PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baroldi called the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner – Georgino, Rosso, Vance, Haddad, Baroldi

ALSO PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs
Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson
Tree Trimmer Lead Worker Cruse

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Baroldi led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Chairman Baroldi opened public comments.

Chairman Baroldi closed public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Rosso moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Vice-Chairman Haddad and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner-Georgino, Rosso, Vance, Haddad, Baroldi
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2017

Recommended Action: Approved

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS – OCTOBER 2017

Recommended Action: Received and filed

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION TO REMOVE A COAST LIVE OAK TREE LOCATED AT 6019 OAK AVENUE

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs presented the staff report and slide show presentation.

The Commission discussed options to not remove the tree including trimming the overhanging branch and diverting the sidewalk.

Tree Trimmer Lead Worker Cruse stated drought related stress may have contributed to the current condition of the tree noting that most of the die-back is over the street side. He added that cutting the branch would create an open wound on the branch and could subject the tree to disease, insects or loss of the tree.

Chairman Baroldi opened the public hearing.

Theresa D'Andria, property owner (6019 Oak Avenue) asked "what if the property owner would agree to moving the sidewalk on her property".

Director Burroughs stated that would need to be checked through the City Attorney and discussed responsibility of the property owner regarding liability.

Sharon Kendal, resident (6023 Oak Avenue) spoke to the appeal including presenting photos showing trees with similar low limbs and sidewalks diverted around the trees. Ms. Kendal asked about the possibility of the property owner agreeing to have the sidewalk diverted around the tree onto private property. She spoke on options to avoid removal of the tree such as diverting the sidewalk, ADA requirements and recommendations and CEQA. Ms. Kendal reported that the condition of the Coast Live Oak tree located at 6019 has been the same for decades with no reported injuries due to the low hanging branch over the sidewalk.

Chairman Baroldi closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Georgino asked what the width of the easement is at 6019 Oak Avenue.

Mr. Cruse stated he believed it is 10 feet.

Commissioner Vance asked would the tree survive if the limb that hangs over the sidewalk were removed.

Mr. Cruse stated possibly, however more than 2/3 of the tree would be removed and the remaining portion on the street side has die-back. He stated with a large cut it would take years for the wound to close.

Commissioner Georgino indicated she'd like to explore relocating the sidewalk given the width of the easement.

Vice-Chairman Haddad and Commissioner Rosso commented that if the sidewalk was relocated around the tree it would impact private property.

Director Burroughs discussed the City Council's direction regarding sidewalks and stated removal of the sidewalk is not an option.

Commissioner Vance moved to continue Item 6A to a future meeting with staff to provide additional information on the exact right-of-way at the property, seconded by Commissioner Georgino and unanimously carried by a voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner-Georgino, Rosso, Vance, Haddad, Baroldi
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

B. APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION TO REMOVE A COAST LIVE OAK TREE LOCATED AT 6023 OAK AVENUE

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs presented the staff report and slide show presentation.

Tree Trimmer Lead Worker Cruse stated the City Engineer and Public Services Lead Worker Martinez determined the roots were causing hardscape damage to the curb and gutter and they should not be shaved or trimmed back due to the tree leaning toward the property and proximity to the curb. He added that neither concrete nor asphalt should be put over the exposed roots without grinding the roots which could produce a liability.

Director Burroughs stated if the tree is removed, a new tree will be planted in its place. She added that the trees at both locations are leaning toward the property and the City has the responsibility to protect the property. If the tree fails it will not fall in the street, but toward the property.

The Commission discussed the condition of the tree including the possibility of large winds taking down the tree and trimming the tree to even it out.

Tree Trimmer Lead Worker Cruse stated he does not recommend cutting the branches of the tree as a solution explaining the process of trimming a

tree with large branches would expose the tree to a large wound that would take years to close.

The Commission discussed removal of curb and gutter were removed at the property due to the standing water in the gutter.

Chairman Baroldi opened the public hearing.

Ms. Kendall, resident of 6023 Oak Avenue stated a puddle of water in front of the property should not be considered standing water and said the City ordinance is vague regarding the definition of excessive hardscape damage.

Chairman Baroldi closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Georgino stated she looked at the tree after the curb and gutter had been removed stating there is no way to tell what the damage caused by the tree roots to the hardscape was.

Vice-Chairman Haddad said she concurred with the property owner adding the tree is in good condition. She asked to table the item in order to have staff explore any permeable products that can be used over the exposed roots.

Commissioner Georgino moved to uphold the appeal reversing staff's decision to remove the Coast Live Oak tree located at 6023 Oak Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Vance and unanimously carried by a voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner-Georgino, Rosso, Vance, Haddad, Baroldi
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MASTER PLAN UPDATE (no staff report)

Commissioner Georgino provided a brief update on the recent activities of the Senior Master Plan Committee. The next scheduled meeting is January 4, 2018.

Chairman Baroldi opened public comments.

Chairman Baroldi closed public comments.

Commissioner Rosso moved to receive and file Item 7A, seconded by Vice-Chairman Haddad and unanimously carried by voice call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO) FOR RESERVED USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AT LIVE OAK PARK FOR ALL-STAR AND SPRING PRACTICES FEBRUARY 1 – MAY 31, 2018

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs presented the staff report.

Chairman Baroldi opened public comments.

Chairman Baroldi closed public comments.

Commissioner Georgino moved to approve the request from Temple City American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) for reserved use of the athletic fields at Live Oak Park for all-star and spring practices February 1 – May 31, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Rosso and carried by voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner-Georgino, Rosso, Vance, Haddad, Baroldi
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

B. REQUEST FROM GREAT ENLIGHTENMENT LOTUS SOCIETY (GELS) FOR RESERVED USE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PAVILION AND GRASS AREAS AT TEMPLE CITY PARK FOR A CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs presented the staff report.

Chairman Baroldi opened public comments.

Hong Chen, representing GELS stated Temple City is a desirable city for the event due to the Chinese community. She provided an overview of the organization's philosophy.

Chairman Baroldi closed public comments.

Commissioner Georgino moved to approve the request from Great Enlightenment Lotus Society for reserved use of the Performing Arts Pavilion and grass areas at Temple City Park for a Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, February 10, 2018, seconded by Vice-Chairman Haddad and carried by voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner-Georgino, Rosso, Vance, Haddad, Baroldi
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

Commissioner Georgino left the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

9. COMMUNICATIONS - None

Chairman Baroldi opened public comments.

Chairman Baroldi closed public comments.

10. ADDITIONAL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

11. MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs provided a brief overview of recent City Council actions, and recent and upcoming events.

Parks & Recreation Manager Lawson spoke on behalf of the Senior Master Plan Committee.

12. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONER GEORGINO

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO stated she enjoyed the Halloween Carnival and the Veterans Day Celebration.

C. COMMISSIONER VANCE

D. VICE-CHAIRMAN HADDAD

E. CHAIRMAN BAROLDI

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 5938 Kauffman Avenue.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Secretary