

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Georgino called the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner – Rosso, Vance, Baroldi, Georgino

ALSO PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs
Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson
Lead Tree Worker Cruse

ABSENT: Commissioner Haddad

Commissioner Rosso moved to excuse Commissioner Haddad for cause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Baroldi and unanimously carried.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Georgino led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Georgino introduced Youth Committee member, Charlie Dodge.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Chairman Georgino opened public comments.

Chairman Georgino closed public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-Chairman Baroldi moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Rosso and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner- Rosso, Vance, Baroldi, Georgino
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-Haddad
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2016

Recommended Action: Approved

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS – OCTOBER 2016

Recommended Action: Received and filed

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON LIVE OAK PARK WALKING PATH AND TEMPLE CITY VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECTS

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs provided an overview on the Veterans Memorial and Live Oak Park Walking Path CIP projects, noting a tentative date of December 6 or 7 for the surfacing installation at Live Oak Park.

Commissioner Rosso moved to receive and file Item 6A, seconded by Commissioner Baroldi and unanimously carried by a voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner- Haddad, Vance, Baroldi, Georgino
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-Haddad
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FROM GREAT ENLIGHTENMENT LOTUS SOCIETY (GELS) FOR RESERVED USE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PAVILION AND GRASS AREAS AT TEMPLE CITY PARK FOR A CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs presented the staff report.

Hong Chen, GELS representative provided an overview of the event including the addition of sponsor coupons which will help offset their operational costs. Ms. Chen also asked for consideration of a co-sponsorship with the City.

Director Burroughs replied a request of that nature would need City Council approval.

Commissioner Rosso moved to approve the request from Great Enlightenment Lotus Society for reserved use of the Performing Arts Pavilion and grass areas at Temple City Park for a Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Vance and unanimously carried by a voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner-Rosso, Vance, Baroldi, Georgino
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-Haddad
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

B. APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION TO REMOVE A HOLLY OAK TREE LOCATED AT 10312 DAINES DRIVE

Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed the hardscape damage and possible repairs to the sidewalk.

Lead Tree Worker Cruse stated the tree has grafted itself to the sidewalk and cutting the roots would further damage the tree. A Chinese Pistache would be planted in place of the Holly Oak tree which would top off at full growth just below the electrical wires. The sidewalk would be repaired.

Mark Enkelaar, Temple City Resident (Appellant) addressed the decision to remove the tree citing the importance to keep mature trees and to possibly include a cutout in the sidewalk around the tree.

Director Burroughs replied that cut outs around trees are not allowed due to ADA requirements.

Vice-Chairman Baroldi moved to deny the appeal and uphold staff's decision to remove the Holly Oak tree located at 10312 Daines Drive, seconded by Commissioner Rosso and unanimously carried by a voice call vote.

AYES: Commissioner-Rosso, Vance, Baroldi, Georgino
NOES: Commissioner-None
ABSENT: Commissioner-Haddad
ABSTAIN: Commissioner-None

C. APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION TO REMOVE A STONE PINE TREE LOCATED AT 6333 ENCINITA AVENUE

Parks and Recreation Manager Lawson presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed the decision to remove the tree and reviewed provided photos of the property and arborist reports.

Patrick Wong, homeowner stated his concern of the location of the Stone Pine tree to the new construction at the property and potential hazard to his home.

Director Burroughs stated the Stone Pine tree is causing hardscape damage as well potential liability to property or personal damage. The structural integrity of the tree is compromised.

Mark Enkelaar, Temple City resident (appellant) stated there is a way to fix the tree but the City is taking the easy way out by removing the tree.

Commissioner Vance moved to uphold the appeal and deny staff's decision to remove the Stone Pine tree located at 6333 Encinita Avenue, seconded by Chairman Georgino.

The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioner-Vance, Georgino
NOES:	Commissioner-Rosso, Baroldi
ABSENT:	Commissioner-Haddad
ABSTAIN:	Commissioner-None

Staff will add the item to a future Parks & Recreation Commission agenda.

D. DISCUSSION ON HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING PROGRAM

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs presented the staff report.

Commissioners discussed options to revise the Holiday Award program.

Chairman Georgino moved to direct staff to revise the Holiday Home Decorating Awards to homes within the city limits with volunteers and Parks and Recreation Commissioners as judges splitting the city into sections, seconded by Commissioner Vance and unanimously carried by a roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioner-Rosso, Vance, Baroldi, Georgino
NOES:	Commissioner-None
ABSENT:	Commissioner-Haddad
ABSTAIN:	Commissioner-None

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ADDITIONAL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairman Georgino opened public comments.

Chairman Georgino closed public comments.

11. MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs provided a brief overview of past and upcoming events and noted that Tree Trimmer Tom Parthemore is retiring this week after 19+ years of service with the City.

12. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONER HADDAD

B. COMMISSIONER ROSSO stated the Veterans Day Ceremony was great and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

C. COMMISSIONER VANCE stated she attended all fall events and commended staff and volunteers on a job well done.

D. VICE-CHAIRMAN BAROLDI stated he was very impressed with the Veterans Memorial.

E. CHAIRMAN GEORGINO stated Girl Scout Troop 1851 provided great support at the Veterans Day event along with staff.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 5938 Kauffman Avenue.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary