PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Vance

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

4. **PRESENTATIONS** – Introduced and welcomed Youth Committee Members Christa Wong and Evelyn Lam to the Commission Meeting.

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 Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Rosso, Tarin, Haddad, Vance
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 meeting of the Committee on Aging will occur Tuesday, October

24, 2023. He stated that items discussed will include action items for the upcoming year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that STARS Club continues at four locations with 98 students enrolled for the fall term. He stated that current youth sports programs include mini sports blitz and volleyball. He stated that currently the City is accepting registration for youth basketball. He added that currently 203 participants have enrolled thus far and the City is exploring options for volunteer coaches and/or additional staffing to fill the demand of high enrollment. He stated that the Movies in the Park series event has concluded at Temple City Park. He stated that he has observed stronger public attendance and noted that Temple City Park is an ideal location for the event series as sports programing at Live Oak Park is not impacted. He concluded by updating the Commission of the upcoming Halloween Carnival on October 31.

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 announced that the concept design for the playground renovations at Live Oak Park and Temple City Park were approved by the City Council on September 25. He stated that the City Council will include additional seating and clear panels on the slide as part of the design per suggestion of the Commission. He stated that the City Council also approved the budget for the construction phase and authorized phase two with SWA. He stated that the City has submitted the order for the new playground equipment and is currently waiting for the ship date.

Commissioner Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if discussion by the City Council included the length of the slide and refurbishing the picnic shelters at Live Oak Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the length of the slide was addressed at the manufacturer level. He stated that the City Council directed staff to explore options to repaint the picnic shelter. He

asked the Commission if there were additional comments or questions regarding the playground renovation update.

The Commission had no further comment or questions.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that parade, dignitary speeches and activities during the Centennial Celebration was well attended. He stated that the City is planning a Temple City Day on March 23, at the Homestead Museum. He stated that the Homestead Museum highlights the history of the San Gabriel Valley and families who founded cities. He stated that interviews for the currently vacant Parks and Recreation Coordinator position will be conducted on October 25. He stated that new positions approved by the City Council (Parks and Trees Supervisor and Parks and Trees Apprentice) are ready for recruitment. He stated that the City interviewed two applicants to fill the position of Tree Trimmer, however neither candidate met qualifications. He stated that the City will be reopening the recruitment and expand advertising. He stated that the City has reviewed the first firing of the tiles for the mural at Primrose Park and will conduct a final inspection in November. He stated that the Autumn Festival in partnership with World Journal took place on September 16 and 17 with an increase in population and vendors. He stated that the Veterans Day Event will take place on Saturday November 11, from 10:30 a.m. until approximately noon with a ceremony, dignitary speeches, recognition of veterans and lunch for all those who attend. He added that the City will bring back the field of flags for the Veterans Day event. He stated that the City is exploring options to mitigate facility issues at Temple City Park regarding vandalism and sewer lines. He concluded by reporting a recent power outage at Primrose Park has been resolved.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation if the restrooms are closed at 10 p.m.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto confirmed that the restrooms are closed at 10 p.m., however vandalism and sewer issues remain.

Commissioner Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City has explored options to remodel the bathrooms in a way that would reduce vandalism and if grant funding or Measure A funding could be used.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that grant funding may be available, however the Commission would need to discuss allocation. He stated that Measure A funding carries over to the following year if funding was not used. He stated that certain specifications are required to use Measure A funding.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the Parks and Recreation Department are responsible for maintaining park restrooms.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto confirmed that the Parks and Recreation Department are responsible for maintaining park restrooms.

Commissioner Tarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto how often the restroom at Primrose Park is vandalized and if the City has considered expanding pickleball beyond tennis court seven.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that vandalism occurs less at Primrose Park, however the City has observed transients locking themselves in the restroom for extended periods of time. He stated that there are programmed uses for the tennis courts and prefers to observe the conversion of the pickleball court before converting additional tennis courts.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Stated that he is pleased that the Centennial Celebration went well and is looking forward to attending the Halloween Carnival.

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Stated that she is looking forward to participating in the prize patrol at the Halloween Carnival. She asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if he knew what business would replace Right Aid.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that there is not a confirmed new business at that location.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Stated that he enjoyed the Centennial Celebration and welcomed the Youth Committee members who attended the Commission meeting.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Complemented the Centennial Celebration and expressed that she is looking forward to the Halloween Carnival.

E. CHAIRPERSON VANCE – Commented that she received positive feedback regarding the Centennial Celebration.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Cynthia Vance, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary