PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Haddad

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Burroughs, Tarin, Rosso, Haddad

ABSENT: Commissioner Baroldi

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto, Community Development Director Reimers, Erin Stone 11:11 Projects (remotely), and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

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

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

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

4. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

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

Jerry Jambazian, 9136 Las Tunas Dr., – Expressed concern regarding parking at Live Oak Park, particularly for the disabled and elderly. He then presented photographs of the Live Oak Park parking lot suggesting that a ramp be installed for disabled persons to access the park and additional disabled parking.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Chair Rosso moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Burroughs, Tarin, Rosso, Haddad
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. 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 provided a verbal presentation of the staff report. He stated that the current request is the same request approved by the Commission previously. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the athletic fields at Live Oak Park are closed until February.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that TCASA would only utilize the softball field and not have access to the athletic field during closure.

The Commission had no further comments or questions, therefore Chair Haddad opened the item for public comment. No members of the public came forth at this time. Chair Haddad closed the item for public comment.

Vice Chair Rosso moved to approve a request from Temple City Amateur Softball Association (TCASA) for reserved use of Live Oak Park softball field and hanging banners. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. 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 provided a verbal presentation of the staff report. He stated that the request by TCALL is the same request that TCASA had submitted. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that TCALL may have banners hanging prior to their request being approved.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that he will follow up with the TCALL regarding banners.

The Commission had no further comments or questions, therefore Chair Haddad opened the item for public comment. No members of the public came forth at this time. Chair Haddad closed the item for public comment.

Vice Chair Rosso moved to approve a request from Temple City American Little League (TCALL) for reserved use of Live Oak Park baseball field and hanging banners. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. REQUEST FROM AYSO FOR RESERVED USE OF LIVE OAK PARK ATHLETIC FIELDS

Chair Haddad recused herself from the agenda item as her children are enrolled in AYSO. Vice Chair Rosso acted as Chair for the above agenda item.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a verbal presentation of the staff report. He noted that the request had been approved administratively in previous years, however the applicant did not meet the residency requirement this year and requires approval from the Commission. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Commissioner Burroughs asked the applicant to specify the use of the athletic field and if the use of baseball would be impacted.

Public Speaker AYSO – Stated that the use of the athletic fields would be used for all things included in the AYSO Soccer program.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that Live Oak Park could accommodate all organizations without conflict.

The Commission nor the public had further comments or questions, therefore Acting Chair Rosso closed the item for public comment.

Commissioner Burroughs moved to approve a request from AYSO for reserved use of Live Oak Park athletic fields. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. LAS TUNAS DRIVE STREETSCAPE – PUBLIC ART ON UTILITY BOXES REVIEW

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto introduced Community Development Director Reimers to the Commission. He stated that Community Development Director Reimers will be providing a verbal presentation of the staff report and presenting the proposed public art on utility boxes. He noted that Erin Stone, 11:11 Projects is available remotely should the Commission have questions.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that this item is coming before the Commission as the Public Arts Commission. He briefed the Commission regarding the Las Tunas Streetscape Update purposed to beautify the City's downtown area. He stated that the City is striving to improve economic vitality, build on the City's brand, create a pedestrian friendly environment and create uniqueness. He proceeded to brief the Commission regarding future goals to improve the City as well as accomplished goals. He stated that one goal is to beautify the City by creating art on utility boxes. He stated the Commission will be presented thirty pieces of public art proposed to be painted on utility boxes throughout the City. He stated the role of the Commission is to select twenty six pieces of public art. He stated that the City is consulting with 11:11 Projects, a company that has painted murals and over 120 utility boxes in various cities. He stated that 11:11 Projects will work with aspiring and professional artists to ensure that the correct paint is used and that a graffiti coat is applied. He stated that once the art project is complete 11:11 Projects will continue to be available to provide assistance should damage occur. He stated that each art piece is intended to emphasize what makes Temple City unique in comparison to surrounding cities. He stated that profanity and commercial marketing are prohibited. He stated that the twenty-six selections made by

the Commission will be forwarded to the Las Tunas Drive Streetscape Ad Hoc Committee for review in December. He stated that the project once approved by the City Council is targeted to be completed in March of 2025.

Erin Stone, 11:11 Projects – Introduced herself to the Commission, made herself available for comments and questions, and thanked Community Development Director Reimers for a thorough staff report.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Community Development Director Reimers for the lifespan of the artwork and contemplated if the proposed zodiac signs could cause future confusion.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that the City desires a permanent result as the artwork typically would last for several years. He then presented the first four images in the presentation.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she is in favor of public art proposals one through four.

Vice Chair Rosso stated that she is in favor of public art proposal one.

Chair Haddad suggested to have "Temple City" spelled out in public art proposal three and asked for an interpretation of the Chinese Characters in public art proposal four.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that he could work with the artist to remove the characters in public art proposal four.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he is in favor of public art proposals one through four.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto requested that public art proposal two include the City's current logo.

Community Development Director Reimers recommended that public art proposals five through eight be used as a secondary choice.

Commissioner Tarin suggested to replace the word "Rosemead Blvd." with "Las Tunas" if public art proposal six is used and stated that he is in favor of art piece eight.

Chair Haddad asked Community Development Director Reimers if the characters on public art proposal six could be translated.

Public Speaker – Stated that the characters on public art proposal six read "Temple City" in Chinese.

Chair Haddad stated that she could recommend approval of public art proposal eight if the City can work with the artist.

Community Development Director Reimers presented public art proposals nine through twelve. He clarified that the cactus in public art proposal nine ties to the Spanish translation of the cactus and that the Commission could discuss potential confusion in proposed public art images ten through twelve.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he is not in favor of public art proposals ten through twelve.

Vice Chair Rosso concurred with Commissioner Tarin.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she is in favor of public art proposals nine through twelve.

Chair Haddad concurred with Commissioner Burroughs.

Erin Stone, 11:11 Projects – recommended that the Commission keep public art proposals ten through twelve and work with the artist to include additional Chinese zodiac paintings on one box to avoid confusion regarding the purpose of the painting.

Community Development Director Reimers presented public art proposals thirteen through sixteen. He suggested to use public art proposal thirteen as a secondary option.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he is in favor of public art proposal thirteen.

Vice Chair Rosso concurred with Commissioner Tarin.

Chair Haddad asked Community Development Director Reimers for clarification on public art proposal fifteen.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that public art proposal fifteen brings forward the City's gazebo and ranch style houses.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she is in favor of public art proposal fifteen with the omission of the people.

Erin Stone, 11:11 Projects – Stated that public art proposal fifteen has been prioritized because he is a local artist.

Chair Haddad stated that she is in favor of public art proposal thirteen and that proposal sixteen should have the language removed from the teapots.

Community Development Director Reimers presented public art proposals seventeen through twenty. He stated that all presented pieces are recommended to move forward.

Vice Chair Rosso stated that she is not in favor of public art proposal twenty.

Community Development Director Reimers presented public art proposal twenty-one through twenty-four.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she felt uncertain about public art proposal twenty-three however is in favor of public art proposal twenty-four.

Community Development Director Reimers presented public art proposals twenty-five through twenty-eight.

Vice Chair Rosso stated that she is not in favor of public art proposal twenty-six.

Commissioner Tarin stated that he is not in favor of public art proposal twenty-eight.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she is not in favor of public art proposal twenty-six.

Chair Haddad stated that she is not in favor of public art proposals twenty-six and twenty-eight.

Community Development Director Reimers presented public art proposals twenty-nine and thirty.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she does not prefer the skyscrapers on public art proposal twenty-nine.

Chair Haddad stated that modifications should be made to public art proposal twenty-nine.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that his notated comments by the Commission include keeping public art proposal eight with modifications to the sand dune, keep public art proposal thirteen, change or

omit the characters on tea pots on all public art proposals and for all of the zodiac themed pieces to include additional storytelling and various zodiacs. He stated that he noted that the Commission recommends public art proposals five, fourteen, fifteen, twenty, twenty-six and twenty-eight as secondary options.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that she would be willing to include public art proposal fifteen if the color was changed and if the flowers resembled Camellias.

Chair Haddad stated that she is not in favor of public art proposal five, however, would be willing to include piece fifteen with modifications.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Ms. Stone if the artist who created pieces three and twenty-eight would be willing to expand beyond monochromatic art. She secondly asked how the public art proposal was advertised to artists.

Erin Stone, 11:11 Projects – Stated that she believes that the artist would be willing to expand beyond a monochromatic theme or use different colors. She stated that the public art proposal was included on social media, Temple City based art organizations and schools.

Vice Chair Rosso asked Community Development Director Reimers if the City still uses a graffiti removal company.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that the City still uses a graffiti removal company.

The Commission did not additional have comments or questions, therefore Chair Haddad opened the item for public comment.

Mike Chen, Vice President, TCALL - asked Ms. Stone if the schools were involved and if it would be possible for children to be able to submit designs for the public art proposal. He stated that he would like to see sports references on the utility boxes.

Erin Stone, 11:11 Projects – Stated that stated that schools within the City received notification.

Community Development Director Reimers added that the call for the art project has been complete.

Jerry Jambazian, Business Owner – Stated that he would prefer simplistic artwork that includes Walter P. Temple, various City events and the first

float in the Camellia Festival. He stated that children should have been allowed to design pieces and have a professional artist complete the artwork.

Chair Haddad asked Community Development Director Reimers for the timeline for the proposed public art installation.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that the proposed public art project is targeted to be completed in February of 2025.

Vice Chair Rosso asked Community Development Director Reimers if artists would have enough time to modify their work.

Community Development Director Reimers stated that the completion date could be extended.

Commissioner Burroughs moved to recommend that the Ad Hoc Committee approve all Las Tunas Drive Streetscape utility boxes art designs with the exceptions of entries 5,14, 20 and 26 and consider the Commissioners recommendations as noted during discussion. Seconded by Vice Chair Rosso and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. OCTOBER PROGRAMMING REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that twenty-three older adults participated in the City's tech hour program, the Halloween Festival was very successful, Urban Forestry have been tending to grid prunes, and Parks Maintenance installed new exterior LED lighting, repaired vandalism and adjusted timers at the City's parks. He asked the Commission if they had questions or comments regarding the October Programming Report.

Vice Chair Rosso suggested a name badge or shirt to identify volunteers at events.

The Commission did not have comments or questions, 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 City Council approved the Measure A funding program allowing the City to use approximately 1.5 million dollars in allocations to be used administratively. He then updated the Commission regarding new hire Tree Trimmer Martin Rameriz, upcoming Pickleball survey results, Live Oak Park shade structure installation, and RFP update regarding the open space project on Sereno Drive. He updated the Commission regarding the Veterans Day event highlighting the vintage plane flyover, remarks from officials and keynote speaker. He stated that Lights on Temple City will take place the first Friday of December with traditional activities and a new Whoville area. He stated that staff are requesting availability for the upcoming Holiday Decorating Contest. He stated that staff will conduct a pre-evaluation of standout businesses and residences so the judging committee will visit specific addresses. He asked the Commission if they had questions or comments regarding the Directors Report.

Vice Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the open space project on Sereno would be a park or include benches.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the use of the open space will depend on community feedback.

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

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Absent.

B. COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS – Enjoyed the Dios Los Muertos area at the Halloween Festival and is looking forward to the Lights on Temple City event.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Thanked 11:11 Projects for preparing the proposed artwork.

D. VICE CHAIRPERSON ROSSO – Congratulated staff for successful Halloween event.

E. CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Thanked Community Development Director Reimers and the public for attending the Commission meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kristel Haddad, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary