

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of January 14, 2019  
City Council Chambers

Chairman Woolwine called the meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Mathews.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Haase, Mathews, Woolwine

Also Present: Nikki Sweeney, Recreation Program Administrator; Kim Nolan, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 8, 2018 – Commissioner Haase moved for approval of the minutes, second by Commissioner Mathews. Minutes were approved with correction to pager two. All were in favor.

#### **COMMUNICATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland – A new schedule for Willows activities has been posted. The Second Sunday Stroll on January 13, included activities on Native Californians. Restoration work days are on the third Saturday. There are no longer “Out of the Wild and Into You Garden” activities at Gardena Mayme Dear Library on Tuesdays. The website will be updated and copies of the new schedule will be printed for commissioners.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. In-Lieu Service Contracts – No update.
- B. Facility Upgrades – Staff is researching options for upgrades and making a list of projects for consideration. Staff is working on bids for the tennis courts and fencing projects at Rowley Park. Staff is also working on bids for the partition at the Nakaoka Community Center and sound system projects for the Nakaoka Community Center and Rowley Park.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Events to Attend –
  - 1. The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration. Ms. Sweeney was sorry to report that the parade had to be cancelled due to the weather. She thanked Commissioner Mathews for staying to judge during “Battle of the Bands”. Commissioner Mathews reported that the bands were outstanding and that “Plan B” in anticipation of the rainy weather worked beautifully. He was impressed with the leadership that Nikki demonstrated, with the busses that Evette Benjamin and Janina Hartwill coordinated, and said that check-in was excellent. He added that the Friday Program was also excellent, the keynote speaker was outstanding, and that this is an excellent program for the residents.
  - 2. Black History Month “Afternoon in the Park”, Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Rowley Park. Featuring food, entertainment, crafts and vendor booths, children’s crafts and play area.

3. Annual Cymbidium Orchid Show, Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 3, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center.
4. Chess Tournament, Saturday, March 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center.
5. Annual Zen Nippon Airinkai Koi Show on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Gardena Civic Center.

#### RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES – ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- A. Staff Training – Staff will hold a training on fire extinguishers next month. There was a fire in the restroom trashcan at Rowley Park and staff was not prepared for using the fire extinguishers.

There is also an active shooter training being held on January 17, in the Council Chambers. Vince Osorio in the Police Department will oversee this training.

- B. Youth Sports – Registration is being accepted for Soccer. Domonick Washington is in charge of youth sports.
- C. After School Program – Afterschool Programs continue at the Nakaoka Center, Freeman, and Johnson Parks. The department will offer full day care options during the teacher strike. Full day camp will be offered during spring break.
- D. Kiwanis Christmas Luncheon – A special luncheon was held for local convalescent homes and lunch program participants. Attendees received a special lunch served by the Kiwanis Club members, blankets, socks, and a visit from Santa.
- E. Developmentally Disabled Program Christmas Ball – A special program was held for the holiday. Staff is working to increase attendance for the dances.
- F. Festival of the Performing Arts – Students in the tap, dance, and piano classes demonstrated their talents during the recital. The recital was well attended by family and friends with standing room only.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mathews thanked staff for addressing him as Commissioner Mathews. He also thanked Nikki for assisting him with his last minute calls, and thanked Kim for her assistance with the ethics training, as well as Katherine in the City Clerk’s Office.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion made by Commissioner Haase, second by Commissioner Mathews. Motion unanimously carried. Adjournment at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Nolan  
Recording Secretary