PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2025 – 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 and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

Vice Chair Rosso moved to excuse Commissioner Baroldi for 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** - None

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. JANUARY PROGRAMMING REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that Stars Club collectively has a total of 117 participants all sites, the LEAD program resumed in January with 25 students, and youth basketball has 315 youth enrolled. He stated that volunteers from the adult transition program assisted with the senior lunch program and that forty volunteers assisted with the Lunar New Year event. He stated that the Lunar New Year Event consisted of an opening ceremony, celestial drums, live performances, arts and crafts and food samplings. He stated that the Urban Forestry and Park Maintenance teams worked around the clock to focus on clean-up efforts from the wind event. He concluded his report and asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto how often City trees are maintained and what party would be responsible if branches grew into overhead lines.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that City trees are on a four year grid prune cycle. He stated that Southern California Edison would be responsible for clearing tree branches from overhead lines.

Chair Haddad asked for an update regarding maintaining and/or upgrading the restroom near the snack area at Live Oak Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that staff will work to determine how to move forward in the upkeep and/or upgrades to the restroom.

Mayor Chavez updated the Commission that the City Council approved a new park located at the prior Chamber of Commerce site. He stated that when he was President of the little league, he would be tasked with cleaning the restroom before each game. He also stated that he has received numerous complements regarding the maintenance of Live Oak Park.

The Commission had no further comment 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 at the City Council meeting of February 4, a design agreement for the Sereno Open Space project was approved, tennis court six will be converted to a pickleball court, and future council meetings are in the process to begin at 7:00 p.m. He stated that at the City Council Meeting of February 18, use of the vacant lot at 9050 Las Tunas was approved to be used as park space with a playground. He stated that the City will go through a design process that will include the community as well as the Commission. He stated that the homeless count in partnership with LASHA will take place on February 19, 2025. He stated that the City will hold a pickleball tournament Sunday March 16, with pool play and mixed doubles. He continued his verbal presentation by providing an update regarding the playground renovation project at Live Oak Park indicating that the project should be complete in April. He provided an update regarding the windstorm event recognizing staff and field crews who cleaned debris and worked around the clock to restore the City. He stated that the Camellia Festival will take place February 21 through 23, and the State of the City will take place on February 25, at the Historical Society. He concluded by asking if the Commission would like to consider amending their meeting times to 7:00 p.m. and if they had comments or questions regarding the report.

The Commission unanimously decided that consideration of amending meeting times should be agendized.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto where the community outreach meetings be held for the Sereno Open Space Project, why recommendation for use of tennis court six did not return to the Commission, and if tennis and pickleball players were notified.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the first meeting for the Sereno Open Space Project will be held at the property site, that the City Council felt that sufficient input was provided by the Commission to move forward to make a determination for tennis court six, and that the City used the same outreach efforts as the meeting held by the Commission.

Vice Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if conversion of the tennis court six was approved without lights, if the building

at 9050 Las Tunas Drive would be demolished, if the parking lot would be retained, and if the surrounding residents were able to provide input.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that conversion of court six was approved without additional lights. He stated that the City will contract with a land services company to determine how to best utilize the area. He stated that the public was not included in this process as the land is owned by the City.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the new pickleball court would be ready in time for the tournament.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the new court will not likely be ready by March 16.

Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto when the damaged tennis court gate will be repaired.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the tennis court gate should be repaired within three weeks.

CommissionerTarin asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the playground renovation at Live Oak Park would be completed in time for the Easter event.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto he stated that he would like the playground renovation to be complete prior to the Easter event.

Chair Haddad asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if unused rubberized flooring could be used for the gaga ball pit.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that rubberized flooring is not an ideal material to be used in the gaga ball pit as the surface absorbs impact and would deaden the ball.

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

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Absent.

B. COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS – Thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto and complemented field and Recreation staff for

their efforts during the wind event. She asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if the signage for Live Oak Park has been discussed, why there is a large drain at the new playground site and if the Commission could be notified when there are City Council items that pertain to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City Council has an Ad Hoc Committee to address Live Oak Park signage, a vault drainage system is be being installed at the playground site and that he could notify the Commission when future items regarding Parks and Recreation will be agendized for City Council consideration.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Expressed gratitude toward staff that restored the City during the wind event. He stated that he is looking forward to working with the City during the Camellia Festival.

D. VICE CHAIRPERSON ROSSO – Stated that the Women's Club is celebrating their 100th anniversary and will be walking in the parade.

E. CHAIRPERSON HADDAD – Echoed the comments made by her fellow Commissioners. She stated that she is proud of staff and leadership.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Kristel Haddad, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary