



GARDEN GROVE

MINUTES (AMENDED)

Regular Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

October 13, 2016

6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER BARON, COMMISSIONER GIBSON, COMMISSIONER KLOPFENSTEIN, COMMISSIONER PEREZ, COMMISSIONER SOEFFNER, VICE CHAIR BAMINI, CHAIR MONTOYA

Absent: Commissioner Gibson

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Chair Montoya

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2016

Action: Received and filed.

(Moved: Soeffner; Seconded: Klopfenstein)

Carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Council Chamber Update

Staff reported that the Council Chamber renovation is projected to be completed by the end of November. Staff identified the renovations included in the project. Chair Montoya inquired if the audience seating will be replaced, staff replied that those will remain the same due to not being in the budget.

4.b. Eastgate Park Fitness Trail Update

Staff distributed a rendering of the Eastgate Park Fitness Trail. The trail will be made up of decomposed granite material, will be ¼ of a mile long around the perimeter of the park, and 5 to 6 feet wide. Staff pointed out that there will be a public meeting by the end of November for the community within a ½ mile radius from the park. The goal is to bid the project and break ground in early winter.

4.c. West Haven Park Update

Staff reported that the Fire Station 6 and recreation building originally planned as two separate projects will now be combined as one. The new modular Recreation building will continue to be used as the Tiny Tots preschool program site. The playground equipment will be relocated north of the building. The fire station is currently undergoing environmental review, staff anticipates to go out for proposals in mid-January 2017. Commissioner Soeffner inquired on the possibility of increasing parking at that site, staff replied that 15 parking spots will be added. Staff distributed a rough rendering of the project.

4.d. Public Works Update

Staff reported that the West Grove building is getting upgrades to the flooring. Public Works staff are also working on some security measures at the Festival Amphitheatre as there have been a number of break-ins the last few months. Staff continues to work on the light pole issues at various parks.

4.e. Recreation and Human Services Upcoming Events

- Thanked those that volunteered for the Mobile Pantries. The next Mobile Pantry will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28 at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center.
- A Day of the Dead Family Night event at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center will take place on Thursday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m.
- The Senior Center Monster Mash Dinner Dance will take place on Friday, October 21, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Senior Volunteer Recognition event is on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- The Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, event starts at 10:00 a.m.
- The Family Resource Centers' Holiday Drive fundraising efforts are under way.
- 4-D Fright Night teen event takes place tomorrow, October 14 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center.
- Jack O' Lantern Jamboree is on Friday, October 28 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center.

- The Family Winterfest event will take place on Saturday, December 3 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center.
- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is on Tuesday, December 6 at the Village Green Park starting at 6:30 p.m.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Soeffner opened up a discussion regarding the Municipal Code and General Plan as it pertains to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission. He inquired on what policies are in place regarding what monuments, statues, etc. go into the park. Staff stated that there is no policy in place at this time. Staff shared three main bullet points on a response letter to Council Member Bui regarding the donation of a monument proposed to be placed at Garden Grove Park. There will be a discussion at the next City Council meeting to direct staff to develop a policy for these type of proposals. Depending on the recommendation of the City Council, the proposal will then be presented to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission for review and approval. Said policy will be general and will encompass art pieces such as sculptures, monuments, murals, etc. Commissioner Soeffner pointed out that it is written in the Municipal Code that it is the responsibility and duty as Commissioners to be involved as an advisory board in developing policies concerning the parks.

Commissioner Klopfenstein stated that as a commission there is interest in having a deeper level of involvement and being more active in their roles.

Chair Montoya added that Commissioners would like to be more involved on giving input on what goes into the parks and programming. He also inquired on how the number of meetings for each Commission is determined, Commissioner Soeffner stated that it is written in the Municipal code that the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission meets four times a year.

Several commissioners suggested offering concerts in different parks throughout Garden Grove rather than having them solely at Eastgate Park. Staff informed the Commissioners that the Garden Grove Community Foundation sponsor the concerts but commissioners are welcome to attend a meeting and present that recommendation to the board.

Chair Montoya made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve staff to open up a discussion with the Garden Grove School District for a joint use agreement regarding the use of school parking lots, specifically for City programming. The motion was seconded, and voted upon; however, the item was not on the Agenda for the meeting, therefore making the motion invalid. A Special meeting has been scheduled and the item has been added to the Agenda for further discussion and vote.

Commissioner Perez thanked the Commission Secretary for adding more detailed information to the minutes.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary