PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 15, 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, Girl Scout Piper Hales-Moore and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Acting Chair Haddad led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Recognition of Girl Scout Piper Hales-Moore for Completion of their Silver Award Project at Temple City Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto introduced Piper Hales-Moore to the Commission, recognizing them for completion of their Silver Award Project at Temple City Park. Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting their landscape contribution at Temple City Park. He thanked Mx. Hales-Moore and their team for beautifying the City.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Joshua Tran, Resident, stated that due to the high volume of Pickleball participants the Commission should consider installing lights along the court area. He stated that lack of lighting causes concern for safety.

Steve Pham, Resident, stated that many pickleball players cannot play during the day. He stated that multiple sports have evening lighting and felt that it would be fair that the Pickleball participants have lit courts.

Alex Larson, Resident, requested that the Commission consider allowing lit Pickleball courts until 9 p.m. She stated that the purpose of the request is to allow community members who work and go to school during the day to be able to play Pickleball in the evening.

David Ngo, Resident, stated that there is a need for lighting at the Pickleball court to allow children to play in the evening.

Tiffany Guiterrez, Resident, stated that additional lighting along the Pickleball courts would accommodate and ensure safety for those who are elderly, young, vision impaired or disabled. She stated additional lighting would not create any more light pollution and/or noise pollution that occurs during evening baseball games. She concluded that the Pickleball community is considerate and respectful.

Resident, spoke in favor of lit Pickleball courts until 9 p.m. to allow daytime working adults and children to be able to play.

Acting Chair Haddad stated that non agendized items cannot be discussed by the Commission, however the publics comments can be taken into consideration.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that consideration of additional lighting along the Pickleball courts can be agendized for discussion at a future meeting.

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 – 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. AYSO REQUEST FOR HANGING CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a verbal presentation of the staff report. He stated that the proposed banner is not for sponsorship

purposes but to highlight Region 98 for winning the 2023 AYSO National Championship.

Julio Sanchez, AYSO Region 98, thanked the Commission for their consideration. He stated that he would like to publicly recognize his team for their accomplishment.

Commissioner Rosso moved to approve a request to allow AYSO hang a championship banner along the tennis court, seconded by Commissioner Baroldi and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. APRIL PROGRAMMING RECAP

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that STARS Club is presently in session three at four sites, the LEAD program is currently focusing on public speaking, twenty Track and Field participants will compete in San Diego, and Youth and Mini Soccer is currently in session with 104 participants. He continued the City held two events on April 20, 2024, Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration and Temple City's Got Talent. He stated that the Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration was held at Live Oak Park with various activities and Temple City's Got Talent was held at La Rosa Elementary School with twelve acts. He concluded that registration is currently open for Summer Sports Blitz. He asked the Commissioners if they had questions or comments.

The Commission did not have questions or comments, therefore received and filed the report.

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 at their meeting of May 7, the City Council declared May as Older American month and received a report provided by the Committee on Aging regarding their accomplishments. He stated that Cindy Vance who served as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner since 2016 has submitted her resignation. He

stated that a recognition of her service will be provided by the City Council tentatively on June 4, 2024. He stated that during the month of May, Annette Constantino will be recognized as Temple City Older American of

the Year by the County of Los Angeles and the City. He stated that an in-house recognition for Ms. Constantino will be held on May 25, 2024. He stated that the footing for the new playground has been installed at Temple City Park, the Request for Proposals for the playground renovation at Live Oak Park has been extended to May 21, and public art improvements will soon be completed at Primrose Park. He stated that Keven Magana has been selected as Parks and Trees Supervisor. He stated that Mr. Magana has an extensive background in parks and trees. He concluded that the City will be holding live performances at no cost to the City at the Live Oak Park Community Center weekly through the months of May and June. He asked the Commission if they had questions or comments.

Acting Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto when the playground renovation will be completed at Temple City Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that a grand opening of the playground is scheduled to take place on June 12, 2024.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Congratulated Mx. Hales-Moore for achieving their Silver Award. He also congratulated Ms. Vance for her service to the Parks and Recreation Commission and wishes her well.

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO – Echoed the comments made by fellow Commissioner Baroldi. She stated that she was pleased to see a large group of people speak in regards to Pickleball.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Echoed the comments made by his fellow Commissioners. He then congratulated AYSO 98 for their accomplishment and Pickleball players for vocalizing their desire for lighting.

D. ACTING CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Echoed the comments made by her fellow Commissioners. She stated that the Pickleball community has been heard and the item will be agendized for a future meeting. Stated that she would like to recognize Ms. Vance for her time served on the Commission.

12. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kristel Haddad, Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary