

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

East Anaheim Community Center , 8201 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd ., Anaheim, California

January 22, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Lynn Cudd, Chair
Nichole Rupp, Vice Chair
Services Director
Ryan Balius
James Cook
John Elwell
Craig Farrow

STAFF PRESENT:

Lawrence J. Pasco, Director
Sjany Larson-Cash, Deputy Community
Pamela Galera, Parks Manager
JJ Jimenez, Principal Project Planner
Eleanor Granflor, Senior Secretary

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Yogesh Shah

AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN

1. **CALL TO ORDER** : Chair Cudd called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** : Vice Chair Rupp led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** : John Shook, new Ex-Officio member representing Savanna Elementary School District, introduced himself to the Commission.
4. **SCHEDULED COMMUNICATION** : None.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** : Chair Cudd presented the December 4, 2019, Minutes to the Commissioners for changes or corrections. Commissioner Elwell made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Rupp. The motion was approved with 4 ayes; Chair Cudd accepted the minutes.
6. **REPORTS**
 - a) **Recreation, Human and Neighborhood Services - October/November**: Sjany Larson-Cash presented the report and highlighted the S.T.A.R.S. Tennis Program, Volunteer Fun Day held at Oak Canyon Nature Center, Volunteer Recognition Luncheon that will held at the City National Grove of Anaheim on March 26, 2020, installation of the automatic restroom doors at the Downtown Anaheim and Brookhurst Community Centers for senior safety, Native American Heritage event at Downtown Anaheim Community Center, and Footgolf with a Cop event with youth from Project SAY at Dad Miller Golf Course.
 - b) **Parks Activity Report - November/December**: Pamela Galera presented the report and highlighted the epidemic (shot hole borer) that is affecting the trees in city parks. Questions were answered regarding the insect that is affecting the trees and the damage repaired at Anaheim Coves.

Commissioner Balius commended the TreePower Program and shared that the tree planted at his residence has grown and is bearing fruit.

- c) **Park Ranger Report - December**: Sjany Larson-Cash presented the report and highlighted the number of patrols, patrons, public contacts, curfew and alcohol related contacts made by Park Rangers. Questions were answered regarding coyote activity.

Commissioner Balius requested for an update regarding coyote activity. Staff reported that Park Maintenance and Park Ranger staff did not witness much coyote activity in the past; and that

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staff previously installed trashcan lids at Twila Reid Park and it was not successful with coyote activity.

- d) Parks Capital Project Progress Report: JJ Jimenez presented the report and highlighted the Center Greens, Manzanita Skate Park, and Nohl Ranch Trail. Questions were answered regarding the parking lot at Modjeska Park, Center Greens, Maxwell Dog Park, and Barton Park.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) CAPRCBM Membership: Sjany Larson-Cash presented information on the California Association of Park and Recreation Commission and Board Members Membership. A discussion was held by the Commission regarding the membership. Commissioner Balius made a motion to have the city provide CAPRCBM Membership for the Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Cook. The motion was approved with 6 ayes; Chair Cudd accepted the motion.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** : Eleanor Granflor presented the meeting schedule for 2020.

Sjany Larson-Cash reported the opening of the Manzanita Skate Park will held on February 6, 2020 at 3 p.m.

Larry Pasco reminded the Commissioners that they can request a brief presentation on various programs or facilities at future Commission meetings.

Commissioner Farrow shared an article published by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regarding soil contamination at the landfill adjacent to Boysen Park. Larry Pasco and Pamela Galera reported the school district has contacted city staff and Boysen Park is not affected by the work that is being completed at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School. JJ Jimenez also reported the DTSC is constantly testing the air quality to ensure the public is not affected in the area.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** : Chair Cudd adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.