

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 Crescent Ave., Anaheim, California

July 24, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Lynn Cudd, Chairman
Nichole Rupp, Vice Chairman
Ryan Balius
James Cook
John Elwell
Yogesh Shah

STAFF PRESENT:

Larry Pasco, Director
Sjany Larson-Cash, Community Services Manager
Pamela Galera, Parks Manager
JJ Jimenez – Principal Project Planner
Eleanor Granflor – Sr. Secretary

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Craig Farrow

AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Cudd called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chairman Rupp led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** Joe Baldo, representative of Higher Ground Youth Services, introduced himself and provided an overview of how the organization began and the programs offered by Higher Ground.

Eddie Burciaga, representative of Higher Ground Youth Services, introduced himself, provided a background of his involvement with sports programs and other services offered by Higher Ground at Lincoln Park.

Sgt. Juan Reveles, representative of Anaheim Police Department and Supervisor of the Orange County Human Traffic and Task Force, expressed his support for Higher Ground and provided an overview of how Higher Ground is the first prevention program in the county to provide various youth services.

Geraldine Densmore, representative of Higher Ground Youth Services, introduced herself and provided an overview of how Higher Ground exists in direct response to the needs of the community. Geraldine also stated a Higher Ground Service accredited class is currently offered at Chapman University, UC Irvine, CSU Long Beach, and CSU Fullerton where service learning is taught onsite. The students then intern and work as mentors at Higher Ground to assist with the various programs offered.
4. **SCHEDULED COMMUNICATION:** None.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chairman Cudd presented the June 26, 2019 Minutes to the Commissioners for changes or corrections. Vice Chairman Rupp made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Elwell. The motion was approved with 6 ayes; Chairman Cudd accepted the minutes.
6. **REPORTS**
 - a) **Parks Activity Report – May/June:** Pamela Galera presented the report and answered questions regarding the posts of the new sign at Hansen Park, the patching of rubberized surfacing at existing playgrounds, and the broken irrigation wires at Anaheim Coves.
 - b) **Park Ranger Report – June:** Sjany Larson-Cash presented the report and highlighted the increase in the number of patrols, patrons and public contacts made by Park Rangers during the park patrols since last month, as well as the slight decrease in the number of curfew and alcohol contacts made. Sjany also reported the Park Rangers assisted with the Anaheim Coves Northern Extension grand opening, Greater Anaheim Soccer League Playoffs, July 4th event

at Peralta Park, Concerts in the Canyon and Disney Movie Nights. Questions were answered regarding staff completing a facility check after an earthquake.

- c) Parks Capital Project Progress Report: JJ Jimenez presented the report and highlighted Aloe Greens and Aloe Promenade, Barton Park Improvements, Gramercy Trail, and the St. Jude Medical Clinic at Ponderosa Park. Commissioner Shah reported he would like to share pictures of a well used childrens playground at a park he visited in San Francisco with staff. Questions were answered regarding improvements and an upcoming KaBOOM! project at Julianna Park, and the parking lot at Modjeska Park.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- a) Park Ranger Study: Chairman Cudd provided a brief background of the Park Ranger Study and reported the City Council is looking into the Study. Larry Pasco commended the staff for the work completed for this Study.
- b) Park-In-Lieu Fees Discussion: Chair Cudd reported the Finance Department will be taking this item to City Council in the Fall and provided a brief overview of fees and parks in the Platinum Triangle. A discussion was held by the Commission regarding park-in-lieu fees. Staff answered questions concerning the fee process (developer building permits, Quimby fees, and the fee study). Commissioner Balius made a motion to create a working group to put together a recommendation of fees to submit to the City Council; the motion was not seconded. Vice Chairman Rupp requested for staff to notify the Commission when this item is taken to the City Council.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Selection of Chair: Commissioner Cudd was nominated for Chair; six votes were received in favor. Commissioner Cudd will be the new Chair.
- b) Selection of Vice Chair: Vice Chairman Rupp was nominated for Vice Chair; six votes were received in favor. Vice Chairman Rupp will remain as Vice Chair for the next year.

- 9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**: Sjany Larson-Cash reported the new show wagon was showcased at the Concert in the Canyon on July 18th.

Pamela Galera reported a Lease Agreement between Southern California Edison and the City for a property on Nutwood Street will be taken to City Council.

- 10. **ADJOURNMENT**: Chairman Cudd adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.