

**CITY OF DUARTE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting
May 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Anne Wilkins, Elisabeth Dugan, Kirsten Nielsen, Barbie Bylsma-Houghton, Ted Rudolph
ABSENT: Jim Dinsmore, Doug Edwards
STAFF: Manuel Enriquez, Department Director
AUDIENCE: Councilmember Liz Reilly, Paula Watson-Gardner

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

Bylsma-Houghton moved to approve the March minutes and Wilkins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEMS OF
BUSINESS:**

A. Field Use Waiver Requests: No requests at this time.

B. Update: Measure A Funding

Enriquez informed commissioners that litigation is done and the court ruled in favor of Measure A. He recently attended a Measure A workshop. Information included the following:

- Today is the first day applications would be accepted.
- The City of Duarte is allotted \$66,742 that can be submitted for a project application.
- It is non-competitive, but there are specific requirements.
- The previous director informed Enriquez that Beardslee restrooms were designated a top priority.
- Enriquez visited some restroom vendors at CPRS Conference and had a follow-up visit in El Monte to visit an installed Exeloo intelligent public restroom system
- Restrooms looked good, are gender neutral, and self cleaning.
- The monies allocated will not cover the total cost of the restrooms, but item could be visited at mid-year.
- Enriquez will do some research on different types of restrooms.

C. Prop 68: Statewide Park Development & Community Revitalization Program:

Enriquez gave an overview of the proposition. Some of the information included:

- Enriquez is working with the City's grant writer on the competitive portion.
- In a previous meeting with Reilly, the rehabilitation of Fish Canyon Falls was something to consider.
- There is \$254,000 allocated in this first round with \$134,000 for renovation of existing parks.
- Funding is mainly geared towards new parks or park amenities.
- There is a small timeline where 5 community meetings need to be held.

D. Facility Renaming Application:

Enriquez updated commissioners and presented the following information:

- Paula Watson-Gardner attended a previous City Council meeting to request the renaming of the bike/multipurpose trail.
- Enriquez shared copies of the application with commissioners.
- Watson-Gardner is requesting the change to be after her mother and father, Donald and Bernice Watson. The park would be called the Donald and Bernice Bike/Multipurpose Trail.
- Donald Watson was the City of Duarte's first African-American council member/mayor.
- Bernice Watson was a big supporter of Donald and co-wrote the book "On the Duarte" with Aloysia Moore, who currently has a park named after her.
- Commissioners perused the application.
- Enriquez shared the City's policy for park renaming and feels the request meets the criteria.
- Paula Watson-Gardner gave a brief description of her life in Duarte and thanked commissioners for their consideration.

Bylsma-Houghton asked what kind of funding would be needed.

Reilly replied that it would depend on what was requested.

Commissioners discussed options and Enriquez replied he would do some research.

- Bylsma-Houghton motioned and Wilkins seconded to approve the renaming request. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM
STAFF:

1. Staff presented the current Senior Center and Teen Center newsletters and April Activity Reports.
2. Enriquez announced Mother's Day Tea at the Senior Center went well.
3. The In-N'-Out truck will visit the Senior Center on Thursday, May 30. There will be vintage cars and entertainment. Tickets are available for \$5.
4. The Teen Center will be having a Summer Kick Off BBQ on Tuesday, May 21.
5. In April the city had its first-ever Underwater Egg Hunt with 90 participants and it went very well. The event made ABC7 news.
6. Handed out Ad Hoc Committee applications with the goal of having one person from each commission on the committee.

ITEMS FROM
COMMISSIONERS:

Youth and Family Committee (Y & F) Report & Commissioner Report: Enriquez reported that the Y & F Committee will be concentrating on mental health.

Wilkins:

- Reported that she and Rudolph participated in selecting homes for the Green Home Awards.
- Spoke to one homeowner that was present when selecting homes and showed them the letter regarding home selections.
- Attended the Little Free Library event at Royal Oaks Park and that it was pretty neat.

Hernandez:

- Attended a Friends of the Library event and mentioned more picture books are needed.

Dugan: None

Nielsen: None

Bylsma-Houghton

- Talked about the curb of Orange Blossom Park and showed a picture of issues.
- A resident stopped by while she was there and asked if cones could be placed there in the meantime.
- Stopped by park when the park builder was there and stopped him from revealing the tile.
- Shared pictures of orange crates at park.
- Announced the housing located by park would go on sale beginning in June with the price around \$600,000 and higher.

Rudolph: None

ITEMS FROM
AUDIENCE:

Councilmember Reilly

- Announced that Red Lobster will be coming to the old Sparr Liquor location.
- Announced a retail convention in Las Vegas.
- Handed out a map of businesses and 60th anniversary pins.

ADJOURNMENT:

Wilkins moved and Dugan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson
Rudolph

ATTEST:



Manuel Enriquez, Secretary