



GARDEN GROVE

MINUTES

Special Meeting

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Eastgate Park
12001 Saint Mark St., Garden Grove, CA 92845

July 11, 2019

5:37 p.m.

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Andrea Perez

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.
 2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.
 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - 3.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner Solicos, seconded by Commissioner Perez that:

The minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting be received and filed.

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

Ayes: (6) Perez, Ramirez, Rhee, Salicos, Solis, Stevens
Noes: (0) None
Absent (1) No

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.a. Parks, Recreation and Facilities Master Plan Update

Staff provided background information regarding the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). One year ago, the City entered into an agreement with Richard Fisher Associates to develop a 15-year Master Plan.

The scope of work for the Master Plan includes a needs assessment of 15 parks and 8 facilities, recommendations for ADA improvements, and the preparation of three conceptual designs, including one for Civic Center Park.

This project is broken up into several phases: Phase 1, Data Gathering and Evaluation; Phase 2, Community Input Process; Phase 3, Comprehensive Plan Recommendations; Phase 4, Fiscal Analysis; Phase 5, Action Plan Development; and Phase 6, Master Plan Completion. Staff updated Commissioners on the progress of each phase that consultant and staff have made to date.

Staff have reviewed the first draft of the Master Plan and have submitted changes to the consultant. Staff anticipate having the second draft in the next couple weeks; once received the management team will make final changes. Once final draft is completed, staff plan to share it with this commission and hold a special meeting in August to discuss any changes or recommendations. At this meeting, Commissioners will have the opportunity to recommend that the Master Plan be taken to City Council for approval.

Staff will either share the Master Plan with Commissioners through a drop box link or hard copy if that is preferable. Components that will not be part of the draft are the ADA improvements and Civic Center conceptual designs.

4.b. Proposition 68 Update

Staff discussed the conceptual design that was presented to the residents at the June 20 community meeting, and will be submitted as part of the Proposition 68 grant application. There were a couple minor changes to the design. The first change was to remove two picnic shelters and replace with shaded benches to allow for supervision of children in the playground area. The second change is a small multipurpose room in the Aquatics area. Staff thanked Commissioner Perez for playing a role with the park extension approved by the school district.

The grant application is due on August 5, 2019. If the grant is awarded, the consultant will hold two additional community meetings to finalize the design of the park. If the City does not receive the grant this round, there will be other opportunities to try for future rounds.

Chair Perez stated that the community meeting went well, she was happy with the attendance and liked that Council Member Nguyen was also in attendance and spoke to the residents.

Commissioner Stevens expressed that he really liked the conceptual design and all the potential improvements, and would be happy to speak to City Council to get programming out at that park.

4.c. Capital Projects

4.c.1. Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center Gymnasium Floor

Staff reported that the gym floor was recently replaced and a rededication took place. Staff thanked Public Works for the indoor/outdoor improvements made to the building.

Due to the gym replacement, the bleachers needed to be torn out and replaced. Staff hired California Facility Specialists for this project. Bleachers will be 3-tiered, retractable, and ADA accessible. There will be a 17-20 week lead time, which puts installation sometime in December. In the meantime, chairs are being utilized.

Staff also provided an update on Public Works projects including: the replacement of the clock tower circuit boards; turf reseeding projects underway at several parks; continuation of the light pole replacement project at parks; phase II improvement at the Sports and Recreation Center; and improvements to the Edgar Park building, where Tiny Tots/Kare Bears preschool program takes place.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Stevens shared his concern on fireworks being used at Edgar Park parking lot on 4th of July. In past years barricades were placed there to prevent people from lighting up fireworks. Staff will follow up with Public Works and Police Department regarding this issue.

Commissioner Rhee expressed his concern about restrooms being closed at 4AM when residents go to the park to exercise or walk. Staff clarified that park hours are from 6AM-11PM and explained that a contracted company is responsible for opening and closing bathrooms, but not until park hours are in effect. Another issue is that City staff is not scheduled during these hours.

At 6:31 p.m. Commissioner No joined the meeting.

Chair Perez thanked staff for all of their work.

Commissioner Solis expressed her concern with the parking and homeless situation at Magnolia Park, where she takes her child for swim lessons. Staff will make sure that Park Patrol have a bigger presence there.

Commissioner Salicos shared that the West Grove Building has outdoor electrical outlets that are "hot" and people are plugging into them. Said outlets are on the back side of the building by the playground. Public Works will test the outlet and ensure that it's turned off.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Special Commission Meeting on August 28, 2019

Staff surveyed Commissioners on their availability to attend a special meeting on August 28, 2019. Results show that there will be quorum to hold the meeting. If timeline for the Master Plan gets delayed, staff will inform Commissioners and another date will be selected.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:40 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO
Commission Secretary