PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Vance

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Rosso, Tarin, Haddad, Vance

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

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

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

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 Vice-Chair Haddad and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS
Action: Approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto reported to the Commission that STARS Club operates at four sites with over 100 students enrolled, Winter Camp begins December 26, and that Parks and Recreation is moving forward with the LEAD program. He stated that the LEAD program is designated to educate middle and high school students on community service, life skills and volunteer opportunities. He stated that Youth Volleyball concluded during the month of November and Youth Basketball games will begin in January. He asked the Commission if they had questions or comments.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation who operates the LEAD program and for the duties of each Parks and Recreation Coordinator.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jimenez manages the LEAD program and STARS Club, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Ramos-Ruiz manages senior programs, contract classes and facility rentals and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Torres oversees Youth Sports and the volunteer program. He concluded that each Parks and Recreation Coordinator oversees specific special events.

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

B. REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (TCASA) FOR RESERVED USE OF LIVE OAK PARK SOFTBALL FIELD AND HANGING BANNERS

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that before the Commission is an annual request for the use of the softball field at Live Oak Park and hang banners. He stated that the same request has been made in the past and approved by the Commission. He asked the Commission if they had questions.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if it is necessary for the Commission to approve reserved use of the softball field if TCASA has less than 51 percent of participants residing in Temple City.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the Commission is required to review the request as stated in the Temple City Municipal Code.

Vice-Chair Haddad asked a representative of TCASA for the current percentage of Temple City residents.

TCASA Representative, stated that approximately 30 percent of participants are Temple City residents.

Chair Vance opened the item for public comment.

TCASA Representative thanked the Commission for their consideration.

Chair Vance closed the item for public comment.

Commissioner Rosso moved to approve a request from TCASA for reserved use of the softball field at Live Oak Park from January – July 2024 for their spring season and post season, hanging of sponsor and registration banners and waive the 51% residency requirement for reserved use of the field. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE (TCALL) FOR RESERVED USE OF LIVE OAK PARK BASEBALL FIELD AND HANGING BANNERS

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the request before the Commission is for use of the baseball field and to hang banners. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Vice-Chair Haddad asked for the percentile of participating Temple City residents.

TCALL Representative, stated that 40 percent of participants are Temple City residents.

Chair Vance opened the item for public comment. No one came forth at this time. Chair Vance closed the item for public comment.

Commissioner Rosso moved to approve a request form TCALL for reserved use of the baseball field at Live Oak Park from January – July 2024 for their spring season, hanging of sponsor and registration banners and waive the 51% residency requirement for reserved use of the field. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioner – Rosso, Tarin, Haddad, Vance
NOES:	Commissioner – None
ABSENT:	Commissioner – Baroldi
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 stated that the City Council approved funding for the full conversion of tennis court seven to a pickleball court and provided authorization to open bids for the playground renovation and award contract. He stated that Temple City Park will break ground in March and open by June 2024 whereas Live Oak Park will break ground in June 2024 and open at the beginning of 2025. He stated that the current playground at Live Oak Park is undergoing a partial demolition, however the small playground designated for children ages two through five and exercise equipment will remain. He stated that the Lights on Temple City event had a great turnout with the traditional parade, activities, arts and crafts, train ride and pictures with Santa. He stated that on December 9, a community planting day and unveiling of the mural and bronze statues took place at Primrose Park. He stated that the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest on December 12 and 13 have been notified and invited to be recognized at the City Council Meeting of January 16, 2024. He announced that Nina Torres has begun employment as Parks and Recreation Coordinator who has background experience with the Jurupa Community Services District. He stated that a second round of interviews for the Parks and Trees Assistant position are scheduled.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if lighting will be included in the pickleball court conversion.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that lighting is not included in the pickleball court conversion.

Vice-Chair Haddad suggested holiday music to make the parade more festive.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City can explore options to incorporate music along the parade route.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Absent.

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Stated that it was interesting being a judge for the Holiday Decorating Contest and requested that Bob Westgate be in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Echoed the comments made by fellow Commissioner Rosso. He stated that the Lights on Temple City Event was decorated the best he had recalled observing and complemented the mural and bronze statues at Primrose Park.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Echoed the comments made by fellow Commissioner Rosso.

E. CHAIRPERSON VANCE – Thanked Secretary Venters for organizing the Holiday Decorating Contest and wished everyone Happy Holidays. She concluded that Bob Westgate will be missed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Cynthia Vance, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary