

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of May 13, 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 Dyson.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Dyson, Haase, Mathews, Woolwine

Also Present: Nikki Sweeney, Recreation Program Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 11, 2019 – Commissioner Haase moved for approval of the minutes, second by Commissioner Mathews. Minutes were approved. All were in favor.

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

- A. Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland – A new schedule for Willows activities has been posted. Kids to Park Day will be held at Johnson Park on Saturday, May 18. Guided tours will be held at the Willows preserve.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. In-Lieu Service Contracts – No update.
- B. Facility Upgrades – Administrator Sweeney reported that the tennis court rehabilitation projects at Rowley and Johnson Parks are completed. A ribbon cutting will be held prior to reopening of the courts. Selection of the vendor for the audiovisual project at the Nakaoka Community Center is going to council for approval. Council will be considering the purchase of a 2019 Honda Insight Hybrid and 2019 Honda Odyssey to add to the departments fleet.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Events to Attend –
  - 1. Mental Health & Community Resource Fair, Thursday, May 16, 2019, from 1 - 4 pm, at the Civic Center Plaza.
  - 2. Kids to Park Day, Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 10 am – 3 pm at Johnson Park. “A National Day of Outdoor Play” includes music, food, vendors, resource booths and more.
  - 3. Workout 2 Remember, Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 9 am – 12:30 pm at the Civic Center Plaza. Event benefits the Alzheimer’s Clinic at the Senior Day Care Center.
  - 4. 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Springs Golf Tournament, Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Bermuda Dunes Country Club, Bermuda Dunes. Entry fee is \$125 per person. Sponsorships are available as well for anyone interested.
  - 5. Concert on the Lawn and Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 5 – 7

pm at the Civic Center Plaza.

6. Movie Night in the Park, Saturday, June 29, 2019, at Rowley Park, featuring Spiderman – Into the Spiderverse. Food vendors open at 7 pm, movie begins at 8 pm.
7. Fourth of July Fireworks Show, Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Rowley Park. Food vendors open at 5 pm, fireworks show begins at dusk. Chairman Woolwine asked which vendor was selected to provide the fireworks show.

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

- A. Staff Training – The department is receiving many new hires for the summer. All new hires will attend training on department policies and procedures during orientation.
- B. Youth Sports – Baseball/Softball registration is being accepted. The deadline to register is June 7.
- C. After School Program/Day Camp – Summer Day Camp begins on June 10. Full day care will be held at Johnson and Freeman Parks. Applications are being accepted to a possible third camp at Rowley Park. Staff assigned driving duties are in the process of completing medical certification.
- D. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – Participants enjoyed crafts, breakfast, a bubble show, and pictures with the famous Easter Bunny. Many kids attended for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the city hall lawn.
- E. Cinco De Mayo Parade & Festival – Attendees enjoyed a day of fun filled activities beginning with the parade followed by festivities at Fukai Park featuring food, mariachi’s, classic car show, folklorico dancing, celebrity speakers, Cinco De Mayo royal court, and more. The program was nice and well attended.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Haase asked about silent fireworks for the fireworks show. She suggested this option as a way of making the show more enjoyable and reducing the stress that the loud noises cause Veteran’s with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and for dogs and cats. She said that other cities are using this method. Commissioner Mathews asked what the effectiveness of silent fireworks would be if other adjacent cities were having fireworks.

Commissioner Dyson inquired about the notification procedure for selling fireworks in the City and asked staff for a report at the next meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion made by Commissioner Dyson, second by Commissioner Mathews. Motion unanimously carried. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Nolan  
Recording Secretary