PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2020 – 7:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Vance called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** – Commissioner Baroldi, Haddad, Tarin, Rosso, Vance

PRESENT: Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Tarin, Rosso, Vance

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA –** None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Baroldi moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Tarin, Rosso, Vance
NOES:	Commissioner – None
ABSENT:	Commissioner – None
ABSTAIN:	Commissioner – None

Recommendation: approve items **A - B** per recommendations

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Action: Approved.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission of the following priority items identified at the Committee on Aging meeting held on January 28, 2020: to work with Temple City Unified School District and other partners to create intergenerational programming,

communication strategies for the senior community, establishing an older adult database, working with local churches and local organizations to implement senior programs and support groups and a scope of accomplishments for the 2019 report card. He concluded that the next Committee on Aging meeting will be held on April 28, 2020 in the Annex building at Live Oak Park.

B. PRIMROSE PARK UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto briefed the Commission that the City is ready to develop Primrose Park, however the City is pending response from the State of California. He continued that if the grant is not awarded the City will develop Primrose Park in phases and proactively include amenities as funding sources are provided. He concluded that the City is cautiously optimistic of grant funding as the State has been asking questions about Primrose Park and conducted a site visit.

Chairman Vance asked if there would be an increased chance of grant funding if the City would create more park space by reducing the parking area.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the State of California advised the City that amendments to the plans for Primrose Park would not necessarily increase the chances of being awarded grant funding. He explained that the plan for the park was created based upon community outreach efforts. He stated that any amendments to Primrose Park would be brought forth to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Tarin asked if a percentage of grant funding could be awarded to develop Primrose Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the State of California typically does not provide partial grant funding.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE TO TEMPLE CITY RESIDENTS

Secretary Venters provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Vice-Chairman Rosso asked how far Dial-A-Ride will transport residents for medical appointments.

Secretary Venters stated that Dial-A-Ride will transport residents to the cities of Arcadia, El Monte, San Gabriel and the City of Rosemead for medical appointments.

Commissioner Haddad asked for an update regarding the proposed ride sharing program for seniors and asked staff to look into providing transportation to Big Lots in the City of Arcadia.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City cannot provide ride sharing services at this time however staff could explore expansion of the contract with Southland Transit, within the current scope of service.

Vice-Chairman Rosso asked for clarification regarding a suggestion made by a Dial-A-Ride member who asked to be notified if a ride has to be cancelled and if a member should schedule rides early in the event of delays.

Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit, Inc., stated that passengers should be contacted if a ride needs to be cancelled. She recommended that members schedule rides earlier if they have an appointment and to schedule a return ride.

Commissioner Tarin asked if Southland Transit allows a tracking application that could be used on a smartphone that would be similar to Lyft and if promptness of service is tracked.

Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit, Inc., stated that the Dial-A-Ride program does not have a tracking system. She stated that drivers have a time period to arrive up to 15 minutes early or late.

Chairman Vance asked for clarification on a complaint received by a member who requests to have Dial-A-Ride pick her up at her door.

Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit, Inc., stated that Dial-A-Ride is not allowed to enter private property. She stated that the drivers are instructed to not back out per the City's wishes.

Chairman Vance opened public comments.

Anne Arakawa, resident, expressed her gratitude toward the Dial-A-Ride program. She suggested an expanded radius for medical appointments and to have additional vehicles and drivers at an additional rate. She stated that she has called Dial-A-Ride in advance and that the routes were already filled.

Hearing no further requests to speak Chairman Vance closed public comments.

Commissioner Haddad would like to request to agendize a discussion to expand Dial-A-Ride Services to medical appointments to the City of Pasadena and City of Hope since a Lyft program is no longer an option and to explore the possibility of an additional Dial-A-Ride vehicle.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City could explore expanding the radius area for medical appointments. He stated that the City would like to take a multi-faceted approach to explore additional rideshare companies and learn when low and peak periods occur so residents could book appointments with Dial-A-Ride accordingly.

Chairman Vance asked how the Dial-A-Ride program is funded.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated the Dial-A-Ride program is funded though Proposition A. He explained that Proposition A provides funding in the amount of approximately 1.6 million over the course of three years. If the cost of the Dial-A-Ride program exceeds the amount funded by Proposition A, the City would have to supplement the cost out of general funds.

All recommendations made by the Commission were received and filed.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. DEPARTMENT NEWS

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a verbal presentation regarding the recent renovations to Live Oak Park and Temple City Park. Recent renovations include annual turf renovations and irrigation repair at Live Oak Park, resurfacing the walking path at Live Oak Park, updated lighting at the Live Oak Park Basketball Courts, and roof replacement at the Performing Arts Pavilion at Temple City Park.

Commissioner Tarin asked if the prior lighting in the basketball courts had caused concern to surrounding residents and if the updated lighting are the same used on the tennis courts.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that surrounding residents have not complained about the prior lighting at the basketball courts. He explained that the City installed 240 watt LED light bulbs and pointed them away from adjacent residential properties to mitigate

brightness. He concluded that the wattage used at the basketball courts is lower than the ones used at the tennis courts.

9. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA
- None

10. UPDATE FROM PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

A. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that no City Council actions have taken place since the Commission meeting of January 15 that pertain to the Commission. He then provided the following summary of events within the Parks and Recreation Department:

- He stated that although less attended, most likely due to concerns over the Coronavirus the Lunar New Year Celebration on February 1, was a success.
- On February 5, the City held its Dim Sum and Tea event and provided samplings of Chinese food to the community.
- He stated that for the first time in seven years the City held a Bike Expo and Community Bike Ride on February 8. The event included a three mile bike ride, education in bicycle safety, and provided free bicycle lights and helmets.
- He stated that the Camellia Festival will take place February 21 through February 23. He stated that the City provides assistance with staging and disbanding the event.
- He then provided the results of the water tested in the drinking fountains by Sunnyslope Water Company. He stated that that the lead contained in the drinking fountains at Temple City Park resulted in 20-22 microgram's per liter (UGL's). He explained that the amount of lead is higher than the action level and that the City is mitigating the issue by installing lead purifying water filters and flushing the drinking fountains for two to three minutes at Temple City Park. He stated that the drinking fountains at both parks will be retested in March.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONER BAROLDI – Stated that he is looking forward to the Camellia Festival and the upcoming Opening Day held by TCASA.

B. COMMISSIONER HADDAD – None

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Complemented staff for providing an informational and educational meeting.

D. VICE-CHAIRMAN ROSSO – None

E. CHAIRMAN VANCE – Thanked Commissioner Haddad for asking staff to explore the level of lead from the drinking fountains.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 5938 Kauffman Avenue.

Cynthia Vance, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary