



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2017, AT 6:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. ROLL CALL

Chair D. Beadle convened the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:39 p.m.

Staff R. Martin called the roll. Present were: Chair D. Beadle, Vice-Chair A. Vogel, and Commissioner R. Rosen

Other Officials and Staff present: Community Services Director/ Staff Liaison S. Pautsch, and Staff R. Martin

Member(s) not present at roll call: Commissioner J. Zavala and City Council Liaison Mayor M. Cacciotti; both arrived after roll call.

Absent: Commissioner A. Salinas

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 10TH, 2017

MOTION: Commission approved the minutes of the regular April 10th, 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as amended. By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

(Beadle, Rosen)

COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATIONS/ (ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION)

4. None

ACTION AND /OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. GARFIELD PARK AMPHITHEATER DESIGN INPUT

Director Pautsch presented item. Item was first discussed at the April 10th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Commission asked for further analysis and discussion. Additionally, staff distributed notices, regarding amphitheater item on the agenda, encouraging attendance and input to over 100 residents inside of the 300 ft. radius around Garfield Park. Staff presented an analysis breakdown of the top three stage options available for purchase: 1) portable stage, 2) mobile/trailer stage, similar to what was used in the past and 3) permanent amphitheater shelter, which may be used year round. The analysis included information such as size, cost, and set up specifications for each option. Recreation Staff prepared a visual aid of the possible design and location of the permanent amphitheater shelter that best fit within the parks surroundings. Staff's recommendation is to purchase the permanent amphitheater shelter. Commissioner Rosen also adds the suggestion of a non-permanent wooden stage that may be dismantled when needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Richards (resident, not present, email letter): Director Pautsch reads email on behalf of B. Richards who is not present. B. Richards is in support of a permanent amphitheater structure. She is in favor of not renting a stage for concert events at Garfield Park.

M. Kieser (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. In favor of keeping as much open grass area as possible at Garfield park. She is against any concrete additions.

D. Schwartz (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. She does not feel there is enough open grass area; she does not want any more open grass area eliminated.

I. Harrington (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. Feels that the current placement of the stage is ideal for a concert, prefers a temporary stage structure that will keep current location as the designated area for concert events.

J. Would (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. He does not want an additional permanent event forum rented out to the public. Also, it will generate additional unwanted noise.

A. Levitt (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. Feels it may bring loud unnecessary noise year round. She is in favor of a mobile stage.

R. Pizante (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. Expresses it will attract vagrancy and additional unwanted noise year round.

R. Muzquiz (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park, even a wooden structure that can later be dismantled if needed. He feels the structure will attract activities after hours that in turn will become unnecessary noise issues.

C. Becker (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. Believes parking will become even more limited. Feels that park maintenance will slow down and will not be able to keep up with year round events. He feels it may also have the potential to increase criminal activity within the park. He is in favor of a temporary stage.

A. Cucuzzo (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. Does not want any more concrete added to the park and would like to preserve the current grass available.

P. Han (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. His overall opinion, as a former architect, is that a permanent structure is not a feasible option for Garfield Park. He prefers a mobile stage for the few concerts during the summer. Commends the Public Works department on their speedy clean up after large park events.

M. Ghaly (resident): Opposes any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park and enjoys the current City events scheduled throughout the year. Feels the structure will invite vagrancy and/or prohibited activities. In favor of City using a mobile stage. He also contributed ideas for purchase or rentals in the future. He encourages more public forums, as a means of contribution to cost efficient alternative options for non-permanent structures for the summer concert events.

C. Pierson (resident): Opposed any plans for a permanent structure built at Garfield Park. Inquired about what rental schedule is available for a permanent structure. Director Pautsch explained if a permanent structure were built, it would follow the park rental policy. She added that any restriction or additions to the policy would be decided by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commission wants to explore the option of renting a collapsible stage. They have agreed the current location for the stage is ideal, and a permanent structure in an alternate location will not be as effective for a concert.

MOTION: Commission wants to eliminate the option for a permanent amphitheater structure at Garfield Park, and explore more options for a temporary or mobile stage. By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

(Beadle, Rosen)

Staff will bring back item at a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, specifically, more options for portable or mobile stages along with funding strategies.

6. SOUTH PASADENA PARKS TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

Director Pautsch introduced item. During the April 10th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commission asked staff to look into the current city park trash pickup schedule, as they have reported a need for an increase in some high traffic areas. Director Pautsch listed details from the current agreement and schedule for trash pickup. Commission suggests the following:

- Have staff work with Public Works department on increasing the frequency of trash pickup for the Mission Street and Meridian Street intersection.
- Minimize pick up frequency at Eddie Park
- Add a Sunday trash pickup to Library Park
- Schedule two trash pickups at Garfield Park (morning and evening) and add a few more trash containers by high traffic areas.

7. ADDITIONS OF WATER FILLING STATIONS AT SOUTH PASADENA PARKS

Director Pautsch introduced item. At the April 10th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commission asked staff to research the installation of drinking fountains with water bottle filling station attachments throughout City parks, especially Arroyo Park. Commission believed that adding water bottle filling stations would minimize plastic bottle waste. The Community Services Department budgeted one drinking fountain for purchase and installation for the current fiscal year. Director Pautsch then discussed specifics regarding funding sources and projected timelines for project completion. Additionally, staff presented a design to Commission; along with multiple cost estimates. Staff asked Commission to assist in purchasing the first fountain for Arroyo Park and submitting necessary information for funding in the upcoming fiscal year for additional installations at other City park locations. Commission approved the concept of adding the first drinking fountain this fiscal year by Nelson Field at Arroyo Park. Chair Beadle suggested looking at possible fountain options through Global Industrial. Commission asked staff to add signs around the fountain to create awareness on decreasing plastic waste. No motion is needed at this time. Staff will look into possible fountain installation sites on the field contingent on available water lines, and cost estimates for new water lines. Item will return to agenda at a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with updates.

8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Cacciotti thanked staff for mailing out notice letters, regarding the amphitheater item, to residents around Garfield Park. He appreciated the turn out and community feedback.

He asked staff to look into the following:

- Addition of a squash court at the Arroyo Seco Racquet Club.
- Updates on the Arroyo Trail
- Participation of Commissioners on a ride along in the new electric bus recently purchased for the Transit division (arrival date: June 2017).

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Beadle would like staff to look into updating snake trail between Flores de Oro St. and Rollin St. He asked staff to look into the possibility of repaving, adding lighting, and better stair rails. Item will be added to a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

10. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Pautsch informed commission of the following.

- May 20th: Ribbon cutting of the Demonstration Garden

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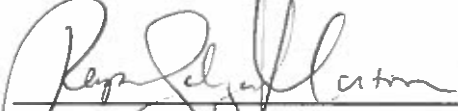
- Caltrans properties: City has put down a deposit for the two vacant lots. Item will be added to a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- Measure A funds will arrive July 2018
- June 2017: arrival of the new electric bus for the Dial-A-Ride program.

ADJOURNMENT

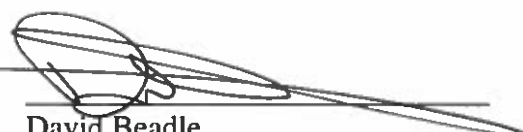
By consensus, the Commission adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, June 12th, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:



Reyna Salazar-Martin
Community Services Program Specialist



David Beadle
Chair