PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 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** - 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 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** - None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. OCTOBER PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that Cleminson Elementary School has engaged with El Monte School District to provide

full program funding for students and the City is exploring shared use agreements to implement STARS Club at Emperor Elementary School. He then provided an update regarding the conclusion of Fall Sports Blitz, upcoming SCMAF tournament for Youth Volleyball and enrollment progress for Youth Basketball. He provided a summary of activities that occurred at the Halloween Carnival highlighting approximately 45,000 candies distributed, expanded footprint, trunk or treat participation, photo opportunities, bike raffle by Kiwanis and costume prize patrol. He concluded by thanking those who attended the Halloween Carnival and participated in the prize patrol. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Commissioner Rosso suggested additional medals and candy for the prize patrol and advance registration for wristbands.

Vice-Chair Haddad stated that she and her family enjoyed the Halloween Carnival and asked if the City will hold a Winter Camp.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto concurred with the suggestion made by Commissioner Rosso. He stated that the City will hold a Winter Camp, however enrollment is full.

The Commission had no additional comments or questions at this time.

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 the City celebrated Veterans Day with a wonderful keynote speech, flyover and performance by the Brighter Side Singers. He stated that Lights on Temple City will take place on December 1, from 5-9 p.m. at Temple City Park with performances by Temple City High School Band, traditional activities and parade. He stated that staff is seeking judges for the Holiday Decorating Contest on December 12-13. He encouraged the Commission to reach out to himself or Secretary Venters to participate as a judge. He stated that the City has selected a new Parks and Recreation Coordinator to begin employment in December. He stated that the new Parks and Recreation Coordinator will spearhead the City's Youth Sports Program, LEAD program and a portion of events. He stated that the City will soon be interviewing for the positions of Tree Trimmer Parks and Trees Supervisor. He added that Public Safety Officer Ariizumi has accepted a position with a neighboring City. He stated

that the unveiling of the tile mural and bronze statues at Primrose Park will take place on December 9, alongside a community plant day. He stated bids to convert tennis court seven to a pickleball court is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on December 5. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Vice-Chair Haddad requested that the Commission discuss possible Capitol Improvement Projects for the upcoming fiscal year as well as options to remodel the restrooms to prevent vandalism.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that vandalism in the restrooms have declined significantly, however he can explore Capitol Improvement Projects for the Commission to consider.

The Commission had no further comment or questions.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Stated that he enjoyed the Veterans Day event particularly the keynote speech and is looking forward to upcoming events.

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Stated that she enjoyed the Halloween Carnival and asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for the tree species planted along Rosemead Boulevard.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the trees along Rosemead Boulevard are London Planes.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Echoed the comments of his fellow commissioners and noted that he enjoyed the Brighter Side Singers performance.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Stated that she is looking forward to the Lights on Temple City event. She inquired about a malfunction last year regarding tree lighting ceremony.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that staff used a dummy switch from the stage for the lighting of the tree. She stated that the timing was off last year resulting in what appeared to be a delay.

E. CHAIRPERSON VANCE – Stated that she has received positive feedback regarding the Senior Lunch program. She asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the military flags were raised per branch and for additional information regarding the conversion of tennis court seven to a pickleball court.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that all military flags were at full mass at the same time. He stated that the City Council will consider the bid approval to convert the tennis court seven to a pickleball court. He stated that if approved, the conversion is targeted to be complete in January 2024.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Cynthia Vance

Cynthia Vance, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters

Jennifer Venters, Secretary