PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Haddad

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baroldi, Burroughs, Tarin, Rosso, Haddad

ABSENT: None

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

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** - None

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Burroughs, Tarin, Rosso, 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. NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that STARS Club concluded session one with 109 participants enrolled, the LEAD program focused on civic engagement, youth volleyball had 61 participants and competed in a SCMAF tournament, the volunteer program hosted a third tech hour class, and youth basketball held evaluations for team placement. He then updated the Commission regarding field staff accomplishments including tree requests, holiday light placement along Las Tunas Drive, light fixture upgrades at Live Oak Park and new banner bracket installation for City banners. He thanked the Commission who attended the Veterans Day event, noting activities that took place. He concluded the report by asking the Commission if they had comments or questions regarding the November Programming Report.

Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if there would be a way to increase the holiday lights or wrap the lights tighter on the trees along Las Tunas Drive.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that additional holiday lighting along Las Tunas Drive would require the Urban Forestry to begin a month in advance. He also addressed vandalism as a source of concern in regard to holiday lighting.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that the City is limited by the available voltage along Las Tunas Drive. She stated that additional lighting may blow out the power.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City could explore alternate elements to enhance holiday decorating. He stated that due to Ficus tree growth rate and aggressive root systems staff need to repair outlets every year. He stated that currently the City replaces or repairs multiple receptacles at the base of the tree.

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 the City Council reviewed the design for the monument sign at Live Oak Park and asked the architect for additional designs. He stated that staff has completed review

of the pilot pickleball program. He stated that the information collection was not significant enough for determination, therefore the study will be extended to six months. He stated that five out of seven shade structures have been installed. He stated that the remaining two shade structures are scheduled to be installed during the last week of December and the playground equipment will start to be installed in January. He stated that the Sereno open space project is under bid review with an award targeted to be awarded in January. He stated that the City's Lights on Temple City event was successful. He added that staff included a new Whoville component which was received well by the public. He stated that the Holiday Decorating Contest took place last week. He stated that the residential winners have been notified and businesses will be notified by weeks end. He thanked those who participated in judging the nominated addresses. He concluded the report by providing an update regarding the upcoming Lunar New Year event. He asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Vice Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the City will post pictures of the winning addresses.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest are displayed on the City's website.

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Stated that he has observed the installed shade structures at Live Oak Park, found judging the Holiday Decorating Contest fun, and is looking forward to the Lunar New Year event.

B. COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS – Complemented the Lights on Temple City event. Stated that she found participating in the Holiday Decorating Contest enjoyable.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Stated that the Lights on Temple City event was wonderful.

D. VICE CHAIRPERSON ROSSO – Echoed comments made by her fellow Commissioners.

E. CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Stated that the Lights on Temple City event was well attended and fun.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Kristel Haddad, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary