

SAN GABRIEL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF October 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Monday, October 1, 2012 in the City Council Chambers, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, at 7:04 p.m.

Present were Chair Virgen, Vice Chair Bryant, Commissioners Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Hogan and Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson. Commissioner Nguyen arrived at 7:06 p.m. San Gabriel Unified School District Representative Gile, Alhambra Unified School District Representative Andrade-Stadler and Mayor Kevin B. Sawkins were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes of June 4, 2012 as written. Vice Chair Bryant seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bryant, Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 5-0 vote

PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING MATTERS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION ON THIS AGENDA.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

I-G. Turkey Trot report was presented out of order due to staff availability. Recreation Supervisor Tymeri Cuervo presented information on the 2012 Turkey Trot event. The event will take place on Saturday, November 3 at Lugo Park. This year there will be 5K and 10K races, 5K Walk and 1K Youth Walk. The program budget consists of \$6,000 in revenues and \$5,000 in expenses with a profit of \$1,000. This year the profit will benefit the Share a Dream program. Event expenses include giveaways, refreshments, decorations, timing services and publicity. Revenue sources include registration and sponsorships. This year the race will return to Lugo Park after being held at McKinley elementary school while the park was under construction.

I-A. Assistant Director Hogan updated the Commission on the Lugo Park Grand Re-Opening that took place on Tuesday, August 28. Over 250 residents and families celebrated the grand re-opening of Vincent Lugo Park and La Laguna de San Gabriel. Mayor Sawkins and the City Council enjoyed a brief program with a color guard presentation and blessing by the Gabrielino-Tongva Band of Mission Indians. Presentations were made by representatives of the local legislative offices, including the office of Congressman Adam Schiff, Senator Carol Liu, Assembly member Mike Eng and Supervisor Mike Antonovich. Following the program, the celebration continued with food trucks, entertainment, picnic games, face painting and crafts for kids, a family scavenger hunt and giveaways.

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Commissioners Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Nguyen and Virgen attended the event and felt that overall it was a good event. Commissioner Hopkins suggested that announcing of the activities scheduled once the ceremony concluded may have encouraged more participation.

- I-B. Assistant Director Hogan updated the Commission on the day camp program that was held at Coolidge Elementary School in the cafeteria and playground area. The 9 week camp ran from Monday, June 19 and ended on Friday, August 17, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The camp averaged 20 campers per session paying \$110 per session which covered the cost of staffing, supplies, weekly excursions and camp T-shirt. The program was successful in covering all costs. The Day Camp account ended with a balance of \$469.43 that will be used as seed money for next summer's program. Parents and the participants were very positive and encouraging. Day Camp Director, Edgar Estrada, did a marvelous job. The department and staff are looking forward to the 2013 summer day camp.

- I-C. Assistant Director Hogan gave an update on the 2012 Summer Playground Programs. Go for the Gold was the theme for Summer Playgrounds held at Smith Park, Roosevelt School, Wilson School, and Dewey School. New this year the department teamed up with San Gabriel Educational Foundation to provide a half day program after summer school at Wilson Elementary School thus providing full day care for summer school students, with summer school in the morning and the recreation program in the afternoon. Each site averaged anywhere from 20 to 60 participants per day. Summer youth trips included the El Capitan Theatre, Huntington Beach, Boomers, and Raging Waters. A highlight of the summer was the Annual Penny Carnival which gave the community an opportunity to play games created by the playground staff and participants. The Bulldog Sports Camp at Jefferson Middle School gymnasium averaged 25 to 40 participants each day. Middle school aged youth focused on volleyball and basketball skills and fundamentals.

- I-D. Assistant Director Hogan updated the Commission on the 2012 Kids Day and 4th of July Picnic and Parade. The parade started at Plaza Park, traveling north on Mission Drive, turned right to travel east on Broadway and ended at Smith Park. The Grand Marshall of the parade this year was San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American Harry Baldwin. The parade consisted of more than 15 organizations and over 500 individual participants. Picnic activities at Smith Park included entertainment provided by the San Gabriel Library. Families enjoyed a free hot dog lunch, face painting, popcorn, carnival games, and the water slide. The Asian Youth Center, AYSO, Centennial Committee, Friends of La Laguna, San Gabriel Library, La Casa Community Center, San Gabriel Sea Gulls, San Gabriel Valley Board of Realtors, and San Gabriel Educational Foundation were the nine community booths that offered activities and free give-a-ways to children. The newly updated "Honor Wall" was displayed which included over 80 active and past service men and women.

- I-E. Recreation Coordinator Johnson reviewed the End of the Season Pool Report. The 2012 summer season ended on Monday, September 3, this summer programs offered included day and evening recreation swim, private pool parties and swim lessons. Due to the popularity of evening swim lessons last summer, two additional cycles of evening swim

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lessons were added to the schedule. Overall evening swim lessons, family swim passes and private pool rentals were the only programs that increased in attendance. The revenues collected throughout the season for recreation swim and individual passes sold decreased by \$1,101.25 from last year. This seasons' revenue total was \$72,186.75 which was \$30,570.00 more than last seasons' total of \$41,616.75.

- I-F. Assistant Director Hogan updated the Commission on the 232nd Walk to Los Angeles historic reenactment of the settling of Los Angeles. The Walk was held Saturday, September 1. Walkers registered at Plaza Park from 5:00 – 7:00 a.m. Mayor Sawkins along with representatives from Los Pobladores, the San Gabriel Mission and El Pueblo Historical Monument greeted the walkers at 6:00 a.m. 143 walkers registered for the free 9 mile walk. They were given water bottles, a bandana and bus tokens to return to San Gabriel. Walkers were greeted at Olvera Street with refreshments and a street fair to celebrate the City of Los Angeles' birthday. Supervisor Michael Antonovich donated up to \$5,000 to sponsor the event. We have coordinated with Los Pobladores and El Pueblo Historical Monument to set the date for next year's walk which is August 31, 2013.

- I-H. Assistant Director Hogan reviewed the upcoming dates to remember with the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bryant, Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 5-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,
Recreation Department Staff