PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19, 2025 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Haddad

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baroldi, Burroughs, Tarin, Rosso

ABSENT: Commissioner - Haddad

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto, Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit, and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

Acting Chair Rosso moved to excuse Chair Haddad for cause, seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Acting Chair Rosso 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 Burroughs moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Baroldi, Burroughs, Tarin, Rosso
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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Secretary Venters provided a verbal presentation of the staff report and PowerPoint of the Dial A Ride Survey results. She stated that the purpose of the Dial A Ride survey is to gather input from members, inform the Commission and discuss whether changes in operation or policy should be made. She highlighted that overall, the survey results for services rendered by Southland Transit are positive therefore staff does not recommend changes to the service provided. She concluded the staff report and stated that Ms. Gamez, Director Matsumoto and herself are available for comments and questions.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Secretary Venters for the total of Dial A Ride Surveys mailed, the total of responses, if alternate options to send and receive surveys have been considered, how many members are on record, and how many members actively use Dial A Ride.

Secretary Venters stated that 279 Dial A Ride Surveys were mailed whereas 21 members responded. She stated that she and Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto have discussed alternative options to send and receive survey results such as through email. She stated that the City has approximately 1,900 Dial A Ride members on file, however there are 214 active users and 170 members who have used services in the last 12 months.

Acting Chair Rosso asked Secretary Venters if cash is the only way for members to pay for rides and if so, would it be possible for members to have the option to pay electronically.

Secretary Venters stated that currently members pay cash for each ride. She stated that Ms. Gamez could speak in regards to electronic payment.

Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit, stated that it would be possible to include an electronic payment system and could discuss such options with the City.

Acting Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if Dial A Ride Surveys are distributed to senior lunch program participants.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that an announcement was made during the senior lunch program requesting Dial A Ride users to complete the survey.

Michelle Gamez, Southland Transit, stated that surveys are also available in their vehicles however most choose not to complete the survey.

Commissioner Burroughs asked Secretary Venters if Dial A Ride is a popular program.

Secretary Venters stated that Dial A Ride continues to be a strong program and is currently trending in more rides provided than previous years.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that typically the City will hear about complaints from members if they are not satisfied with the services provided.

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

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING TIME OF REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided a verbal presentation of the staff report and a draft resolution to amend the starting time of Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He stated that if the Commission approves the resolution as is, the amended meeting time could take effect for the meeting of April 16. He concluded the report and asked the Commission if they had comments or questions.

The Commission unanimously concurred that they are in favor of starting future meetings at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Baroldi made a motion to adopt resolution 25-0001 P&R to amend the Commission Meeting start time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Tarin and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING REPORT

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto provided updates regarding department programming, events and field staff. He stated that Stars Club currently has 117 students, LEAD recognized Black History Month and three teams from the Youth Basketball program will compete in a tournament against other cities. He stated that the City has partnered with Temple City Unified School District to help students earn volunteer hours by providing assistance with the Senior Meal program. He stated that the City held auditions for Temple City's Got Talent event. He stated that the event will take place on March 29 at La Rosa Elementary School. He stated that the Urban Forestry Team continued wind event clean up consisting of tree removals and stump grinding. He stated that that Parks Maintenance team deep cleaned the Live Oak Park baseball and softball field, did irrigation repairs, and provided support for the Camellia Festival. He concluded the report and asked the Commission for comments and questions.

Acting Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto who would be responsible for maintaining the overgrown bushes that come out of residential fences.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated overgrown bushes protruding from residential fences is the responsibility of the property owner.

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 announced that the Older American of the Year has been awarded to former Commissioner Cindy Vance. He stated that the Commission will receive invitations to her recognition on April 5. He stated that tennis court six will be converted to a pickleball court in May. He stated that the City's first pickleball tournament was well received and will likely become an annual event. He stated that the playground renovation at Live Oak Park is targeted to be completed in May. He stated that the Sereno Project began hazmat mitigation and demolition. He stated that the design contract for the Sereno Project has been awarded to SWA. He stated that the City will soon hold a community meeting to gather input particularly targeting surrounding residents. He stated that the City Council after considering several options agreed to convert 9050 Las Tunas into a park space. He concluded the report and asked the Commission for comments and questions.

Acting Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if community input for the Sereno Project will be solicited during the Easter event.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that he would like to gather input from a smaller radius in that location.

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

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSINER BAROLDI – Asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto how the Easter event will be held.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that the City plans to hold the event in the same format as with previous years.

Acting Chair Rosso asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if discussion took place in effort to streamline the long lines for the breakfast during the event.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that staff will now precook the food, pre-plate the food and sell one plate option moving forward.

B. COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS – Stated that she attended the Temple City American Little League (TCALL) ceremony, noting the great condition of the fields. She stated that she observed that the pickleball tournament went well. She concluded that she will not be able to attend the next meeting.

C. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Expressed appreciation toward staff who worked during the Camellia Festival. He noted that he attended the TCALL ceremony, has noticed that the pickleball courts are heavily used, and viewed the progression of the Live Oak Park Playground Renovation.

D. ACTING CHAIRPERSON ROSSO – Stated that she had fun walking alongside the Women's Club celebrating their 100th anniversary in the Camellia Parade.

E. CHAIRPERSON HADDAD - Absent

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Joanne Rosso, Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer Venters, Secretary