

Staff provided information regarding the division of Community Relations, who makes up the division and its functions. Staff shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Garden Grove is Your Market Image Campaign as well as background information on how the campaign came into fruition. This new image campaign focuses on what Garden Grove has to offer such as a good education and well as job opportunities, lower cost housing market, and a vast variety of dining and entertainment options.

4.b. Youth in Government Day

Staff introduced the program Youth in Government Day. Staff explained that this interactive program will be offered to high school juniors and seniors and its purpose is to educate students on the mechanics of a local government. Program highlights include a question and answer luncheon with the Mayor, job shadowing some of the City directors, and a mock City Council meeting. Youth in Government Day will take place on February 15, 2018 and the Commissioners are encouraged to participate. Commissioners were asked to contact John Montanchez if they are interested in a role the day of the event. Staff responded to Commissioner Perez's inquiry on the amount of students invited by stating that there will be about 50-60 selected. Staff also replied to Commissioner Ramirez's inquiry on the deadline to let staff know if they are able to participate, answering that sometime in January staff will reach out to Commissioners.

4.c. Capital Projects Update

Staff reported that a portion of West Haven Park is currently fenced off and demo on the playground equipment has begun. This project will comprise a new location for Fire Station 6, a 1,600 square foot community building, and fire station themed playground equipment. Completion date is projected for September 2018.

Staff provided an update on the Eastgate Park project reporting that the quarter mile trail around the perimeter of the park was installed in the summer. Although the park is currently undergoing some finishing touches on the irrigation system, the trail is already being utilized by residents. As part of the grant requirement for this project, students from UCI who are working on their Master's Degree in Public Health are conducting a study to evaluate the use of the trail. Staff hopes to receive these results by the end of the year.

Staff reported on the Park Master Plan, which will involve collecting input and direction from the community in terms of future plans for the parks. The RFP for this project went out Friday. Early next year, after a consultant is selected, Commissioners will be informed on their role with community meetings that will help collect data for this project.

Staff added that another project that will go out to bid next month is a shade structure at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center. This shade will be placed in the courtyard area to help with shelter during programming. CDBG funds will be used for this project.

4.d. Summer Recap

Senior Center

- 140 seniors attended the 4th of July celebration.
- 20 participants attended the weeklong Senior Day Camp in July.
- 94 participants attended the Senior Luau.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center (Buena Clinton) and Magnolia Family Resource Center (Magnolia)

- Second Harvest (collaborative partner) offered free lunch and snack program throughout the summer at Buena Clinton, serving 2535 lunches and 2531 snacks.
- New partner, UCI, offered free vision screenings and provided free glasses for those children who need them, but don't have medical coverage or resources to obtain them.
- 70 children in grades kindergarten to 6th participated in a 10-week summer program.
- Back to School Drive - 267 backpacks were distributed, and about 300 children received school supplies between both Magnolia and Buena Clinton.
- 216 people attended the National Night Out event, where various activities and information were provided to the community.
- In June, Magnolia lost one of their partners that provided counseling services; fortunately they have recently identified a new partner, Child Guidance which will begin their services in November.

Recreation

- The Summer Outdoor Movie Series included *Rogue One* on Main Street in June that brought together about 400 members of the community; and in August the City collaborated with the Elks Lodge to show *Moana*, and had about 300 participants in attendance.
- Atlantis Family Campout had 120 participants. The campout was themed around the movie *Sing*, offering activities such as a karaoke and air guitar competitions as well as enjoying the movie *Sing*, all while roasting s'mores around the campfire.
- In July, the summer concert series kicked off at Eastgate Park with *Stone Soul*, wrapping it with *The Answer* in August. Had about 2,500 to 3,000 people in attendance each week. This series is put on by the City but sponsored by the Garden Grove Community Foundation. The Voice singing competition winner was Althessa Jones from Garden

Grove High School; she was awarded a \$500 cash prize and her school choir also received \$500.

- This year's Summer Day Camp program had a successful summer with all ten weeks being sold out.
- The Aquatics program offered water safety to 500 participants, all classes filling up to capacity. This year, the program did suffer a shortage of instructors/lifeguards. As a result, the department was limited to the number of classes offered. This upcoming year, staff will increase marketing efforts to hire additional Aquatics staff.

4.e. Recreation and Human Services Update

- Magnolia will be having a Mobile Pantry on Friday, October 13 from 9-11AM. Buena Clinton will have their Mobile Pantry on November 10. Commissioners are welcome to volunteer to assist in bagging and distributing groceries.
- The Holiday Drive wrapping party will take place on Tuesday, December 5 from 4-7PM, volunteers are also needed for this event.
- Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center will have a Dia de Los Muertos event on October 26 from 4-7PM.
- Senior Center will host their Monster Mash Halloween event on October 20 from 4-6 PM, and a Movie Night on October 24 featuring the movie 47 Meters Down. A daytime Halloween celebration will be on October 25, from 10AM – 12PM.
- A Volunteer Recognition Dinner will take place on November 7 from 5-7PM, Commissioners are invited to celebrate and help honor all the volunteers at the Senior Center.
- Jack O' Lantern Jamboree at Atlantis Park will be on October 28 from 2-5PM featuring a magic show, carnival games, goodies, and crafts.
- Winterfest at Atlantis Park will be on December 2, from 2-5:30PM, featuring 50 tons of snow, crafts, games, train rides, and a picture with Santa.
- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, starting at 6:30 PM on December 5 at the Village Green, will feature performances from different dance groups throughout the community and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause.
- The Gem Theater will be concluding the show *Cabaret* at the end of this month. The next performance, *The Holiday Gem*, will begin November 24 through December 17.
- Shakespeare Orange County recently wrapped up their season of *Pirates of Penzance* at the Garden Grove Amphitheater.
- LFA will begin their programming on October 21 with Monster Mash Music and Art Festival, featuring Indy Rock bands and live art. Following on October 22, they will have an alternative rock band *Dial-7*. November 4-5, they will have Vagabond Art and Music Festival featuring 48 local rock bands and artists showcasing their talent to a couple record labels.

After concluding their season, LFA will begin making some renovations including improvements to the snack bar as well as to sound and lighting at the Amphitheater.

4.f. Public Works Update

Staff updated the Commission on the status of the replacement of corroded park light poles throughout the City. A survey was conducted by an engineering firm identifying and placing priority levels on all poles that need to be replaced. To date, improvements have been made to poles at Garden Grove and Eastgate Park. The next phase includes poles at West Grove, West Haven and Village Green Park.

Staff also reported that the Dog Park at Garden Grove Park will be temporarily closed for about a month to make some renovations to fencing, turf, and the addition to new drinking fountains and waste dispensers.

Staff mentioned that Atlantis Park will undergo some asphalt repairs to the road that leads from the gymnasium to Atlantis Park.

Staff added that the restrooms at West Haven Park will be closed during the Fire Station construction.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF: None

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:47 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to January 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

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