



**COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES
Teleconference/Web Conference
Monday, October 24, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chair Jamison Power, Vice Chair Gray, Commissioners Trissa Bui, Tam Do, Khanh Nguyen, and Alternate Commissioner Tony Bui.

Present: Chair Jamison Power, Vice Chair Gray, Commissioners Tam Do and Khanh Nguyen.

Alternate Commissioner Present: None.

Absent: Commissioner Trissa Bui and Alternate Commissioner Tony Bui.

Staff Present: Vanessa Johnson, Community Services and Recreation Director; Jake Ngo, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Kevin MacCormick, Police Commander; Tuan Pham, Assistant Engineer; Cindy Huynh, Civic Engineering Associate; and Tammy Huynh, Senior Administrative Assistant.

Also Present: Charles Foley, Architect, Hirsch and Associates, Inc.

SALUTE TO FLAG Commissioner Nguyen led all those present in the Salute to the Flag.

INVOCATION Commissioner Do led all those present in the Invocation.

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2022

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gray, and seconded by Commissioner Do, to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2022 Community Services and Recreation Commission Meeting. Motion carried 4-0, with the following vote:

AYES: DO, NGUYEN, GRAY, POWER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: BUI (TRISSA)

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Park Check List Reports

Commissioner Do mentioned he had reported to staff that the fence is ripped at the Tony Lam Park tennis courts; Tuan Pham reported that the necessary items have been ordered already and once they receive it, it will be installed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Playground Project Updates

Sigler Park: Tuan Pham informed the commissioners that there was a delay in the delivery date of the playground equipment, so the estimated delivery date is Summer of 2023; to avoid closing the playground in the summer, the installation may be pushed back to early Fall of 2023.

Liberty Park: Tuan Pham mentioned that Chuck Foley, Architect of Hirsch and Associates, Inc. will present the conceptual plans of Liberty Park Playground. If Commissioners are okay with it, then staff will start advertising that project in a few weeks and get the project awarded so that the equipment can be ordered.

Newcastle Park: Tuan Pham reported that the design is nearing completion, and then that project can be advertised as well.

Tony Lam Park: Tuan Pham reported that the environmental document has been approved, and staff is now waiting on a cost proposal from Chuck Foley to start the design.

Tuan Pham also reported that lights at Bolsa Chica Park have been retrofitted to LED lighting for the tennis courts and basketball courts; they have also resurfaced the courts and added new fencing around the tennis courts.

Jake Ngo reported that staff is working on repurposing the low-use basketball courts, adjacent to the Splash Pad, into 3 Pickleball Courts.

Commissioner Nguyen asked if the pickleball courts will be replacing the basketball courts; Jake Ngo mentioned the pickleball courts will be replacing some low-use basketball courts but there will still be basketball courts in a different area of that park. Commissioner Nguyen asked about the hours of operation of the pickleball courts stating that pickleball is great, but it does make a lot of noise which could bother some residents if lights are on late, and people are playing on the courts late. Jake Ngo mentioned that the lights will turn off at 9 p.m. Vanessa Johnson mentioned that pickleball courts was a priority in the Parks Master Plan so it's very exciting that the city has been able to move forward with placing these pickleball courts and that there are plans to add more pickleball courts to other locations.

Depictions of the playgrounds were presented to the commissioners, and Chuck Foley provided updates on each of the playgrounds; he mentioned that input was received

from kids from a recent community outreach, they had asked for a fireman pole as well as musical elements, which were incorporated at the Liberty Park playground.

Jake Ngo asked Chair Power if he had a preference on themes for the playground at Tony Lam Park, since he lives nearby, or if he has any ideas on stakeholders that would be interested in providing their input on this playground. Chair Power mentioned possibly working with DeMille School, since the kids at DeMille would likely use the playground; he asked if Commissioner Nguyen could help facilitate that. Commissioner Nguyen was happy to help facilitate that.

4.2 Select Next Meeting Date(s)

Staff and commissioners agreed that with the upcoming election, the commission could look different, so the commission can wait to schedule a meeting until after the election, however, a meeting can be scheduled if there is an item that needs to be addressed beforehand.

5. REPORT FROM STAFF

5.1 Upcoming Event: Trunk or Treat

Vanessa Johnson provided the commission with information regarding the upcoming Trunk or Treat event.

5.2 Fall Newsletter and Recreation Guide

Vanessa Johnson informed the commissioners about the latest Fall Newsletter and Recreation Guide and informed them that staff is currently working on the Winter 2023 Newsletter.

6. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

6.1 Tony Lam Park – Chair Power

Chair Power mentioned that a few of his neighbors have complained about the condition of Tony Lam Park and mentioned there have been an influx of homeless and furniture left out in the park. He asked if there was any way to increase the number of times that staff can come out to the park to discard of the furniture and trash.

Jake Ngo informed Chair Power that the grass is mowed once a week and staff goes out to the park every day to check on the restrooms and to check on the trash, and that within minutes, the park gets trashed again. Jake Ngo mentioned he will see about having the larger items removed and working with the city's homeless liaison.

Kevin MacCormick mentioned that if the community wanted to have a community meeting, he would be happy to attend, or they are welcome to come to the Police

Department as well. He also mentioned that it is not illegal to be homeless and that he has not seen large pieces of furniture yet, but he goes out to the park once or twice a week with the city's homeless liaison. He informed the commission that if they see anything suspicious, please call dispatch. Chair Power mentioned that he has called dispatch many times. Kevin MacCormick mentioned to Chair Power to continue calling, and that he will put in another patrol request to that park. In regard to the large items, he informed the commission that the Community Preservation Unit (CPU) works closely with the Police Department to assist in removing large items.

Chair Power mentioned that he liked the idea of a community meeting and if needed, he would work with Vanessa Johnson on putting that together. Jake Ngo stated that if there was going to be a community meeting that he could be there as well.

The Commission and Kevin MacCormick discussed the opening of the Navigation Center.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Huynh, Senior Administrative Assistant
Community Services & Recreation