

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Tuesday
April 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: The regular session of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: Chair Piccirillo, Vice Chair Malcolm, Commissioners Galschiodt, Pietsch, Selvaggi

ABSENT: Commissioners Adams and Barker

ALSO PRESENT: Community Services Manager, Pilar Alcivar-McCoy; Supervisors, Chad Clanton and Saimi Hayes; Assistant Supervisors, Dana Meza, John Montanhez, Mona Soares and Jeff Van Sickle; Administrative Analyst, Janet Pelayo; Magnolia Park Family Resource Coordinator, Claudia Valdivia-Alvarez; Buena Clinton Family Resource Coordinator, Gabi O'Cadiz-Hernandez; Health Access Coordinator, Ashleigh Griset; Public Works Parks and Facilities Manager, Steve Haller; Parks Supervisor, Patricia Hayes; Deputy City Attorney, Omar Sandoval; and Recording Secretary, Denise Kehn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Selvaggi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Malcolm moved to approve the Minutes from March 25, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Selvaggi. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Malcolm, Piccirillo, Pietsch, Selvaggi
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT: Commissioners: Adams, Barker
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Galschiodt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Introduction of Community Services and Public Works Staff

Ms. Alcivar-McCoy led the introduction of Community Services and Public Works staff in attendance.

Roles and Responsibilities

Ms. Alcivar-McCoy provided information on the Roles and Responsibilities of the Commissioners as follows:

The role of the Commission is to serve as an advisory body and spokespersons in the community.

Ms. Alcivar-McCoy encouraged the Commission to become familiar with department facilities, programs and events. She also welcomed members to attend upcoming events.

Chair Piccirillo asked what the procedure would be to address topics brought up by the public during meetings. Ms. Alcivar-McCoy explained that these situations would be handled in the same manner as in City Council. The public would be required to fill out a request card prior to addressing any issues or concerns to the Commission. The public would then have a chance to speak during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. If there is a topic that requires further discussion the Chair can request that the item be included in the agenda for the following meeting.

Commissioner Calendar of Activities

Ms. Alcivar-McCoy highlighted the activities and events scheduled for the months of April, May, June and July.

Gem Theater Update

Ms. Alcivar-McCoy provided an update on the Gem Theater. Currently, the City of Garden Grove has an Agreement with the Grove Theater Center to operate the Gem Theater. Tom Bradac, with Shakespeare Orange County, is the Booking Agent for the Festival Amphitheater. On June 30, 2006, the contract for the Gem Theater will expire, and the current contractors will no longer provide services. After July 1, the City will assess the facility's condition to determine what renovations and/or upgrades need to be completed. At that time, Tom Bradac, will assume responsibility as the Booking Agent for the Gem Theater as well. His contract for both facilities will end June 30, 2007. Between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the City Council will determine the future direction for both theaters. Tom Bradac will be producing "A Child's Christmas in Wales" in the indoor facility during the holidays in December 2006.

Open Discussion

Chair Piccirillo asked how commissioners should address a problem/issue received through a citizen phone call. Ms. Alcivar-McCoy explained that if the phone call is a routine maintenance issue or a question that staff can provide a response to, the commissioners should call the Community Services Department. If the item requires further information or discussion the Commission can request that it be added to the agenda for the following meeting. These items would be placed under the Commission Matters section.

Mr. Chad Clanton gave examples of items that the Commission may consider adding to an agenda.

Commissioner Galschiodt requested information related to the process of hiring instructors for contract classes, how salaries for instructors are generated, and what classes are offered to seniors. Ms. Saimi Hayes gave a brief explanation on how instructors for both leisure and senior classes are selected, and serve as both paid and volunteer instructors.

Chair Piccirillo called for a recess at 6:48 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Brown Act and Legal Obligations

Deputy City Attorney, Omar Sandoval, distributed a copy of the Commissioner Handbook to commissioners and staff. In his presentation, Mr. Sandoval explained the Brown Act, Open Meetings Law, Garden Grove Code of Ethics, Reimbursement Policies, Political Reform Act, Remedies and Sanctions, and the Conflicts of Interest Code.

Mr. Sandoval asked if there was any justification to add this Commission to the City's Conflict of Interest Code. Ms. Alcivar-McCoy noted that this determination has not yet been made.

Ms. Alcivar-McCoy advised the commissioners that they were all appointed to terms that end in November 2006. The next City Council election will be held on November 6, 2006, and new or renewed appointments will be made after that date. The commissioners will be contacted by the City Clerk's office regarding their willingness to be reappointed.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Piccirillo adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Denise Kehn
Recording Secretary