PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Tarin

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

4. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

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

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Haddad, Rosso, Vance, Tarin
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 last quarterly meeting of the year is scheduled to take place on October 25, 2022 to finalize action items and accomplishments for the year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUGUST PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission regarding the conclusion of summer programs including Summer Sports Blitz, Summer Day Camp and Concerts in the Park. He stated that Summer Sports Blitz was so successful that it will be returning in the fall. He then briefed the Commission regarding Summer Day Camp attendance in comparison to previous years. He stated that the City has recently faced hiring challenges, however is optimistic that will change due to COLA (cost of living increases) implemented by the City. He concluded that STARS Club will be returning to TCUSD in the fall.

Commissioner Baroldi asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if an update regarding the Autumn Festival would be included in the September report.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the Autumn Festival will be included in the Director's Report.

B. AYSO REQUEST FOR HANGING SPONSOR BANNERS

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a verbal presentation of the staff report regarding a request from AYSO to hang banners along the tennis courts for their fall season.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if sponsorship banners will be hung throughout the field.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that AYSO is proposing to hang up to ten banners along the tennis courts adjacent to the Community Center and only during their season of use. He concluded that there should not be a crossover of banners for various sports.

Chair Tarin invited members of the public to speak. No members of the public came forth at this time.

Chair Tarin asked for comments or questions of the Commission. The Commission did not have comments or questions at this time. The item was closed for public comment.

Commissioner Rosso made a motion to approve a request to allow AYSO to hang sponsor banners along the tennis courts at Live Oak Park for the fall season. Seconded by Vice-Chair Vance and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 City Council approved EV (Electric Vehicle) charge rates. He stated that the City is solely recouping cost, the City Council will review the use of the EV stations and may consider installing additional charging stations in the future. He stated that he is looking toward establishing a partnership with World Journal to allow the Autumn Festival event to take place annually, the final Movies in the Park event is scheduled October 7, the rocks have been removed from the water feature at Primrose Park and replaced with artificial turf, a cooling center was activated at the Community Center at Live Oak Park and pest infested trees are showing signs of rejuvenation along Temple City Boulevard.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if EV charging station rates are consistent in various cities and if one can pay with a debit or credit card.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that charging station rates vary by company. He stated that payment for the EV stations at Primrose Park could be made with the ChargePoint application that can be used from your smart phone.

Commissioner Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for an update regarding the Youth Master Plan, if there was an expiration for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and how the public is notified that the City is operating a cooling center.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that a timeline to present to the Youth Master Plan needs to be discussed before presenting

to the City Council, an expiration date exists to use the allocation for ARPA and that the cooling center at Live Oak Park is indicated on the Los Angeles County map, the City's social media platforms and those registered on the senior database are notified.

Commissioner Haddad suggested to use ARPA allocation funding to improve playgrounds, replace benches and trash cans along the commercial corridor and place signage prohibiting skateboards and bicycles along Las Tunas Drive. She concluded by asking Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if text alerts could be sent to residents providing City based updates.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that he will follow up with Public Safety Officer Ariizumi and various agencies for more information regarding City based text updates.

Chair Tarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if there has been an increase of vandalization at the parks.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that recently vandalization has occurred at the baseball fields at Live Oak Park and men's restroom at Temple City Park. He reported that no vandalism incidents have occurred at Primrose Park.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City has considered installing security cameras at the parks.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that at this time there are no plans to install security cameras. He stated that discussion regarding the use of ARPA funding will be brought forth to the City Council at their first meeting of October. He stated that he would like to use funding to improve the playgrounds at Temple City Park and Live Oak Park with new surfacing materials, seating areas, drinking fountains and playgrounds.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI - None

B. COMMISSIONER HADDAD - None

C. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City is going to host an in person Halloween event. She commented that she enjoyed this season's Summer Concert in the Park series.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City will return to holding an in person Halloween event adjacent to the basketball courts at Live Oak Park with activities including carnival games and trunk or treat.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON VANCE - None

E. CHAIRPERSON TARIN – Echoed the comments made by fellow Commissioner Rosso regarding this season's Summer Concerts in the Park series. He added that he observed pre-pandemic enthusiasm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Jose Tarin, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary