PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 20, 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, Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Manager Southland Transit, and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

ABSENT: Chair Vance

Commissioner Rosso made a motion to excuse Chair Vance for due cause. Seconded by Commissioner Baroldi 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 Baroldi moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Rosso 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

A. HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto reviewed the parameters of the proposed amendments to the Holiday Decorating Contest. He stated that proposed changes include providing examples of standout homes, preselection of standout residences and businesses by staff and canvassing all quadrants over the course of one evening. He concluded by asking the Commission if they had questions or comments regarding the proposed changes to the Holiday Decorating Contest.

Commissioner Tarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto when the Holiday Decorating judging will take place.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the judging will take place during the second week of December.

The Commission had no further questions or comments, therefore received, and filed the report.

B. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that the City is exploring adding Emperor Elementary School to STARS Club sites. He stated that the LEAD Program currently has 23 youth enrolled who volunteered at the Camelia Festival, took a field trip to West Basin Water District and enjoyed a guest speaker from AQMD. He stated that Youth Basketball has concluded with two teams participating in SCMAF tournaments, there are 83 participants enrolled in youth soccer at Live Oak Park and Track and field registration is full. He asked the Commission if they had questions or comments.

Acting Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if any schools in Temple City have a swimming pool have to allow an aquatics program.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that Temple City High School has a swimming pool. He stated that working alongside an established aquatics entity would be the quickest way to have an aquatics program.

The Commission had no further comments or questions, therefore received, and filed the report.

B. REVIEW OF DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters provided a verbal and PowerPoint presentation of the staff report. She highlighted the results of the Dial-A-Ride Survey and suggestions made by current members. She concluded by asking the Commission for comments or questions.

Commissioner Rosso asked Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters how many people responded to the survey, how the surveys were made available to the public and if multiple people responded that they were not satisfied with the service provided by Southland Transit.

Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters stated that approximately 28 surveys were submitted, surveys were made available through the City's website, at various physical locations and were mailed to members who recently used the service. She concluded that one person did not appear to be satisfied with the services provided by Southland Transit.

Commissioner Tarin asked for clarification regarding updated Dial-A-Ride membership.

Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Manager Southland Transit, stated that Southland Transit created membership numbers as an additional way to verify membership for Temple City residents.

Acting Chair Haddad asked Ms. Gamez if it would be possible to have a Chinese speaking dispatcher.

Michelle Gamez, Senior Project Manager Southland Transit, stated that it would be possible to employ a Chinese speaking dispatcher. She stated that currently Southland Transit uses a language line that the dispatchers can access.

Acting Chair Haddad asked Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters if the additional locations suggested by residents were addressed previously.

Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters stated that suggested additional locations are similar to the suggested locations the previous year and have been addressed.

The Commission had no further questions or comments, therefore received, and filed the report.

C. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA** - None

D. **UPDATE FROM PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

A. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto announced that at the reorganization of the City Council held March 19, 2024, Tom Chavez was appointed as Mayor, Vincent Yu as Mayor Pro Tempore and Ed Chen joined the City Council. He then provided an update regarding improvements made at Live Oak Park, Primrose Park and Temple City Park. He stated that improvements made to Live Oak Park include completion of the pickleball court and rubberized surface repair in the playground. He stated that the City will continue to use Mike Tauber for the artwork at Primrose Park. He noted that the monarch butterfly bench is scheduled to be installed in May completing the public art at Primrose Park. He stated that Temple City Park held a groundbreaking event for the new playground. He stated that the new playground should be completed prior to the beginning of the concerts in the park series. He stated that new California native plants have been placed facing Las Tunas and surrounding the Walter P. Temple bust by Piper Hales-Moore to achieve her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. He stated that upcoming City events include Temple City Day at the Homestead Museum and Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. He stated that both events will take place rain or shine with family-related activities for all to enjoy. He stated that the City received two nominations for the Older American of the Year Award. He stated that the winner will be recognized at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and recognition event held at Live Oak Park. Lastly, he updated the Commission regarding the wind event of March 14, recognizing the City's field crew who worked diligently to return the City to order.

Commissioner Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto how the City handles damage to property by a publicly owned tree.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that there is a claims process by the City.

E. **COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA**

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Expressed gratitude toward staff who helped during the wind event.

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Stated that pickleball participants expressed their appreciation to the Commission at the pickleball court grand opening. She then asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the pancake

breakfast will we have different size plates and if the price will remain the same as the previous year.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that adult and child size plates will be provided. He noted that the price of meals has increased one dollar.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Expressed gratitude toward those who worked during the wind event and Camellia Festival.

D. ACTING CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Spoke favorably of the Camellia Festival and the improvements made at Live Oak Park. She stated that she is looking forward to the Easter and Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

E. CHAIRPERSON VANCE - Absent

12. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kristel Haddad, Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary