



MINUTES  
Regular Meeting

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PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

October 14, 2021

6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (5) Commissioners Perez,  
Stevens, Rhee, Strickland, Tran

ABSENT: (2) Commissioners Bao, Solis

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Vice Chair Perez

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Speaker: Mr. Nicholas Dibs

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.a. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 8, 2021.

It was moved by Vice Chair Perez, seconded by Commissioner Strickland that:

The minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Perez, Rhee, Stevens, Strickland, Tran  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent (2) Bao, Solis

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 4.a. Public Art Donation Policy Update

Staff reported that on September 28, 2021 the City Council voted and approved to adopt the Public Art Donation Policy upon recommendation from this commission who discussed the policy at its July 8, 2021 meeting.

The policy establishes criteria and guidelines for the consideration and installation of temporary or permanent art on City-owned properties that include parks, plazas, building facades, and utility/traffic signal boxes, deemed appropriate by the City.

The policy creates a definition for public art; provides a list of acceptable government speech topics; identifies the administration of donated public art; encourages both donated and private funding of public art; and establishes a review process and criteria for considering donated public art on City-owned properties.

The commission will be part of the review process for any proposed art donation. It is requested that commissioners review the policy and their role within it. A copy has been emailed and is also available on the City's website.

Staff are currently drafting an application for residents to complete and submit along with a proposal for the art they intend to donate. The secretary will send commissioners a draft of this application for review and feedback. After the application has been finalized, staff will discuss more in detail the role of this commission when an application and proposal are received.

Commissioner Solis joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

#### 4.b. Community Services Summer Programming Recap and Upcoming Events

Recreation Division staff reported that summer programming was successful due to certain COVID-19 restrictions being lifted. The City hosted four movies in the park as part of the summer movie series with about 400 people in attendance.

In 2020, the Summer Day Camp program was cancelled due to the pandemic; this summer staff were able to bring back this program, offering a 9 week program that was completely sold out with 60 campers each week. This year the program was relocated to Atlantis Play Center in order to conform to social distancing guidelines.

The Summer Aquatics program experienced a shorter season this summer with six weeks of lessons instead of the usual 10 weeks due to availability of staff. Programming was offered at Gary Hall Pool and Woodbury Pool; most class sessions were sold out.

Contract classes were also successful this summer with over 30 different types of classes offered.

The department recently brought back the Youth Basketball Program. It is a much smaller program this season with four divisions comprised of three teams per division, ten participants per team.

A new pilot program, Pickleball, is being offered at the Sports and Recreation Center every Wednesday from 1-3PM. It has been well attended and it's anticipated that the program will be expanding to additional days.

The next upcoming special event is the annual Jack O' Lantern Jamboree to take place on Saturday, October 30 at Atlantis Play Center from 1-4PM. Activities include: a pumpkin patch; bounce houses; air brush tattoos; a reptile show; a petting zoo; carnival games; and train rides.

Also coming up is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Winter in the Grove event programmed for Saturday, December 4. Activities include: the tree lighting ceremony; a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus; food from local vendors; 50 tons of snow for nine snow slides; and a crafters boutique.

Facilities Division staff reported that the Garden Grove Community Foundation sponsored four summer concerts, two at Eastgate Park and two at Garden Grove Park, featuring The Answer, The Fenians, a Selena tribute band, and a Vietnamese 80's New Wave artist, Linda Trang Dai. All concerts were successful and well attended.

Both the Community Meeting Center and the Courtyard Center have reopened for events following current COVID-19 guidelines. Currently, most weekends are booked until the end of the year and a few weekends into 2022.

Field rentals for youth and adult sports teams have resumed practices and games in the parks.

Shelter rentals resumed in June and have been very popular as many residents prefer to hold events at outdoor venues due to the pandemic.

The GEM Theater and the Garden Amp have resumed in-person shows. The GEM has an upcoming show, *The Holiday GEM* from November 26 – December 19.

Staff provided an update on summer programming for the Human Services division comprised of the Senior Center, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Resource Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center.

The Senior Center provided roughly 270 meals weekly through the senior meal distribution program. Select indoor senior programming such as Bingo,

fitness classes, and art classes have resumed, while still continuing some virtual programs for those not comfortable meeting in person.

Both resource centers collaborated with the Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club to offer summer day camp programs. Those were successful with an average attendance of about 40-50 children per week. The Centers also worked with Bracken's Kitchen to distribute 1,100 meals to families. Indoor programming resumed at both centers this summer. In late August they had their annual Back-to-School Drive, providing school supplies for 220 children.

Buena Clinton offered an outdoor movie night during the summer.

The City has been working with COVID Clinic to provide two testing site locations for the community, one at Magnolia Park and the other outside the Senior Center.

Upcoming events include the Magnolia Park FRC Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 21 from 4:30-6:30PM. The Senior Center will hold a Senior Resource Fair on Wednesday, October 27 from 11AM-1PM, vaccine boosters and flu shots will be administered. Día de Los Muertos event will be held on Thursday, October 28 at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Resource Center from 4:30-6:30PM.

#### 4.c. Capital Projects Update

##### 4.c.1. Garden Grove Park Improvements

Staff reported that Phase 2 of the Garden Grove Park improvements is underway. Currently the park has two existing playground equipment areas that will be relocated and replaced with new equipment further south than its current location, closer to the parking lot. In July 2021 a Request for Proposal for the playground equipment design was released. Staff requested that the proposals include the design of playground equipment for two areas (a 2-5 age group and one for 5-12 age group), including integrated shade canopies. Also, that they incorporate at minimum three ADA play elements/activities. Additionally, that the playground areas be themed based on the park's history, which was once known as Haster Farm Field in the early 1940's, that served as an all-way aircraft landing area. A total of three proposals were received; staff selected the design from Innovative Playgrounds. Estimated completion date for this project is June 2022.

##### 4.c.2. Per Capita Grant – Magnolia Park

Through Prop 68, there is a Per Capita Grant Program in which all cities are eligible to receive funds. Garden Grove's allocation is \$284,822 and does not require a match of funds. An application was submitted on September 9, 2021 for Magnolia Park. Staff displayed current

images of the park. The scope of work includes removal of existing playground equipment and surface as well as installation of two new areas with play equipment for 2-5 age group and 5-12 age group, with integrated shade units and resilient safety surfacing. Once the contract is received from the State, staff will have a better idea of timeline and whether expanding the playground area and adding additional equipment will be possible. ADA equipment will also be incorporated. Staff hope to theme this playground area based on the park's history as well.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Strickland shared that he recently attended a couple of the concerts at the Garden Amp and stated that they were well organized, and the facility was well kept.

Commissioner Solis mentioned that her daughter attended the Garden Grove Summer Day Camp program for one week and loved it. She added that the staff was amazing and did a great job.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff updated the commission on the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative program which will have its first kick-off meeting, Thursday, October 21 at the Community Meeting Center from 4-5PM. This program will provide teens an opportunity to give back to the community, gain leadership skills, and obtain career training. The City is collaborating with other agencies that work with youth to program and come up with service projects that teens can help support. The program will run from October to May, meetings will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. More information can be obtained by visiting [ggcity.org/ggtac](http://ggcity.org/ggtac).

Chair Stevens recommended staff connect with the school district on tying GGTAC with district CSF program for volunteer service hours.

Staff added that there is no update at the moment for the Prop 68 grant application as they have not heard back from the State. As soon as that information is received, an email will be sent to the Commission with results.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:52 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

SUGEIRY REYNOSO  
Commission Secretary