VANCE – Spoke favorably of the current special events new park.
- E. ACTING-CHAIRMAN ROSSO – Expressed her excitement to have a new park.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. to the Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 5938 Kauffman Avenue.



Joanne Rosso, Acting-Chairman

ATTEST:



Jennifer Venters, Secretary