PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Vance

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baroldi, Rosso, Tarin, Vance

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto, Youth Committee Member Christa Wong and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

ABSENT: Haddad

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

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Rosso, Tarin, Vance
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – Haddad
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 Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Action: Approved.

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS
Action: Approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DECEMBER PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that STARS Club continues to operate at La Rosa, Cloverly, Longden and Cleminson elementary schools with 103 students enrolled, the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program met with students on January 11 and Winter Camp students were entertained with activities, field trips, games and crafts. He stated that the Youth Basketball program started in December. He stated that the top teams and players will participate in SCMAF tournaments in January. He thanked those who helped judge the Holiday Decorating Contest. He stated that each winner was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the City Council, a lawn sign and an ornament. He asked the Commission for suggestions regarding the judging process.

Commissioner Rosso suggested a rubric or PowerPoint presentation to provide examples of standout residences and businesses.

Commissioner Tarin suggested conducting the Holiday Decorating Contest during the week of December 17.

Chair Vance suggested cancelling a Commission Meeting to allow Commissioners to judge the Holiday Decorating Contest and to change the zones to provide additional opportunity for residences to win.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that he would agendize the judging process of the Holiday Decorating Contest for further discussion and direction.

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 of January 16, 2024 included a presentation of the Holiday Decorating Contest winners and awarded contracts for tree maintenance and janitorial services. He stated that the Parks and Trees Assistant position has been filled by Abraham Hernandez to aid the Urban Forestry and Parks Maintenance teams. He stated that the playground structure designated for

5 to 12 year old children has been demolished, whereas the play area designated for 2 to 5 year old children remains at Live Oak Park. He stated that the demolished area has been filled with soil and seeded for grass. He stated during the month of February the City will be accepting Request for Proposals for the Temple City Park playground renovation. He stated that the City plans to break ground in March with a targeted completion date prior to the summer Concerts in the Park series. He stated that upcoming events include Lunar New Year on February 3rd at Temple City Park from noon to 4 p.m. and celebration of Temple City at the Homestead Museum on March 23rd from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI - None

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Welcomed Ms. Wong to the Commission Meeting. She announced that The Book Rack is selling books at half price as the business is closing, she updated a friend regarding Committee on Aging activities and that she has a friend who is willing to provide a walker or wheelchair if a donation is made to the Los Angeles City Library.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Welcomed Ms. Wong to the Commission Meeting. He stated that he would like to note the passing of Mr. Westgate, what he represented to the City and that he will be missed.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Absent.

E. CHAIRPERSON VANCE – Spoke favorably of the LEAD Program. She stated that the Holiday events went well and thanked staff for their work.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

for

Acting Chair Haddad for Cynthia Vance, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary