

**SAN GABRIEL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the City Council Chambers, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Chair Virgen, Commissioners Gomez, Hopkins, Kirchhoff, San Gabriel Unified School District Representative Gile, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Hogan and Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson. Vice Chair Bryant arrived at 7:15 p.m. The Alhambra Unified School District Representative, Adele Andrade-Statler and Vice Mayor Kevin B. Sawkins were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes of February 6, 2011 as written. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Gomez, Kirchhoff, Hopkins, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 4-0 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.**

George Young, representing San Gabriel Seagulls (SGSG), addressed the Commission. He reported that SGSG has just completed its short course season and won their third Metro Championships for a mid-size team. 5 of the swimmers have been selected to participate in the Metro Bootcamp, 3 of the swimmers are from San Gabriel.

George also informed the Commission that the American Red Cross has released the updated lifeguard training program. He has previewed the course materials and is pleased with the upgrades to the program. George also thanked the Parks and Recreation department for their support of SGSG. Commissioner Gomez and Kirchhoff thanked George for all his hard work and program update.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

1-A. Assistant Director Hogan reported that at the meeting last month the Commission reviewed the February 6 staff report proposing the renaming of Plaza Park to Centennial Park. The Commission requested more information, and Mary Cammarano, Past President of the Historical Association who is also currently serving on the Centennial Executive Committee was invited to speak to the Commission. Mary explained that the reason for the proposed name change of Plaza Park was to leave a legacy of the city's Centennial year. She along with Ellie Andrews were able to gather information regarding the history of Plaza Park. In 1931 a **women's** club spearheaded by Mary Sherwood renovated the vacant lot into a park and was named after Mary Sherwood. During the National Bicentennial year

there was a Plaza Committee that was instrumental in having the fountain placed in the

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park, the park was never officially renamed Plaza Park but it became known as Plaza Park. Mary reported that the current Pastor at the Mission is supportive of the name change. Commissioner Gomez suggested “**San Gabriel Centennial Park**” because it is a key landmark in San Gabriel. Commissioner Kirchhoff agrees with the idea of leaving a legacy and would also like to see “**San Gabriel**” incorporated into the park name. Assistant Director Hogan informed the Commission that the next step would be to make a recommendation that Mary can take back to the Centennial Executive Committee for review, with the final recommendation going to the City Council for approval. Commissioner Bryant asked Mary if the Father is okay with “**San Gabriel**” being added to the park name. Commissioner Hopkins expressed concern in adding “**San Gabriel**” to the name since the park is not city property. She understands the importance of renaming it and attaching the name to a significant milestone. The Commission would like Mary to get the Fathers approval before adding San Gabriel to the park name. Commissioner Kirchhoff and Gomez would like the recommendation to come back to the Commission once Mary has received Father **Steve’s** approval. Due to time constraints it was suggested to make the motion to recommend the name change with or without San Gabriel in the name, upon Father **Steve’s** approval.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to recommend the name change of Plaza Park to Centennial Park and upon Father **Steve’s** approval add San Gabriel to the name. Commissioner

Bryant seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bryant, Hopkins, Virgen

Noes: Gomez, Kirchhoff

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 3-2 vote

1-B. Assistant Director Hogan reported that there has not been much progress in the past month. The time has been spent reviewing the project budget and determining how much of it was remaining after all the unexpected expense for the underground concrete. The concrete removal increased the cost for the architect, the soil expert, the project manager, redesigning the vehicle bridge and dry creek bed and the removal process. As a result of the budget review the decorative cast iron fencing along the wash will not be completed in this phase of the project and Parks and Recreation Department staff have taken on some of the construction tasks. She also gave an update on the percentages of work completed on the areas listed for the Vincent Lugo Park project as of 3/5/12;

Conduits for Pedestrian Lights	100%
Pedestrian Lights Base Pedestals	90%
Conduits and Sub Structure for Future Lights for All Purpose Field	100%
18” Storm Drain From Headwall by Outdoor Classroom	100%
All Purpose Field Excluding Sod Installation	75%
Automated Irrigation W/ (New Water Meter and Backflow Device)	95%

Landscape Planting	60%
Electrical Subpanels (3)	90%
(3) Pedestrian Bridges	100%
Vehicular Bridge and Access Road to Parks Maintenance Facility	100%

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Stream Bed Percolation Basin	75%
Decomposed Granite Trails and Walkways	70%
Outdoor Classroom	80%
Pedestrian Trails, borders with decomposed granite	75%

1-C. Assistant Director Hogan reported that the Garvey School District and the San Gabriel City Council have approved the revised Use Agreement for the park.

1-D. Assistant Director Hogan reported that the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 7 and everyone is invited to attend. This year the egg hunt has been expanded to include children up to nine years old. **There will also be an area for children 2 and under and special needs with parent's assistance.**

1-E. Ethics Orientation has been completed by all Commissioners.

1-F. Informational Items and Dates to Remember were included in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Bryant made the motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 7:44p.m. Commissioner Hopkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bryant, Gomez, Hopkins, Kirchhoff, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 5-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,  
Recreation Department Staff