



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2016, AT 6:30 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Chair Zavala convened the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:35 p.m.

Staff R. Martin called the roll. Present were Chair Zavala, Vice-Chair Taylor, Commission Members Rosen, Gin. Commissioner Salinas arrived shortly after roll call.

Excused Absence: None

Other Officials and Staff present: Community Services Director/ Staff Liaison S. Pautsch, and Staff R. Salazar-Martin, and Community Services Supervisor L. Hakobian. City Council Liaison Dr. Schneider arrived shortly after roll call.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2016**

**MOTION:** Commission approved the minutes of the regular March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

(Rosen, Taylor)

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**4. PRESENTATIONS/(ACTION/DISCUSSION)**

None

## **ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5. PICKLE BALL COURT**

Recreation Supervisor Hakobian presented item to Commission. On the March 14<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, a public comment was received in respect to adding a pickle ball court in South Pasadena. Staff was directed by the Commission to explore the possibility of this request as well as determining a location. Supervisor Hakobian presented the following staff recommendation; possible location in mind at this time is to utilize the existing two tennis courts at 815 Mission Street in Orange Grove Park, and a the breakdown of estimated cost for the project is estimated to be \$1400 to paint the court as needed. Furthermore, the staff also recommended participants bring their own equipment, and as far as court function, if the tennis courts house the new pickle ball area, the multi-use courts will now cater to all types of sports. This would in turn bring about setting a specific time frame for the pickle ball activity, so that there would be no conflict with classes currently being offered by the City. This will ensure leaving enough time for the community to use the tennis courts as they are currently used daily. At that time, resident Linda Poor has been asked to answer questions from the Commission that relate to the function and schematics of the game. She volunteers to help promote the sport and coordinate with the Recreation Department on an appropriate designated day and time to for pickle ball. Poor also suggest recreation provide some equipment, such as the net, so that the public may feel more inclined to participate. Commission Gin and Rosen inquired about whether it is necessary to paint two pickle ball courts, as the current cost estimate has included, or can one be introduced at this time, there for cutting the cost in half. Commissioner Gin explains this process would help their staff observe the turn out and following it brings to ultimately determine if a second court would be necessary and agrees with staff recommendation in not purchasing equipment at this time; Recreation does not supply those who utilize the tennis court with equipment, this would keep that process consistent. Chair Zavala recommends that buying some equipment, as Poor suggested, in addition to painting one court may encourage the new sport to be more accessible to the public and help to increase use and turn out. Director Pautsch and Supervisor Hakobian remind Commission at this time that if the equipment does exceed over \$500, the City will be forced to go out and bid three different companies in order to proceed with purchase.

**MOTION:** Commission recommends the approval of lining one pickle ball court at the Orange Grove Park tennis court site at this time and the purchase of two portable nets. Commissioner Salinas added a friendly amendment to the motion; commission also recommends that staff also purchase pickle balls in order for the public to use proper balls for the activity. By majority voice vote, the motion passed (three ayes)

(Rosen, Taylor)

### **6. MARCH 2016 MONTHLY PARK REPORT**

Director Pautsch presented item to Commission. She has provided a summary of the maintenance work performed throughout the month of March 2016 by the contracted LandCare Company currently handling all landscaping in the City parks. She continued to encourage all Commissioners to notify her if they are ever brought aware of any issues regarding any of the City Parks so the proper next steps can be taken and coordinated with LandCare. Also, she did want the Commission to know that all LandCare landscaping

equipment are battery powered, and no Gas is used while servicing our Parks. Monthly park maintenance reports will be presented to the Commission listing upkeep and projects from now on. The City is currently in the process of an American Green Alliance certification for all our City Parks to be designated "Green Zones" by the end of April of this year. This will establish South Pasadena as the first City in the Nation to have all landscape equipment with zero gas emissions. No motion is need at this time.

**7. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

None

**8. COMMISSONER REPORTS**

Vice Chair Taylor and Commissioners Salinas and Gin have nothing to report at this time. Commissioner Rosen announced that he has applied for a Marshall position for the AMGEN Race event on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Chair ~~Salinas~~ *Zende* invited the Parks and Recreation Staff to have a designated booth at the 626 San Gabriel Valley Golden Streets event on June 26<sup>th</sup> located in the Health and Wellness hub for the South Pasadena.

**9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Director Pautsch gave her overview of the Spring Eggstravaganza event on March 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Recreation Division. They had a great turn out and an overall successful event, and reminded the Commission on the Doggy Day taking place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also notified the Commission on the Camp Med Summer Camp sign up status; currently it is sold out for the first 3 weeks. Also, she invited the Commission to attend the Budget meeting study on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, there has been a temporary relocation of one of the P. C. C Parenting class from Eddie Park to Orange Grove building due to current plans for major exterior and interior repair. Gymboree has also moved out of the War Memorial building leaving it available for repairs due to water damage.

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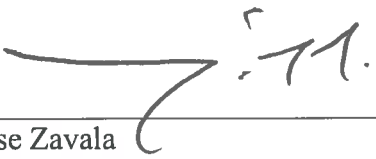
**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the Commission adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

  
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Sheila Pautsch  
Community Services Director

  
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Jose Zavala  
Chair