PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 17, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Rosso

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jordi Ubaldo and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

ABSENT: None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rosso led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Healthy TC Yoga Challenge Recognition – Recipient was not present.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA** - None

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Action: Approved.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that the next Committee on Aging meeting will take place on April 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm. He stated that items discussed include action items for the year of 2021.

Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if a liaison from TCUSD has been secured.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that he will work with TCUSD to secure a new liaison.

B. PRIMROSE PARK UPDATE

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission of the following updates regarding Primrose Park; the City Council approved a bid request at the meeting of March 2 to CEM Construction, value engineering was viewed as a favorable option to mitigate overage costs to develop the park. He concluded that groundbreaking is scheduled to take place in April.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that Craft Club had a slight increase of enrollment, Healthy TC continues to be popular among the public with 37 participants in the Yoga Challenge, Family Trivia Night enrollment was slightly lower due to a date change to accommodate the virtual Lunar New Year Event, and lastly that the virtual Lunar New Year event was successful with over 900 views.

B. REVIEW OF DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters provided a PowerPoint presentation and verbal summary of the Dial-A-Ride Survey results for the year of 2020. Highlighted items included; ride volume, boundary satisfaction, professionalism and promptness of dispatchers and drivers, vehicle sanitization, and social distancing standards. Ms. Venters stated that Dial-A-Ride participants overall were satisfied and thankful for the services provided.

Chair Rosso opened public comments.

Anna Arakawa suggested to have rides to Vons Grocery Store in the City of Arcadia.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated services provided outside of the City are primarily for essential services. He added that the farther Dial-A-Ride expands services the less availability there will be for riders. He concluded that he is open to questions or comments brought forth by the Commission.

The Commission did not have questions or comments at this time. The Commission received and filed the report.

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 updated the Commission that the COVID vaccination clinic on March 4 and 5 was highly successful. He stated that staff reached out to Dial-A-Ride, senior lunch program, and senior database participants. He stated that approximately 70 appointments for Temple City senior residents and education professional employed with TCUSD were scheduled. Next, Mr. Matsumoto updated the Commission that Athens Services will host a compost giveaway to take place on March 28 at Live Oak Park. He stated that Athens Services will include an information booth for changes in services and an opportunity to view the new trash cans. Lastly, he asked for the Commission's thoughts regarding forming a subcommittee to consider including adding a Gaga Pit at Live Oak Park.

Chair Rosso asked Commissioner Haddad for clarification regarding the use of a Gaga Pit.

Commissioner Haddad stated that a Gaga Pit is typically a small enclosure to play dodgeball measuring approximately three feet high and ten feet in length and width.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that a subcommittee would be able to research the cost, location, and appropriate use of Gaga Pit at Live Oak Park and provide their findings in a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Haddad stated that she and her husband would be willing to serve in the subcommittee.

Commissioner Vance stated that she would volunteer to participate in the subcommittee.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONER HADDAD - None

B. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Expressed satisfaction with the results of the Dial-A-Ride survey.

C. COMMISSINER VANCE – Spoke favorably of the virtual Camellia Festival.

D. VICE-CHAIRMAN BAROLDI – Expressed gratitude for the appreciation expressed by Councilmember Chavez regarding the Parks and Recreation Department.

E. CHAIRMAN ROSSO – Stated that she received complements on the upcoming Drive Through Easter Event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Joanne Rosso, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary