



GARDEN GROVE

MINUTES

Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840
January 30, 2024

6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT: (6)	Commissioners Arestegui, Garcia, Gonzalez, Perez, Stevens, Strickland
	ABSENT: (1)	Commissioners Maher

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Commissioner Andrea Perez

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.
2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 17, 2023.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez that:

The minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(6)	Arestegui, Garcia, Gonzalez, Perez, Stevens, Strickland
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent	(1)	Maher

Commissioner Maher joined the meeting at 6:05 a.m.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Community Services Department Updates

4.a.1. Recreation Division Update

Staff provided information on an upcoming special event, Eggscavation, being held at Atlantis Play Center on Saturday, March 30 from 2PM-5PM. Tickets are \$12 for children ages 2-10, \$3 for anyone 11 and older including adults, children under 2 are free. Anyone interested in attending are advised to contact Sugeiry for tickets.

Staff highlighted new Special Needs Adaptive programming featured in the Parks and Recreation Guide. In this issue, an ASL class is spotlighted. More ADA classes will be included in the summer guide, contracts are currently being processed.

The annual Art in the Park will be held on Saturday, March 9. This event includes an art gallery in the Activity Center, performing arts, visual arts, theater arts, and interactive activities for kids of all ages. There are art displays throughout the park including 20 oversized art canvases, and a 6'H by 50'L Re:Imagine banner displaying artwork from students throughout Garden Grove school district.

Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) has become a strong program this year with 50-60 participants attending meetings. Teens have had several volunteer opportunities at City events and local non-profits. Every month they also receive career guidance presentations during their meetings. This is the third year for the program and it continues to grow with each year.

Promotion for the 3rd annual Garden Grove Gems program has begun. A save the date has gone out to residents allowing them time to prepare their lawns and homes for the competition. The nomination period to submit photos is April 1 – April 24, the voting period will run from May 6 – May 19. A banquet for 1st and 2nd place winners is planned for June 25.

Commissioner Perez inquired on how commissioners can help at the Art in the Park event. Sugeiry will email out a list with volunteer opportunities for the event.

4.a.2. Human Services Division Update

Staff provided a recap on the annual Holiday Drive stating that 274 families, 614 children and 60 seniors received gifts. This year marked the 25th anniversary of offering this program.

In collaboration with Fair Housing, Community Development, and City Housing division, three different City sites will host informational workshops. Buena Clinton will host a Spanish workshop on Thursday, February 22 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Magnolia Park Family Resource Center will host a Spanish workshop on Friday, March 8 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a workshop in English on Tuesday, March 12 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The two family resource centers are partnering with the Police Department to offer car seat classes in February. Eligible clients who are prescreened and complete the workshop will receive a free car seat.

Buena Clinton will host its first Family Night of the year with a "Loteria" theme on Thursday, February 29. Activities include playing Loteria (Spanish Bingo); Bracken's Kitchen will provide dinner; and there will be a vaccine clinic.

On March 28, Buena Clinton will host a spring celebration. There will be egg hunts as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Magnolia Park FRC will be offering a variety of classes this quarter including parenting classes, a father's group, and a grief and loss group. They are currently taking applications for their diaper program.

The Senior Center will have their Valentine's Day evening dance on Friday, February 9, it will feature a DJ, photo booth, and dinner. A daytime party will be held on Wednesday, February 14. There will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Wednesday, March 13, and a Spring Celebration on Wednesday, March 27.

4.a.3. Facilities Division Update

At the Community Meeting Center (CMC), the patio landscape was removed and cemented to expand space for users. The next step is to add bistro lighting.

Staff are currently working on replacing the sound system at the CMC and Courtyard Center. The specifications for the project are currently being developed. Once specs are identified, the project will go out to bid.

The City oversees the Gem Theater and the Garden Amp. The Gem Theater is opening up its season with *Pippin* on February 22, followed by *Evita* in June and July, *Seussical the Musical* in August and September, and closing with *Cinderella* in November and December. The Garden Amp has a full calendar with tribute bands. They will have a Lunar New Year's event on Friday, February 9.

The wooden portion of the fence along Main Street at the Garden Amp will be replaced to match the existing black steel tubing portions of the fence. It will take about four days to complete.

Youth programs will be returning in February. Staff met with a new Pop Warner group that will take over the field at Garden Grove Park. They've filed an application with the State of California to be recognized as a non-profit. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

In conjunction with Republic Services and Public Works Department, community clean-up days to dispose of bulky items, appliances, and e-waste for free will take place on May 11 at Garden Grove Park from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

4.b. Capital Projects

4.b.1. Woodbury Park Expansion and Revitalization Project Design

In 2021, the City received a \$6 million grant from the State to revitalize and expand Woodbury Park. Staff shared the most recent design for the project. In November 2023, there was a community meeting where this design as well as a projected timeline was shared. The park will be expanded from a 3.3 acre park to approximately 4 acres. Project amenities will include a parking lot; a walking trail; two new playground areas; a park restroom building; three picnic shelters; 2 ½ basketball courts; outdoor fitness equipment; a brand new pool and a pool building; and a skate plaza.

Staff shared a design for playground structure, the selected manufacturer is Landscape Structures. The playground will be jungle themed and will include ADA

components. The design of the skate plaza was shared and staff explained that it will not be a full skate park due to limited space, it will be tucked away closer to the back of the school so that there is less impact to the residences in the area. Staff also shared images of the fitness equipment being proposed by Greenfield, which will include some ADA units. The Woodbury project is a little behind schedule due to some redesigns, but hope to have 90% of the design plans by March 1 and 100% by April, and break ground sometime after that with construction beginning in the summer.

4.b.2. Magnolia Park Improvement Project Update

Staff reported that similar to Woodbury Park, the City received a Per Capita grant by the State in the amount of \$284,000. The City also contributed Park Fee Funds for this project. The playground is currently under construction, staff shared photos of the current progress. The theme for the playground is Citrus Farm after the Wakeham family who owned the land with citrus farms before the City purchased it. There are two age group play areas, one geared for ages 5-12 and the other geared for ages 2-5. There are ADA elements throughout the equipment. Exercise equipment will be installed close to the playground equipment, allowing the opportunity for adults to exercise while supervising children. A new picnic shelter will be installed as well as new fencing around the perimeter of the pool. A ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for March 26 at 5:00 p.m.

4.b.3. P3 Civic Center Project Community Outreach

Staff provided timeline information regarding this project. There will be a couple of community engagement opportunities coming up, the first one will be at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center Clementine Trolley event on March 7 from 1-3PM. The other one will be at the Art in the Park event on March 9. This project includes the development of a new police station and led by the Community Development Department. Community Services will be involved because the new police station will be constructed where the Civic Center Park is currently located and the new park will be developed where the police building currently sits. Currently they are finalizing the designs of the police station and the contractor is negotiating the final cost of the entire project. The hope is to break ground sometime in April. Current progress on the project can be found by visiting www.ggcity.org/civic-center.

Commissioner Stevens inquired if the new police building will be constructed concurrently to the new park area, staff replied that the projects will be divided into two phases, once the police building is completed, the former building will be demolished and the construction of the park will begin.

Commissioner Perez inquired if the City is getting rid of the pond completely or if it will be replaced with a different water feature. Staff replied that based on the feedback received from the public at community engagements, there was no desire to bring back the pond and they preferred more open space for programming.

Commissioner Arestegui inquired if there is somewhere the commissioners can read the feedback received from the public regarding the project, staff replied that there were comment cards that were filled out and can work on obtaining copies of those cards.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Strickland inquired if the clock tower at Village Green Park will be illuminated once again. Looking in the southbound direction, it appears that the lights are off. Staff responded that a work order was submitted to get it fixed but it's a bigger problem than just the lights, but Public Works is aware of it and working on plans.

Commissioner Perez expressed her interest in opportunities for volunteer opportunities and participation in more community events.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff provided some information regarding a preliminary program the Police Department is looking to start. There is a section at Pioneer Park that the police department is looking to enclose and a section off to develop a canine training facility for the police emotional and social support dogs and apprehension dogs. Staff are working with the school district to see if this is something they would be interested in. Having this facility will hopefully deter some of the illegal activities occurring at the park as there would be higher police presence. This will start off as an 18-month pilot program if it moves forward. They are currently working on funding through the nonprofit organization that the police officers have for the dogs.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:48 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary