PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baroldi, Rosso, Tarin, Haddad

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

ABSENT: Chair Vance

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

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Acting Chair Haddad 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
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – Vance
ABSTAIN: Commissioner – None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Action: Approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. JANUARY PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that STARS Club currently is in second session operating La Rosa, Cloverly, Longden, and Cleminson, the LEAD program included 20 participants at their meeting in January, playoffs are approaching in youth basketball program and registration for youth soccer and track and field will take place later this month. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

The Commissioners did not have questions at this time, therefore filed and received the report.

B. HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST PROGRAM REVIEW

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a verbal presentation of the staff report detailing the process of the Holiday Decorating Contest. He stated at the previous Commission meeting input received included rescheduling the Holiday Decorating Contest judging to the third week of December, cancelling the December Commission meeting to judge decorated homes and business, amending the quadrant borders and providing examples of standout residences. He then asked the Commission to for input.

Commissioner Rosso stated that judges should be provided examples of standout residences to provide a base standard for judges. She stated that she is open to extend judging opportunities to additional Commissions.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he would be in favor of cancelling the Commission Meeting in December to judge, judging during the third week of December, staff providing examples of standout residences and extending an invite to additional Commissions for the judging process. He concluded by suggesting that the public could nominate residences and businesses.

Commissioner Baroldi stated that he would be in favor of staff canvasing quadrants prior to judging.

Acting Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if expansion of judges could include other Commissions and City

Departments, how many passengers a Dial A Ride van will hold, and how long it takes to canvas the City.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that if the judging process is expanded to all Commissions there may be too many judges to fit in one Dial A Ride van. He stated that during the pandemic staff utilized option one to seek standout homes and sent a survey to the City Council and Commission. He stated that option two includes a route of preselected homes and businesses for judges to view. He concluded by asking the Commission if they had a consensus between option one or option two.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he prefers to move the judging date closer to Christmas with preselected homes.

Commissioner Baroldi stated that he is in favor of option two.

Commissioner Rosso stated that she also is in favor of option two.

Acting Chair Haddad stated that she concurs with her fellow Commissioners and prefers option two.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that staff typically will conduct the Holiday Decorating Contest during the second week of December to ensure the winning residences and business are free of code violation and to deliver the winning lawn signs and ornaments prior to the Christmas holiday.

Acting Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto how the public is notified of the Holiday Decorating Contest.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City advertises in the Connect Magazine, the City's website and hangs a street banner advertising the event along Las Tunas Drive. He stated that the Commission may or may not be able to cancel a Commission Meeting depending on if there are action items on the agenda.

Commissioner Rosso asked Secretary Venters for the number of homes selected during the judging process.

Secretary Venters stated that approximately ten residences were judged per quadrant.

Commissioner Tarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City has received complaints that the judging process occurs too early.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that there have not been complaints about the judging process occurring too early.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he is in favor of judging during the second week of December.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that it is the consensus from the Commission to provide examples of standout homes, judge residences and businesses during the second week of December and have staff preselect standout homes and businesses.

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 City Council action items include City approving a joint use agreement between the City and Temple City Unified School District and approval of a resolution to access Proposition 68 funds used for CIP projects for park improvements in the amount of $200,000. He stated that the Camellia Festival will take place during the last weekend of February. He stated that the Camellia Festival Parade will include participation from the City's Sister City, Hualien County. He stated that the senior meal program now includes a meal to go program providing seven frozen meals and fresh fruit distribution on Tuesdays, through June 26, 2024 as part of a pandemic based program. He stated that the demolished 5 – 12 year old play area at Live Oak Park has been replaced with grass, the exercise equipment surface replaced with engineered wood fiber and rubberized flooring repaired. He stated that the small playground structure will remain until the renovation project begins In later summer 2024. He stated that the groundbreaking ceremony for Temple City Park will take place on March 9, 2024. He stated that the playground renovation for Temple City Park will begin mid-March and be completed before summer concerts begin. He stated on March 23, the City will be hosting Temple City Day at the Homestead Museum in the City of Industry. He stated that the City will be providing free rides to the Homestead Museum through Southland Transit every half hour for the duration of the event.

Commissioner Rosso asked if seniors must financially qualify for the lunch program and if registration is required for rides to the Homestead Museum.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the senior lunch program is age based as opposed to income based. He stated that registration for rides to the Homestead Museum is not required.

Commissioner Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City has designated a CIP project for Prop 68 and if the Pickleball Court project has been completed.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City may have the opportunity to use funding for new open space such as tennis courts, Community Center restoration or restroom refurbishment. He stated that due to inclement weather, the Pickleball Court project has not been completed.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Stated that he is looking forward to the Camellia Festival and congratulated Mrs. Tarin for being Grand Marshal.

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Asked for the start date for the Summer Concerts in the Park and when the Committee on Aging Report Card would be presented to the City Council.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that Summer Concerts in the Park will begin on June 12 and will consult with the City Manager to agendize the Committee on Aging Report Card.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN - Stated that he is looking forward to the Camellia Festival.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON HADDAD - Stated that she is also looking forward to the Camellia Festival.

E. CHAIRPERSON VANCE - Absent

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kristel Haddad, Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary