



MINUTES  
Special Meeting

---

PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

November 7, 2016

5:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER BARON, COMMISSIONER GIBSON, COMMISSIONER KLOPFENSTEIN, COMMISSIONER PEREZ, COMMISSIONER SOEFFNER, VICE CHAIR BAMINI, CHAIR MONTOYA

Absent: Commissioner Baron

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

Chair Montoya

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.
2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 13, 2016.

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

The minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting be received and filed.

Commissioner Perez requested that a comment be added to the minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting.

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

Ayes: (6) Bamini, Gibson, Klopfenstein, Montoya, Perez, Soeffner  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent:(1) Baron

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

5.a. Recommendation for a Joint Use Agreement with Garden Grove Unified School District

It was moved by Chair Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Perez to:

Recommend that the City Council approve staff to open discussions with the Garden Grove Unified School District for joint use agreements regarding school properties including parking lots for City programming.

Staff pointed out that there are six existing joint use agreements that allow the City to use school land as park space. Staff is interested in entering into this same type of agreements for the use of additional school properties.

Chair Montoya added that having access to school parking lots that are adjacent to Garden Grove parks would facilitate City programming where parking is problematic.

Commissioner Soeffner inquired on how soccer leagues and the City are currently able to use school properties. Staff explained that it is done through joint use agreements, the City is responsible for financially maintaining those. Staff is considering the possibility of using Doig Intermediate School's 20 acres of open space that is not currently being used for programming, but there are still some factors to consider such as the cost to maintain and to program before entering into an agreement.

Commissioner Bamini added that the 2016 Strawberry Festival had many parking/traffic issues and inquired on the possibility of being able to utilize the Garden Grove High School parking lot as overflow for future festivals. Staff will pass on this information to the Community Events Committee.

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

Ayes: (6) Bamini, Gibson, Klopfenstein, Montoya, Perez, Soeffner  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Baron

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

6.a. Monument Policy Update

Staff updated the Commission on the proposal submitted by Council Member Bui to bring a donated monument to Garden Grove Park. Currently the City Council only has a preliminary design of what the monument will look like. Once the design is finalized, it will be presented to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, this will give the Commission an opportunity to hold community meetings to get comments on the design from the public. The Commission would then be able to make recommendations to the City Council.

At the October 25 City Council meeting, Council Member Beard indicated that there is not a policy in place for the City to accept the donation of the monument. Council Member Beard recommended that staff review a monument policy from Auburn, Washington. Mayor Nguyen also recommended that staff look into the League of California Cities and other Cities that have these type of policies. The City Council is recommending that staff create the policy, take it to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission for comments and feedback and report back to the City Council. Staff will take a draft policy to the January Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:16 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO  
Commission Secretary