

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK
AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
320 W. NEWMARK AVE. MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754
7:00 PM
MONDAY, June 5, 2017**

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to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.**

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CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL – PAUL LEE, RANDALL AVILA, BRYANT YANG, PHILIP CHANG, AND
DORIS LAU**

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

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ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] PRESENTATIONS - None.

[2.] OLD BUSINESS – All items for Discussion only

2-A. LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – GRADUATION UPDATE

2-B. BENCH PROGRAM – Possible locations, applications and cost

2-C. ADOPT A PARK – Possible Sponsors

2-D. HIP HOP DANCE GROUP COMPETITION

Discuss the need for program. If approved, determine potential format location, date and funding source; take such additional related action that may be desirable

[3.] NEW BUSINESS

3-A. RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

It is recommended that the Recreation and Parks Commission

(1) Approve the minutes for the Regular meeting of May 1, 2017; and

Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-B. DIRECTOR'S STATUS REPORT

**[4.] COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER AND AGENCY MATTER –
PARK CONDITIONS / STATUS**

ADJOURN



RECREATION AND PARKS Commission Staff Report

DATE: June 1, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2017-3A

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Robert Aguirre, Interim Recreation and Community Services Director
SUBJECT: RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Recreation and Parks Commission:

- (1) Approve the minutes for the Special meeting of May 1, 2017; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

None.

BACKGROUND:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Aguirre", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Aguirre
Interim Director of Recreation & Community Services

Attachments:

1. Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2017

The Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the City Council Chambers, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Paul Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Paul Lee led the flag salute

ROLL CALL: PAUL LEE, RANDALL AVILA, BRYANT YANG, PHILIP CHANG, and DORIS LAU

ABSENT: NONE

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ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

Nancy Arcuri Editor and publisher of The Citizens Voice newspaper and resident of Monterey Park. Ms. Arcuri brought to the attention an Open Space matter, gave a brief history on Monterey Park's past open space issues and questioned why the Commission listened to a request from Matt Connolly and Ellie Lee from Equitable Vitrines to replace Athena at the Cascades. Ms. Arcuri cited City Ordinance 1934 voted into law by taxpaying voters to keep our parks open spaces and prevent any developments from being built in any of parks.

1. **PRESENTATION** – None.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

2A. **Leadership Program**

Chair Lee reported that the final Leadership Program meeting will be on May 16th. Chair Lee mentioned that students will attend the City Council Presentation and the final project will be to speak to the City Council during a general meeting promoting the Holiday Festival of Lights.

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2B. Dog Park – Discussion

1st speaker/ Martin Smith & Olive Smith:

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are dog owners and in favor of a Dog Park.

2nds peaker/Leonard Lee:

Mr. Lee is against a Dog Park. He loves the idea of having a dog park but feels no one wants the dog park placed near their neighborhood. City must find an appropriate site before any discussion takes place.

3rd speaker/Lyell Galbraith:

Mr. Galbraith is in favor of a dog park. He spends approximately 1.5 hours every day after work to take his dog to a dog park adjacent to Monterey Park. He recommends a group of volunteers be established and involved with supervising the dog park.

4th speaker/Jeanette Barriero:

She mentioned that she is currently taking her dog to other cities who have dog parks. She mentioned that the City of Alhambra does not allow any dogs in any of their parks.

5th speaker/Elizabeth Lee:

Ms. Lee is in favor of a dog park. She has witnessed dog feces by Brightwood School and Sunnyslopes Park. She currently has 2 dogs and she is in favor of dog park.

6th speaker/Terry Champlin:

He is neutral - Mr.Champlin had a dog all his life.

7th speaker/Anthony Nava:

He is a dog owner; every weekend when time allows he takes his dog to nearby dog parks. He enjoys the good idea of getting out of his house to meet people and get the community socializing together.

8th speaker/Peter Wong:

Opposed to the dog park. Mr. Wong stated he is currently a dog owner. He is worried about how the City will control the number of dogs that come from cities around us. He feels the massive amount of dog feces and urine will drive down the property value. Mr. Wong also mentioned that City of Alhambra doesn't have any dog parks and their City is still operating just fine. Mr. Wong also mentioned a dog disease called giardia common at dog parks from sharing drinking dishes that might put dogs at risk of getting sick.

9th and 10th speaker/Marisela and Chavez :

Both of them are in favor of a dog park. Both of them claim most of the dog owners are responsible and feel more people will move to the City if they know there is a dog park available. In their opinion they feel a dog park should increase property value.

11th speaker/Terree Walton:

Ms. Walton has 2 dogs and she takes them to Barnes Park every day. She is in favor of a dog park. She feels that after the dogs have been exposed to other dogs they tend to be more social and have positive behavior.

Commission comments:

Chair Lee and commissioners expressed their appreciation to everyone for taking their time for coming out to share their comments and concerns with Recreation and Park Commission. Commission decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioner Lau and Chang, who will do additional research and identify potential locations. The ad hoc committee will bring their information and findings back to the commission at the August meeting.

2C. Bench Program – Discussion

Chair Lee reported at a previous meeting that he is seeking sponsorships and will bring more detailed information at a future meeting. The bench is city property and the sponsorship is only for the life of the bench. This item is tabled to next meeting.

2D. Adopt a Park – Discussion

No discussion at this time. Item tabled to next meeting.

2E. Hip Hop Dance Group Competition

Topic is tabled to next month's meeting for further discussion.

2F. Movie & Concert Program

The Summer Movie dates are:

6/9	Sing	George Elder Park
6/23	Rogue One	Garvey Ranch Park
7/7	La La Land	Cascades Park

7/21 Lego Batman Sequoia Park

8/4 Finding Dory Barnes Pool

Interim Director Aguirre shared with the Commission that the City would also be offering free concerts this summer.

The Summer Concert at Barnes Park dates are:

6/11 Video Star

7/4 Live Entertainment & Firework Show

8/13 Bulletproof Soul

3. NEW BUSINESS

3A. Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes

Approve the Recreation and Parks Commission minutes from the regular meeting of April 3, 2017.

Action Taken: The Recreation and Parks Commission approved the Recreation and Parks Commission minutes from the regular meeting of April 3, 2017.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Lau and seconded by Commissioner Chang.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Chair Lee, Avila, Yang, Chang and Lau

Noes: Commissioner: None

Absent: Commissioner: None

Abstain: Commissioner: None

3B. Commission Communications and Commissioner and agency matter – park conditions / status

4. Director's Status Report – Announcements of upcoming events

1. Schedule of Public Events – what activities and reservations are scheduled for May and June of 2017

2. Alhambra School representative – absent / no report

3. Commissioner Lee motion to nominate Randall Avila to be next Recreation and Parks Commission Chair, and Doris Lau will be Vice Chair. Commissioner Yang seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Chair Lee, Avila, Yang, Chang and Lau
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: None
Abstain: Commissioner: None

4A. Commission Communications

Highlands Park – Commissioner Lee

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Pine Tree Park – Commissioner Lee

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Barnes Park – Commission Lau

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Sunny Slopes Park – Commission Lau

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Bella Vista Park – Commissioner Avila

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Garvey Ranch Park - Commissioner Avila

- No items to address; everything is in good order

La Loma Park– Commissioner Avila

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Sequoia Park – Commissioner Chang

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Edison Trails Park– Commissioner Chang

- Need more sand for sand box

Beth Ryan Park– Commissioner Chang

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Elder Park – Commissioner Yang

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Sierra Vista Park – Commissioner Yang

- No items to address; everything is in good order

Cascades Park – Commissioner Yang

- No items to address; everything is in good order

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Robert Aguirre, Staff Liaison

Approved on _____

at the Recreation and Parks Commission