PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 15, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Acting Chair Vance

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baroldi, Haddad, Rosso, Vance,

ALSO PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas, Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

Commissioner Haddad made a motion to excuse Chair Tarin for due cause. Seconded by Commissioner Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Acting Chair Vance 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 Haddad moved to approve the Consent Calendar and found the action item exempt from review of CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3), seconded by Commissioner Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS
Action: Approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Aging will be held on April 25, 2023. She stated that they received applications for the two open seats on the Committee and will be finalized at the April meeting. The Older American of the Year nomination deadline has passed and have been forwarded to Council for selection.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters provided a PowerPoint Presentation and verbal staff report. She then opened the item for discussion.

Commissioner Rosso asked Secretary Venters if other cities provide rides outside of their city boundaries, if there could be negative affects if rides were allowed to restaurants within the Home Depot Shopping Center and if the suggestion regarding rides to the City of Duarte included specific destinations.

Secretary Venters stated that most cities keep their ridership services local, however every city has their own boundaries of service. She stated that services such as Metro Micro and the El Monte bus station can be used as an expansion of Dial-A-Ride services. She stated ridership availability would likely not be impacted if rides to restaurants within the Home Depot Shopping Center were allowable. She concluded that the suggestion for rides to the City of Duarte did not include specific locations.

Commissioner Haddad asked Secretary Venters how many Dial-A-Ride members the City has and clarification regarding those who have rated Dial-A-Ride boundaries as poor. Stated that she would be in favor of expanding rides to the Los Angeles County Arboretum, Savers Thrift Store and restaurants withing the Home Depot Shopping Center.

Secretary Venters stated that since the genesis of the Dial-A-Ride program the City holds approximately three thousand memberships. She reiterated that most of the public find the current boundaries of service either excellent or good.

Commissioner Baroldi stated that he is in favor of expanding services to include rides to the Los Angeles County Arboretum, restaurants in the Home Depot Shopping Center and Savers Thrift Store.

Commissioner Haddad asked Ms. Gamez if there have been complaints regarding hours of operation and how many vans operate daily.

Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Lead, Southland Transit stated that no complaints have been submitted regarding hours of service provided and two to three vans provide rides daily.

Acting Chair Vance asked Ms. Gamez if expansion could create an increase in the cost of the contract.

Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Lead, Southland Transit stated that expanding rides to areas adjacent to the City's border would not cause an increase in the cost of the contract.

Secretary Venters asked Ms. Gamez what additional services provided by Southland Transit could cause an increase the cost of the contract.

Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Lead, Southland Transit stated that extended hours of operation, increased amount of vehicles or long distance expansion would create an increase in the cost of contract.

Commissioner Rosso stated that she would be in favor of allowing Dial-A-Ride to take passengers to Sam's Club.

Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Lead, Southland Transit stated that the Commission may want to consider that members will not have assistance to bring purchased items to their door which may be problematic for seniors.

Commissioner Haddad moved to receive and file the staff report and to allow rides to Savers Thrift Store, restaurants within the Home Depot Shopping Center and the Los Angeles County Arboretum and found the action item exempt from review of CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3), seconded by Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. FEBRURY PROGRAMMING RECAP

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas provided a verbal update regarding various youth sports programs held by the City. She highlighted there are 292 youth enrolled in the Youth Basketball program and Track and Field is at full capacity. She stated that STARS Club currently has 96 participants and concluded by providing a summary of the Lunar New Year Event.

Acting Chair Vance asked Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas what action the City takes for low enrollment classes and the age demographic for Intermediate Cha Cha and Crayola Art classes.

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas stated that Intermediate Cha Cha is for adults and Crayola Art is intended for youth. She stated that that if a class has insufficient enrollment the City may cancel the class and retry the class at a later date.

Commissioner Haddad moved to receive and file the February Programing Recap and found the action item exempt from review of CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3), seconded by Commissioner Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL- REPAINTING OF PERFORMING ARTS PAVILION RAILINGS

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas introduced Jeffrey Tang to the Commission and invited him to provide a PowerPoint presentation and summary of his request.

Jeffrey Tang, Troop 832 briefed the Commission of his request to repaint the railings on the Performing Arts Pavilion located at Temple City Park. In his presentation he included photographs of the areas that would require improvement, phases, timeline, cost, supplies and safety precautions. He concluded that the purpose of his request is to preserve the quality of the Performing Arts Pavilion and to attain Eagle Scout status with the Boy Scouts of America.

Commissioner Rosso asked Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas and Mr. Tang if repainting the Performing Arts Pavilion will interfere with the Summer Concerts in the Park Series and if insurance would be obtained for volunteers.

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas stated that the repainting of the Performing Arts Pavilion will not interfere with Summer Concerts in the Park Series.

Jeffrey Tang, Troop 832 stated that he believes that volunteers will sign a waiver that holds the City harmless should an emergency occur.

Commissioner Baroldi asked Mr. Tang if the rusted areas of the Performing Arts Pavilion will be touched up.

Jeffrey Tang, Troop 832 stated that the rusted portions of the railings are included in his proposed project.

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas added that the Parks Maintenance staff will oversee the project to ensure proper preparation and paint.

Commissioner Rosso followed up about the volunteers and liability and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas stated that the City has volunteer waivers.

Acting Chair Vance asked Mr. Tang to clarify the process of repainting the pavilion.

Jeffrey Tang, Troop 832 stated that the proposed project will entail the repainting of the railings of the pavilion. He stated that the entire railing will be cleaned and sanded where it is necessary. He stated that once the pavilion has been cleaned and sanded two coats of paint will be applied. He stated that the paint that will be used is traditional two in one paint and primer. He thanked the Commission, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas and Director Matsumoto for allowing him to propose the project.

Commissioner Baroldi moved to approve the repainting of the Performing Arts Pavilion and found the action item exempt from review of CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3), seconded by Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas briefed the Commission regarding the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast event, Spring camp and senior meals.

Commissioner Rosso asked Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas what would happen if it rained during the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast event.

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casillas stated that slight inclement weather would not affect the event.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Thanked Mr. Tang for his presentation and looks forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

B. COMMISSIONER HADDAD – Stated that she is looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast and thanked Mr. Tang.

C. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Thanked Mr. Tang for his presentation and is also looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON VANCE – Thanked Mr. Tang for his presentation.

E. CHAIRPERSON TARIN – Absent.

12. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Cynthia Vance

Cindy Vance, Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters

Jennifer Venters, Secretary