



**GARDEN GROVE**

MINUTES

Special Meeting

**PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION**

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

July 11, 2024

5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT:	(5)	Commissioners Garcia, Gonzalez, Perez, Stevens, Strickland
	ABSENT:	(2)	Commissioners Arestegui, Maher

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Chair Garcia

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.
2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Commissioner Arestegui joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - 3.a. Community Services Department Summer Updates

3.a.1 Recreation Division Update

Staff reported that they are in the swing of summer programs. Day Camp is going well, week six (6) still has some openings and the last three weeks (7, 8, and 9) of the program are full. Aquatics program has all three pools running programming, but programming at Woodbury pool ends today, Gary Hall pool at Eastgate Park opened this week and will be open for the rest of the summer, Magnolia Pool opened two weeks ago and will be open until the end of the summer. Due to staffing levels, only two pools can be open and available for the summer.

The first movie in the park took place on Friday, June 14 at Eastgate Park featuring *Barbie*. There wasn't a huge turnout, a little less than 100 people were in attendance. On Saturday, August 9 the second movie will be held on Main Street following the Main Street Car Show and will feature *Grease*.

### 3.a.2. Human Services Division Update

Summer day camps at Buena Clinton and Magnolia Family Resource Centers are going well.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) will host a movie in the park featuring *Elemental* on Thursday, July 18 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. There will be crafts, Bingo, and dinner provided by Bracken's Kitchen.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center (BCYFC) will be having a Family Movie Night on Thursday, August 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a resource fair, opportunity drawing, crafts, and dinner provided by Bracken's Kitchen.

The Senior Center has a Duffy Boat Cruise field trip planned for next week. John will be captain for one boat. About 27 seniors are signed up and there are about 20 on a waitlist. Staff are looking to book another trip in September due to its popularity.

The Senior Center has a Luau Dance planned at the end of August.

Both family resource centers are working on the Back to School Drive. The centers are accepting school supplies and backpacks; the goal is to serve 300-400 children in the community. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall, MPFRC, and BCYFC.

Commissioner Perez asked if Bracken's Kitchen donates the food for events, staff confirmed that Bracken's Kitchen donates food as part of their mission which is to serve underserved communities. They only require that there be a minimum of 200 meals needed per event.

Vice Chair Stickland requested information regarding the Back to School Drive, Sugeiry will email information out to Commissioners.

### 3.a.3. Facilities Division Update

A few facilities including the Community Meeting Center, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, BCYFC, and MPFRC are getting upgrading security cameras installed in the fall. Once the Woodbury Park Revitalization project is underway, the plan is to install security cameras at that facility as well.

The summer concert series has begun, today's concert is the second of the series. The first concert was held on Main Street two weeks ago featuring Smokin' Cobras, an oldies band. Today's concert features Taylor Nation, a Taylor Swift tribute band. Chairs and blankets were set up as early as 7:00 a.m. Staff thanked commissioners who will be serving as judges for the Voice of Garden Grove. This is a vocal competition for high school students; the winner will win \$500 in cash and \$500 to his or her school choir. The runner up receives \$250 for themselves and \$250 for their high school choir.

On July 25, the department will be celebrating Parks Make Life Better month at Eastgate Park. There will be free activities for kids including inflatables, face painting, and temporary tattoos.

Commissioner Stevens inquired if the upgraded security system is attributed to the transient population. Staff replied that is part of the reason. Security cameras were already in place at some facilities, but additional cameras are being installed to increase visibility in certain areas. It is important to note that with the new cameras, PD will have direct access to live feeds instead of having to review recordings. Currently staff have only identified parks and buildings that already have City network connection.

3.b. Woodbury Park Expansion and Revitalization Project Timeline

Staff thanked all Commissioners for attending the special meeting with the architectural team presentation. Staff are currently waiting for the 100% construction documents to be received by the City in the next few weeks. Staff hope to go out to bid for this project at the end of July or early August. Staff will also go out to bid for construction management services to assist in managing the overall construction. Staff will be meeting with the new principal at Woodbury Elementary next week and fill him in on the project and make sure there is open communication in order to avoid conflicts once construction begins. Staff hopes to go out to bid late July or early September and break ground at the end of September or early October.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Stevens inquired how PD is addressing homeless encampments. Staff replied that there is a navigation center that recently opened, PD can start enforcing recent law changes.

Commissioner Garcia shared that she recently had a meeting with the Regional Center of Orange County for one of her kids and the Center is now offering funds to families to participate in activities including those adaptive clinics advertised in the Parks and Recreation Guide. She asked if staff is able to reach out the Center to form a partnership.

5. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff shared that the Civic Center Revitalization project time will be hosting an open house on July 23 at the Courtyard Center tentatively from 6-8PM. Staff will make sure to forward information to commissioners.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:32 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Cetner, 10300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO  
Commission Secretary