

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 21, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Tarin

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baroldi, Haddad, Vance, Tarin

ASBSENT: Commissioner Rosso

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

Commissioner Haddad made a motion to excuse Commissioner Rosso for due cause. Seconded by Commissioner Baroldi and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Vance, Tarin

NOES: Commissioner – None

ABSENT: Commissioner – Rosso

ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Tarin 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 Vance moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Baroldi and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Vance, Tarin

NOES: Commissioner – None

ABSENT: Commissioner – Rosso

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 updated the Commission that the next Committee on Aging Meeting will take place July 25, 2023. He stated that agenda items include reorganization of the Committee and report card. He asked if the Commission had comments or questions at this time.

The Commission did not have comments or questions at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAY PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that Youth Track and Field concluded in May with eleven participants qualifying for state championships. He stated that Youth and Mini Soccer has over 100 participants enrolled while the City's Sports Blitz program has slightly fewer registrants than last year. He stated that Summer Day Camp has strong participation with 30 – 40 children waitlisted. He stated that STARS Club concluded in June and will restart in August. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions at this time.

The Commission did not have comments or questions at this time.

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 announced that the Senior Lunch program will be returning to in person dining in July. He stated that YWCA will offer a meals on wheels program for home bound seniors. He stated that the playground renovation project for will be brought forth to the City Council on July 10 regarding direction on design. He stated that the City had a placeholder of \$2 million dollars, however the project total

estimated cost is approximately \$3-4 million. He continued that he would like to hold a special meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission on August 30, 2023 to review the playground final concept design. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions at this time.

Commissioner Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if one park could be renovated as opposed to both.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that a higher cost should not prevent both parks from being renovated. He stated that the only way to decrease cost is to reduce the footprint of the playground. He stated that the renovation at Temple City Park should not exceed \$500,000 and the rest of the cost of the renovation will be used at Live Oak Park. He stated that once the equipment is ordered the City is facing a ten month lead time before the order is received. He concluded that Temple City Park should break ground by June of 2024 whereas Live Oak Park is targeted to break grounds in fall of 2024.

Chair Tarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City is estimating an approximate four month period with no playground at Live Oak Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that depending on construction and weather, the City faces an approximate four to five month period with no playground. He stated that the City is trying to work around the Camillia Festival but impacts are unavoidable and the playgrounds will be closed during some programs and events.

Commissioner Haddad asked if the walking path will be repaired since the playground will not be renovated in the next year.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City will attempt to retain the walkway and playground as long as possible, however if it becomes unsafe the City will have to close them off until the new renovation takes place. He continued to update the Commission regarding events to incorporate the Centennial Celebration throughout the summer, concluding with a large event in conjunction with the Fall Festival. He stated that he is working with the Eagle Scout, Jeffery Tang regarding the railing renovation project at Temple City Park. He reported that there has been an increase of vandalism and trash primarily at Temple City Park and currently beginning at Primrose Park and Live Oak Park. He stated that the City is working with the Sheriff's Department to mitigate the issue. He stated that the tile mural and sculpture projects have begun for Primrose Park however due to cost increase the butterfly benches are delayed. He stated that the City will approach the Art Sub-Committee for direction to either incorporate

one bench or to install non customized benches. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce has reached out to the City to have a noodle tasting event representing different restaurants in Temple City. He stated that if approved by the City Council the event will be a partnership between the City and Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Tarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the Commission typically oversees public art.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that most public art projects come to the Commission first, however a specific Ad Hoc Art Committee for Primrose Park has been appointed by the City Council.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that two staff were involved in an accident resulting in injuries.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

- A. COMMISSIONER BAROLDI - None
- B. COMMISSIONER HADDAD – Wished a speedy recovery to injured City staff, commented that her children enjoy Summer Day Camp, requested the water fountains be reviewed for content on quarterly basis and asked for a timeline for the completion of the resurfacing of the Gaga Ball Pit.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City replaces the filters for the water fountains on an annual basis and provides Sparkletts drinking water to Summer Day Camp participants. He stated that the City does not have a current timeline to resurface the Gaga Ball Pit as the Park Maintenance team have been short staffed since the pandemic.

- C. COMMISSIONER ROSSO - Absent
- D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON VANCE – Asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the playground equipment at Live Oak Park is broken, if the playgrounds will be closed if components are broken, why new play equipment to renovate the playground could not be ordered now, a status update on the public art project along Rosemead Boulevard and if special recognition could be provided for a resident who decorates his residence for all holidays.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that unusable components of the playground have been removed, the City will continue to remove components of play equipment as they become unuseable, the

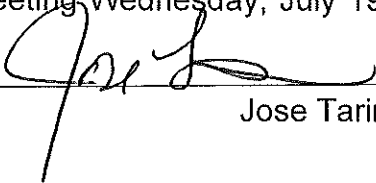
design concept of the playground has to be approved prior to ordering new playground equipment, he is hoping to have the public art project complete along Rosemead Boulevard over the summer and the City can explore options for beautification awards to residents.

- E. CHAIRPERSON TARIN – Wished a healthy recovery for staff who were injured.

12. ADJOURNMENT

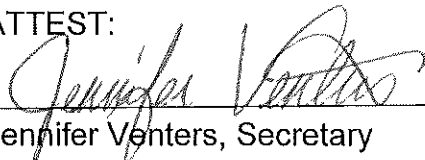
NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.



Jose Tarin, Chair

ATTEST:



Jennifer Venters, Secretary

