



MINUTES

Special Meeting

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PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

November 6, 2024

6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: (4) Commissioners Garcia, Gonzalez,  
Perez, Stevens

ABSENT: (3) Commissioners Arestegui, Maher, Stickland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Chair Garcia

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 30, 2024 and July 11, 2024.

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

The minutes from the May 30, 2024 and July 11, 2024 meetings be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 4-0-3 vote as follows:

Ayes: (4) Garcia, Gonzalez, Perez, Stevens

Noes: (0) None

Absent (3) Arestegui, Maher, Strickland

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

Commissioner Arestegui joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### 4.a. Community Services Department Update

###### 4.a.1. Recreation Division Update

Staff provided a brief recap of the Recreation Division summer programming. The outdoor movie series included *Barbie*, featured at Eastgate Park on Friday, June 14 with about 150 in attendance, and the movie *Grease* was shown on Historic Main Street on Friday, August 9 with about 280 in attendance.

The Day Camp program was once again offered at Edgar Park for a total of nine weeks.

The Aquatics program was very successful, this was the first summer since pre-Covid that all three pools were open and offered swim lessons. The majority of classes offered were sold out.

In collaboration with several other departments, Community Services put on Foods of Garden Grove on Friday, October 4. It was a very successful event. This inaugural event had a total of 21 restaurants participate. It was held on Main Street between the Courtyard Center and the Garden Amp. Entertainment included activities for kids, seating areas for attendees to enjoy their food, and a concert at the Garden Amp.

The Halloween event, Jack O' Lantern Jamboree took place at Atlantis Park on Saturday, October 26. Activities included crafts, a reptile show, obstacle courses, face painting, and more.

Coming up next is Winter in the Grove, scheduled for Saturday, December 7. Commissioners are invited to attend. There will be a holiday craft boutique, 50 tons of snow for sledding, Santa and Mrs. Claus, performances from local choirs, and City Council will perform the tree lighting ceremony.

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

This summer, the two family resource centers hosted a day camp program with a combined total of over 100 youth participating. They also hosted a few movie nights at both centers, 325 attendees at Magnolia Park FRC and 204 at Buena Clinton YFC. Bracken's Kitchen provided dinner at both locations. The Centers wrapped up the summer with their annual back to school drive, serving over 300 children with backpacks and school supplies.

The Senior Center offered a couple Duffy boat excursions, movie days, and a Luau event to close the summer. They also hosted a Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 25 which featured over 20 community partners, dental screenings, vaccines, raffles, and dancing for those 150 in attendance.

The division hosted Halloween events at all their centers, including the Magnolia Park FRC Trick or Treat, Buena Clinton's Dia de los Muertos, and the Senior Center Halloween dance.

The Centers are now gearing up for the holidays. They are partnering with Orange Coast Optimist Club and Bracken's Kitchen to provide families and seniors with

Thanksgiving meals. The centers are currently seeking donations for this year's holiday drive. More information about this program can be found on the City webpage [ggcity.org/holiday-drive](http://ggcity.org/holiday-drive).

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

This summer, the Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) once again hosted the Free Summer Concert Series. One concert was held on Historic Main Street and four concerts at Eastgate Park. Each week, 2,500-3,000 people enjoyed the free entertainment including the special segment, The Voice of Garden Grove featuring local high school vocalists competing for the title and cash prizes.

Co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, GGCF held a successful annual golf tournament in September.

Most fall youth sports programs including AYSO, Friday Night Lights, and the new Pop Warner are winding down. There will be new management, California Beach Hockey Club taking over the lease at the outdoor hockey rink at the corner of Knott and Chapman. They have over 150 years of experience in hockey, specifically street and ball hockey. They intend to make improvements to facility, establish leagues and tournaments, and engage with the community.

The Gem Theater is currently showing *Cinderella* until December 14.

#### 4.b. Capital Projects

##### 4.b.1. Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project Update

At next week's City Council meeting, staff will be requesting approval to award a contract to Z&K Consultants, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project. Due to the complexity and magnitude of this project, the daily presence of an on-going site construction manager will facilitate and oversee the limited space for construction staging, and the intricate project phasing. There were nine qualified proposals received on September 10, 2024. The committee scored each proposal based on the criteria that was provided in the RFP. Following the review, the committee scheduled interviews with the three highest scoring proposals. The committee will be recommending that the contract be awarded to Z&K Consultants, Inc. for a total amount of \$299,844. Once the contract is awarded, staff will work with this company to finalize the construction bid documents and release the bid package.

##### 4.b.2. Parks and Facilities Security Camera Systems

In August, staff took an agenda item to City Council for approval to award a contract to Blue Violet Networks, to provide security cameras. We were able to upgrade and/or install new cameras at four facilities, the Community Meeting Center, Senior Center, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center. A total of 28 cameras were installed with the capacity of 52 different views. The system is the same as the one the police department uses. Staff opted for a large server (200TB) to accommodate additional facilities. The total project cost is \$163,000 with a large portion of that cost going toward the larger server.

Staff addressed Commissioner Steven's question whether cameras were exterior or interior. Most facilities are interior and exterior except for Magnolia Park FRC which has only exterior cameras.

#### 4.b.3. Community Project Funding Grant – Parks Update

Last year, the City Council approved a Grant Agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive a \$1 million grant from Community Project Funding Program to be utilized for park improvements at three City Parks. The three parks include:

Jardin de los Ninos Park located in the Buena Clinton neighborhood. Improvements include replacement of the current park playground equipment and playground surface.

Haster Basin Park located on Lampson Ave. Improvements include replacement of the park restrooms, and current park playground surface and equipment that are located on City property.

West Haven Park located on West St. Improvements include replacement of the current park restrooms.

Staff are currently working with an architect to help develop the construction documents. Staff will request City Council approval on the November 26 meeting for the purchase of both the restroom facilities/structure and the playground equipment. Staff anticipate all three projects to be in construction by spring of 2025.

#### 5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Perez shared that she worked one of the food booths at the Foods of Garden Grove event and expressed that the event was amazing. It was great to see so many members from the community gather for the event. She thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked if the end of season AYSO community event was going to be rescheduled after being rained out. Staff replied that they are in communication with AYSO to reschedule.

Commissioner Arestegui stated that the Foods of Garden Grove was spectacular. She expressed her happiness in seeing her childhood favorite restaurants such as Apollo Burgers and Los Sanchez as well as the newer restaurants like Barrio and Nova. She also shared that she attended the Dia de los Muertos event at Buena Clinton, she appreciated the successful event especially because she grew up on that side of town and they don't have programming very often. She thanked staff for all their great work.

Chair Garcia thanked staff for including the special needs adaptive programming section in the Parks and Recreation Guide. It'll benefit a lot of families. She also thanked staff for inviting her to be a judge for the Voice of Garden Grove.

#### 6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:34 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO  
Commission Secretary