



GARDEN GROVE

MINUTES

Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840
April 25, 2024

6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (5) Commissioners, Garcia, Gonzalez,
Maher, Perez, Strickland

ABSENT: (2) Commissioners Arestegui, Stevens

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Chair Garcia

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 30, 2024.

It was moved by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Chair Garcia that:

The minutes from the January 30, 2024 meeting be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Garcia, Gonzalez, Maher, Perez, Strickland

Noes: (0) None

Absent (2) Arestegui, Stevens

Commissioner Stevens joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Commissioner Arestegui joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project Presentation
Project Executive, Craig Beck, Project provided a PowerPoint presentation providing

an overview of the Civic Center Revitalization Project. Topics included project background; project scope; introduction of the development team; community engagement; project financing; and conceptual renderings.

Commissioner Arestegui expressed that she would like staff to place an emphasis on creating a more sustainable park with more drought tolerant and native plants.

Commissioner Maher questioned if the park design was finalized and stated that it seems somewhat of a duplication of Village Green Park. Craig Beck replied that much of the design was based on feedback received from the community, which felt that safety was a biggest factor for its design.

Commissioner Arestegui inquired if full street closures would take place during phase 1 of the project. Craig Beck answered that no full closures are anticipated, rather there may be small periods of time in which there will be traffic control during loading and unloading of construction materials.

Commissioner Maher asked if the Civic Center Revitalization plans coincide with the City's Re:Imagine master plan. His concern is that a big building will create a barrier and not allow a cohesive flow between Downtown Main Street and civic center area. Staff will look at the possibility of creating connectivity between all civic center areas including Main Street, Cottage Industries, Steel Craft, and the new park area.

4.b. Community Services Department Updates

4.b.1. Recreation Division Update

Staff reported that summer youth basketball registration has been completed and numbers are back to pre-Covid, with a total of 250 youth enrolled. The season will begin June 8 and will end at the end of July.

The Aquatics program will be a little different this year. Spring Aquatics usually takes place at Eastgate Park but both Eastgate Park and Magnolia Park pools will be replastered. Public Works is working on getting project completed before the summer Aquatics program begins. Spring Aquatics will be offered at Woodbury Park pool, which will close for the summer in preparation of the Woodbury Park revitalization project. Spring Aquatics registration is open and currently has about 65 participants registered. Eastgate and Magnolia Park pools will open on June 3rd for Summer Aquatics.

Garden Grove Gems program nominations ended yesterday, April 24 with a total of 54 nominations throughout the City. The voting period is May 6-19. The community can vote for one home per district. A reception for winners and runner ups is scheduled for June 25.

Staff provided an update on adaptive programming, which is highlighted on page 28 of the Parks and Recreation Guide. Adaptive soccer with Best Sports is being offered through the City's contract classes. The City has also partnered with two different organizations that offer adaptive programming and are also advertised in the guide.

Camp Grove (day camp program) will once again be hosted at Edgar Park due to the successful summer there last year. It is nearly half way full. The program caps at 60 campers per week and seven Counselors-in-Training.

Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative is coming to a conclusion for the year. There will be an inaugural awards ceremony where several awards will be given as well as \$2,000 worth of scholarships to five teens. This has been the most successful year since its inception with about 50 active youth. The awards ceremony is scheduled for May 16 at 4:00 p.m.

This year's movie series includes *Barbie* on Friday, June 14 at Eastgate Park, and *Grease* will be shown on Historic Main Street on Friday, August 9.

4.b.2. Human Services Division Update

Staff reported that Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center (BCYFC) is hosting a Family Craft Night today, April 25. Families are making beaded key chains and bracelets. Dinner is being provided by Bracken's Kitchen. There will also be a small resource fair.

The next family night at BCYFC will be held on June 27 with a "Lego" theme, also featuring a small resource fair, and dinner provided by Bracken's Kitchen.

Staff are focusing on summer programming which begins on June 10. Day Camp will be provided for children in 1st – 6th grade, a teen camp for 7th and 8th graders, and Volunteer program for high school students. Applications are currently being accepted and staff anticipate enrolling 100 youth this summer. The Center also provides a free lunch and snack program for children under 18 years of age.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) will provide different activities and events throughout the month of April which is Child Abuse Prevention month. To commemorate Blue Ribbon month, the Center hosted a "Spring Into Fun" event on April 19. The event featured free food, a small resource fair, games, and prizes. It was well attended with over 400 individuals, representing 120 families.

Staff at MPFRC are preparing for their annual Women's Event which recognizes clients who have successfully participated in their programs. The event will have a Hollywood theme and will include dinner and a motivational speaker for 30-40 honorees.

MPFRC will also offer a summer program for their internal clients which will be held July 8 – July 26. This program provides children in 1st – 5th grade with activities, games, and crafts lead by center staff. A teen program (SOL) will also be hosted for about 25 teens.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is preparing their bimonthly newsletter for May and June.

The senior center partnered with Meals on Wheels, who covered the cost of field trips for the seniors. Seniors recently went on a field trip to Segerstrom Shelby Event Center, followed with dinner and shopping at the Irvine Spectrum.

The annual Strawberry Ball will be hosted on Thursday, May 23 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. honoring the 2024 King and Queen. The King for this year is Joe Chandler and the Queen is Joan Grosse who will be awarded Seniors of the Year for their volunteerism. The event includes dinner, dessert, beverages, a photo booth, and live music. Commissioners are invited to attend the event.

4.b.3. Facilities Division Update

Staff provided an update on the audio/video upgrades at the Community Meeting Center (CMC) and the Courtyard Center (CYC). Staff is happy to report that the upgrades to CYC have been completed. All components to the system were replaced and are now fully functioning. Staff are currently working on the scope of work for the audio system at the CMC. This will be a much bigger project that will take longer to complete.

Staff provided the lineup information for the free Summer Concert Series that begins on Friday June 21 with a kick off special concert at the Garden Amp sponsored by the Garden Grove Community Foundation. The next concert will be held on Downtown Main Street, followed by four concerts at Eastgate Park. Part of the concert series includes a singing competition, The Voice of Garden Grove where local high school students compete for a \$500 prize for themselves and their school choir program. Commissioners are invited to serve as volunteer judges during auditions and are advised to reach out to Sugeiry if interested.

Staff added that the City's showmobile (mobile stage) had some water damage and with its older age, needed some repairs. A contractor was hired to complete the repairs and to repaint. The work is expected to be completed in early to mid-May.

4.c. Capital Projects

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

Staff reported that the Woodbury Park Expansion and Revitalization project was delayed due to inflation affecting the budget. The funding for the project was part of a grant application in 2021; \$6 million was granted along with \$2 million set aside for a total of \$8 million for the project. The most recent estimate received was \$12 million. Staff returned to the architect to review what can be modified or removed. Because it is a state funded project, staff need to provide some of the amenities that the community prioritized in the initial design. To cut some of the costs, the wading pool will be removed, the playground area will be reduced, and the number of picnic shelters will be reduced from the design. The cost of the project is now at \$9.5 million; staff is looking for additional funding. The goal is to have 100% complete construction documents in June, then go out to bid and have a contractor by August.

The architect will be providing a presentation for this Commission, as well as to the City Council. Staff will schedule a special meeting in May for the presentation.

4.c.2. Community Meeting Center and Courtyard Center AV Upgrades

Staff previously reported on this agenda item during their Facilities Division Report.

4.c.3. Magnolia Park Family Resource Center and Sports and Recreation Center
Security Cameras

Staff are working on getting security cameras installed around the perimeter of Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) and Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center (GGSRC). The project is currently in the design process. The project is a little behind schedule due to some custom parts for MPFRC. The parts are being ordered for the GGSRC and should be installed in the next month or two. Four cameras will be installed at MPFRC and five cameras will be installed in the exterior of GGSRC.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Stevens inquired if the City is working on its budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff responded that the City budget is done biannually and has already been finalized for the upcoming fiscal year. The only adjustments made for the Community Services Department is for the Woodbury Park project.

Commissioner Perez announced that the Strawberry Festival Association is gearing up the annual Strawberry Festival Memorial Weekend and is happy to hear that the Showmobile will be ready for the festival.

Chair Garcia thanked staff for inviting commissioners to the reopening of Magnolia Park Family Resource Center. She added that her and her family had a good time, it's a lovely park, and many families will enjoy it.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff provided an update on the Atlantis Play Center splash pad. The splash pad has been closed for a couple summers due to a major overhaul of the system but is happy to report that it is now up and running. It won't be open to the public until June of this year.

Staff also reported that a fence will be installed around the perimeter of the Civic Center project. In partnership with GGUSD, in order to deter graffiti and vandalism, vinyl banners with student artwork will be installed on the wood fencing. The banners should be up in the next two to three weeks and will remain for the duration of the construction period.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Eastgate Park, 12001 Saint Mark St., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary