

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5938 KAUFFMAN AVENUE

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Rosso

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Haddad, Tarin, Vance, Baroldi, Rosso

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto and Parks and Recreation Secretary Venters

ABSENT: None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Rosso led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA** - None

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Haddad moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner – Haddad, Tarin, Vance, Baroldi, Rosso

NOES: Commissioner - None

ABSENT: Commissioner - None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner - None

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Approved.

B. **MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

The Parks & Recreation Commission is requested to review the Monthly Attendance/Activity Reports for November and December 2020.

Action: Approved.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. COMMITTEE ON AGING UPDATE**

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that the next Committee on Aging meeting is scheduled on January 26, 2021. He then detailed the items to be discussed including a report of actions taken during the year of 2020, Senior Master Plan review, and determining action goals of 2021.

**B. PRIMROSE PARK UPDATE**

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated January 21, 2021 is the deadline for the notice of invitation of bids. He stated that the City has received a strong response from contractors and is optimistic for a large number of bids. He stated that the City Council will select a contractor in February, groundbreaking will take place in March, and construction is scheduled to be completed this fall. He concluded that the City is hoping to open Primrose Park in November.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PARKS & RECREATION WINTER PROGRAMMING**

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission on the success of the winter programs including Craft Club, Virtual Winter Day Camp, Healthy TC, Family Trivia Night and Holiday Cheer. He highlighted that participation from Craft Club has increased, Virtual Winter Day Camp was completely filled, Healthy TC currently has 164 participants with new challenges monthly, Family Trivia Night had 30 participants, and Holiday Cheer launched December 4 with a variety of activities including lighting the City in holiday lights, an Elf Scavenger Hunt, and Holiday Decorating Contest. He added that new to this holiday season was a 14-foot-tall Christmas tree placed at Live Oak Park.

**9. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**  
- None

**10. UPDATE FROM PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**A. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto updated the Commission that the City Council approved the Primrose Park project to go up for bid and that the Mayor recognized the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest.

He stated that he met with youth sports organizations to discuss options for clinic based activities in the spring. He continued to update the Commission regarding the City's four-year prune cycle and how it has been of benefit especially for the pine trees along Baldwin Avenue and Miloann Street. Lastly, he provided a summary of events expected for the Camellia Festival including a float contest and virtual parade.

**11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. COMMISSIONER HADDAD – Asked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto if residents are notified when a new tree is planted and if a Gaga Pit could be built at Live Oak Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto stated that typically a resident will be notified when a new City tree will be planted. He added that he can explore a Gaga Pit option at Live Oak Park and bring back to the Commission for further review.

- B. COMMISSIONER TARIN – Thanked staff for their hard work during the holiday season, the urban forestry team for their hard work, and Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for his update regarding Primrose Park.
- C. COMMISSINER VANCE – Thanked staff for their hard work.
- D. VICE-CHAIRMAN BAROLDI – Thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Matsumoto for orchestrating the holiday activities. He commended the urban forestry team for making sure the pine trees were trimmed at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Miloann Street.
- E. CHAIRMAN ROSSO – Stated that Parks and Recreation continue to bring the community together through various activities.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. to the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

  
Joanne Rosso, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Venters, Secretary

