

SAN GABRIEL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF January 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Monday, January 7, 2013 in the City Council Chambers, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, at 7:08: p.m.

Present were Chair Virgen, Vice Chair Bryant, Commissioners Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Nguyen, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Hogan, Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson and Mayor Kevin B. Sawkins. San Gabriel Unified School District Representative Gile, Alhambra Unified School District Representative Anderson were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes of October 1, 2012 as written. Commissioner Kirchhoff 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-A. Assistant Director Hogan reported that the Commissioner Reorganization would take place since it was the first meeting of the new year. Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to appoint Vice Chair Bryant as Chair. Commissioner Kirchhoff seconded the motion. Vice Chair Bryant accepted the nomination.

Ayes: Bryant, Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 5-0 vote

Chair Bryant made the motion to appoint Commissioner Nguyen as Vice Chair. Commissioner Kirchhoff seconded the motion. Commissioner Nguyen accepted the motion.

Ayes: Bryant, Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 5-0 vote

I-B. Assistant Director Hogan reported that 65 participants from San Gabriel Unified Schools participated in the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest. Categories included Best Carved, Spookiest, Most Humorous, Best Decorated and Most Original. Photos of the winning entries were passed out the Commission.

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- I-C. Assistant Director Hogan reported that the 2012 Turkey Trot had a total of 206 participants and after expenses raised \$692 for the Share a Dream program. Commissioner Virgen was a great help in presenting the awards with Mayor Sawkins.

- I-D. Recreation Coordinator Johnson updated the Commission on the 2012 Holiday Tree Lighting event that took place on Tuesday, December 4 in Plaza Park. Entertainment was provided by Jefferson Middle School Choir and Orchestra, Mission Elementary School and Dewey Elementary School. A new 1/2 sheet flyer advertising the event was printed by local printer Eraxtyle Design & Visual Communication, a new street banner was also purchased this year after being destroyed in last years' wind storm. Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the event providing hot cocoa, cups and paying for 1/2 of the banner. Other sponsors included El Pavo Bakery, Starbucks and Autunnos. Toys were also collected for the Fire Departments "Sparks of Love" toy drive.

- I-E. Assistant Director Hogan updated the Commission on the Tournament of Roses® Centennial Parade Float. The float was the Winner of the Director's Award for Outstanding Artistic Merit in Design and Presentation. Volunteers raised over \$155,000 to pay for the float. No city funds were used. The float received great media coverage before and after the parade. On January 2 the float returned to San Gabriel and was parked in the Mission Playhouse parking lot on Thursday, January 3 and Friday, January 4. The Star News featured the float's return Friday morning, so all day Friday there was a steady stream of people coming to see the float. Volunteers staffed tables during the float construction and when the float returned to San Gabriel. They sold pins, flowers and postcards to raise funds for the float.

- I-F. A list of Informational Items and Dates to Remember through March were included in the Commissioners packet. A calendar of the Commission Meetings was also provided to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Vice Chair 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