

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
JANUARY 16, 2019, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Kevin Kennedy, Chair
Don Mrla, Vice Chair
Jeff Brauckmann, Commissioner
Chris Hardeman, Commissioner
Delia Morales, Commissioner
Ray Wong, Commissioner

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2018.

5.B. KaBOOM! - Broadway Park Project

Recommendation: Receive and file update on the KABOOM! - Broadway Park Project.

5.C. Park Naming - 10525 Whittier Boulevard

Recommendation: Approve recommending to City Council naming the designated park located at 10525 Whittier Boulevard as "Dorland Park".

5.D. 2018 Fall Report

Recommendation: Receive and file the 2018 Fall Report

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 11th day of January 2019.

/s/ Sheryl Dugas

Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: January 16, 2019

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2018.

BACKGROUND

None

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared draft minutes and hereby submits the minutes for Commission's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2018.

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission of the City of Whittier met in Regular Session in the Whittier City Council Chambers, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

**PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Kevin Kennedy, Chair
Don Mrla, Vice Chair
Jeff Brauckmann, Commissioner
Chris Hardeman, Commissioner
Ray Wong, Commissioner

**PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Delia Morales, Commissioner (unexcused)

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and
Community Services
Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Brauckmann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

5. STAFF REPORTS:

5.A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chair Mrla, seconded by Commissioner Brauckmann, and carried, 5 - 0, (Absent: Commissioner Morales) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2018 as presented.

5.B. PARKS – HOURS OF OPERATION

Secretary Alaniz reported that he had presented Commission's recommendation for park hours to be "sunrise to civil sunset plus 60 minutes", to Administration and the Chief of Police for consideration. It was determined

that use of the term “civil sunset plus 60 minutes” would create confusion. The Chief of Police recommended “sunrise to sunset” as an alternative. Secretary Alaniz noted that even with these hours of operation homeless persons will not be asked to leave the park without an available shelter space for them to be directed to. The Police would respond to complaints received about persons loitering or causing problems in the parks after dark. It was also noted that these hours only pertain to the outdoor picnic and playground areas of the parks. Hours for other specific facilities will be addressed in a future review of the Facility Policy. Secretary Alaniz stated that a report is going to City Council on January 8, 2019 with the recommendation of park hours to be established as “sunrise to sunset”. Chair Kennedy asked if any Commissioner wished to make a motion to recommend amendment of Commission’s recommendation of the hours being “sunrise to civil sunset plus 60 minutes”. Commissioner Hardeman voiced his concerns about “law abiding citizens” wanting to go to the parks after work, to work out, and not being permitted to. He also noted that he prefers to defer this decision until after the State of California decides what to do about daylight savings time. Commissioner Hardeman also stated that he does not like the ambiguity of “sunrise to sunset”, and also questioned these hours for the Greenway Trail. Chair Kennedy questioned whether the “plus 60 minutes” language would be added to the recommendation to Council. Commissioner Wong agreed with Commissioner Hardeman about the State’s lack of direction about daylight savings time, and ambiguities. Secretary Alaniz noted that the Greenway Trail has established hours of 4:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. as a requirement for certain portions of the original construction funding.

It was moved by Commissioner Mrla, seconded by Commissioner Wong, and carried, 3-2, (Noes: Chair Kennedy and Commissioner Hardeman) (Absent: Morales) to amend Commission’s original recommendation to Council of “sunrise to sunset plus 60 minutes” to “sunrise to sunset”.

Vice Chair Mrla excused himself from the remainder of the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

5.C. UPDATE ON CITY OF WHITTIER HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Secretary Alaniz advised that Commission will receive periodic updates on the implementation of the Homeless Plan. He noted that this topic is now under the Parks, Recreation and Community Services “umbrella”. Community Services Manager, Martin Browne, has been assigned these duties, along with his responsibility for Transit, and Senior Services. He is attending approximately eight meetings per month, and working with various County and private agencies. Secretary Alaniz reported the following:

- At a recent meeting of the Whittier Homeless Consortium, it was reported that there are an estimated 2,500 homeless students in grades K–12 in the City. Chair Kennedy questioned this number. Commissioner Hardeman noted that 25% of the students at his son’s elementary school are listed as “homeless”, they may live in garages or in other locations.

- The Assistance League of Whittier has a dental program that charges only \$10 per dental visit for youth in grades K–12.
- The Rotary Club helped organize a bingo and raffle fundraiser on November 28 at the Brookdale senior living facility on Philadelphia Street, which raised \$1,980 to assist some homeless Whittier College and Rio Hondo College students.
- The Interfaith Community Food Bank is now working with the local school districts to distribute canned food to families in need.
- There are now three shower programs in the area: Steinmetz Park in Hacienda Heights run by Whittier First Day on Mondays; Liberty Plaza on the second and third Fridays run by Whittier First Day, and Whittier Narrows run by Lava Mae. Participants receive transportation to and from the shower sites. Los Angeles County is also offering flu shots for participants. Commissioner Hardeman questioned whether transportation was available only from County areas. Secretary Alaniz noted that it is also available from within the City. Additional shower sites, within the City, are being sought.
- The scheduled day for the annual Point-in-Time homeless count for the City is January 22 through 24, 2019, and volunteers are welcome. Results will be available in June or July. Accuracy of the counts is questionable since people who are “homeless”, but staying with other people, are not included in the count.
- The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is leasing office space at the Transit Depot and will begin implementing outreach programs to the community.
- The City has applied for two-\$300,000 Prop. H grants. This funding will allow the hiring of part-time staff to assist with implementation of the City’s Homeless Plan.

Commissioner Wong reported that the City of La Mirada is implementing a plan requiring people receiving services in La Mirada show proof that they are from La Mirada.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Brauckmann, and carried, 4-0, (Absent: Commissioner Morales, Vice Chair Mrla) to receive and file update on the City of Whittier Homeless Plan Implementation.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

Secretary Alaniz wished Commission “happy holidays”, and noted that City Hall will be closed beginning at noon on Friday, December 21, 2018 and reopening at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. He will be available by email during the holidays.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Commissioner Hardeman wished Commission and staff “happy holidays”.

Commissioner Brauckmann wished Commission and staff “happy holidays”.

Commissioner Wong thanked Commission and staff for their hard work over the past year and noted that he is looking forward to the year ahead and all of the coming activities. He reported that \$540 has been raised towards the cost of installing the memorial tree and plaque honoring Commissioner Bouchard, and that the Mayor has been advised of this progress. Commissioner Wong also noted that the Mayor will move it forward.

Chair Kennedy wished Commission and staff “happy holidays”.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Alaniz

Greg Alaniz
Secretary



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: January 16, 2019
To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission
From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Subject: KaBOOM! - Broadway Park Project

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file update on the KABOOM! - Broadway Park Project.

BACKGROUND

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring all children get a childhood filled with play. KaBOOM! works with municipal agencies and connects them with a sponsor in order to transform underused open spaces, parks, and existing playgrounds into safe, fun, and beautiful spaces for children and their families. KaBOOM! has partnered with the City of Whittier, the Whittier Community Foundation, and Whittier Host Lions to transform playgrounds at Kennedy Park in 2014, York Field in 2016, and Guirado Park in 2017.

DISCUSSION

The City of Whittier will be partnering with KaBOOM! and corporate sponsor, Amway to build a playground in one day at Broadway Park, 12816 Broadway Avenue, with the support of the Whittier Community Foundation and Whittier Host Lions. The Design Phase of the project was held January 10, 2019 which hosted a Children's Design Session as well as a Parent and Community Member Session for the community to have the opportunity to give their input and ideas on the design of the new playground. The build date is scheduled for March 7, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the KaBOOM! - Broadway Park project will be approximately \$100,000. The City of Whittier will provide building materials and labor, the Whittier Community Foundation will donate \$8,500, and Whittier Host Lions will supply labor.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: January 16, 2019
To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission
From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Subject: Park Naming - 10525 Whittier Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION

Approve recommending to City Council naming the designated park located at 10525 Whittier Boulevard as "Dorland Park".

BACKGROUND

The recently designated park is located at 10525 Whittier Boulevard. The park is a passive area with no programming or additional amenities. A park designation was recommended by Chief Piper in August of 2017 to allow the Whittier Police Department (WPD) to assist officers with citing individuals who have habitually used the park area for illegal activities.

At the September 20, 2017 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (PRCS) meeting, the Commission submitted three (3) proposed park names, as directed in the city policy, to City Council and recommend that City Council select the name of the new park. The Commission also suggested City Council consider a naming participation event for the community to vote on suggested names:

- Dorland Park - Adjacent Street. Founding family of Whittier in 1887, established the first cemetery in Whittier.
- Redman Park- Adjacent Street. Prominent family in the early 1900's.
- Rockne Park - Adjacent Street. No records of a Rockne family.

At the March 27, 2018 City Council meeting, a motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 8954 officially designating the green space at 10525 Whittier Boulevard as a city park and referring the matter back to the PRCS Commission for recommendations on naming the park and involving the community in the process. On Saturday, December 1, 2018 staff acted on the direction of the City Council and held a "Park Naming" community event. "Dorland Park" was the consensus voted on by the community members.

DISCUSSION

Commission will review the community consensus voting results regarding naming the park as "Dorland Park".

FISCAL IMPACT

There are funds available in FY 2018-19 Capital Improvement Projects - Playground Signage account (635-22-981-922-832065) to cover the cost of the new park signage of approximately \$2,000.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Name the Park flyer
- B. Name the Park flyer distribution
- C. Name the Park ballot



NAME THE PARK!

Join us for a sweet treat while
you cast your vote for the
name of the new park in
Whittier!

Dorland

Norwalk Blvd

LOCATED AT 10525 WHITTIER BLVD.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



For more information please call (562) 567-9400.



¡NOMBRE EL PARQUE!

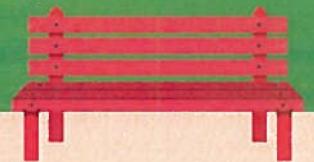
¡Acompáñanos para una merienda dulce mientras emite su voto para nombrar el nuevo parque en Whittier!

Dorland

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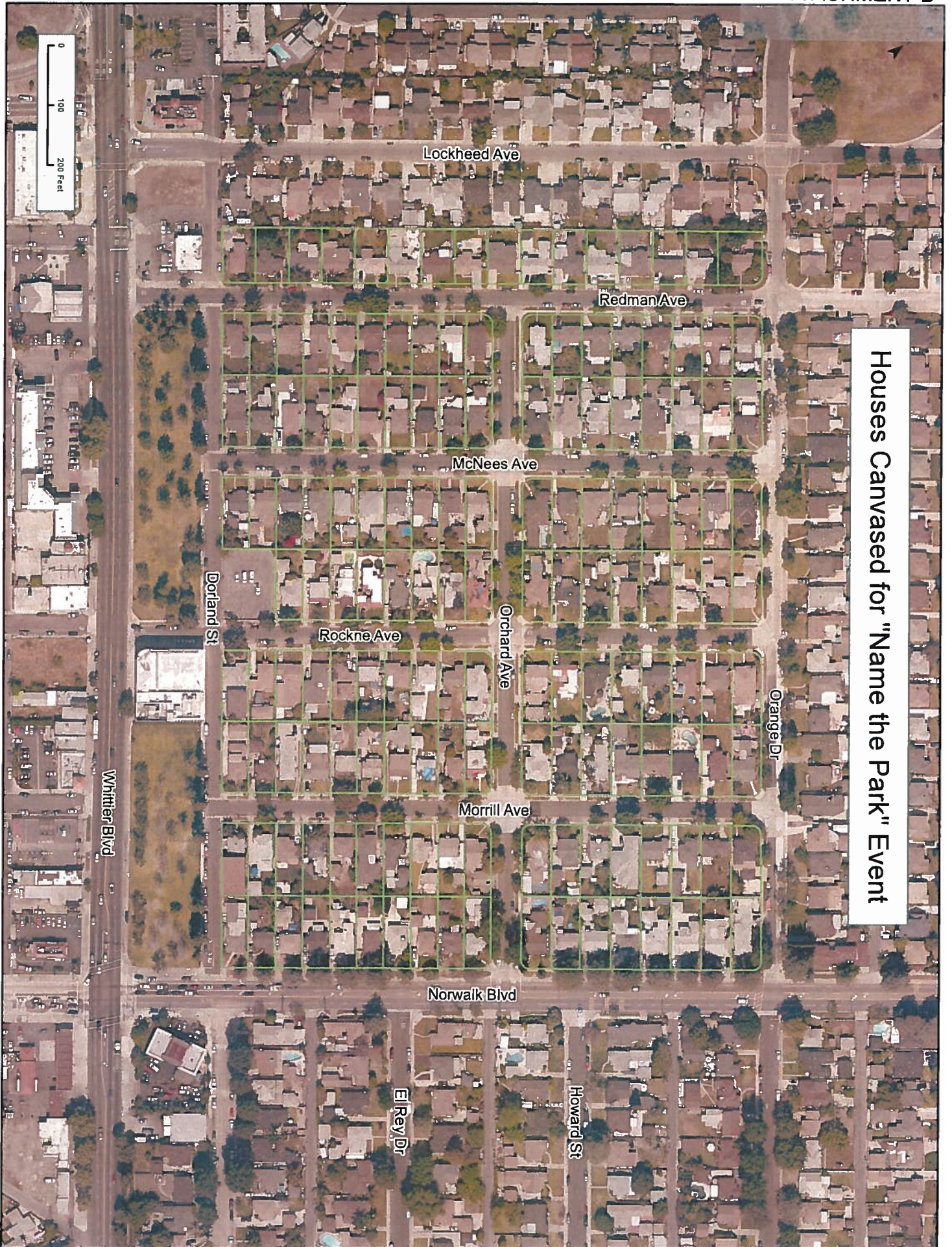
Norwalk Blvd.

SÁBADO, 1 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



Para más información, por favor llame al (562) 567-9400.

Houses Canvased for "Name the Park" Event





NAME THE PARK!

CAST YOUR VOTE...

Please mark your selection

- Redman Park
- Dorland Park
- Rockne Park



LOCATED AT 10525 WHITTIER BLVD.



The designation as a park also includes naming the park and posting signage specifying code restrictions and park rules. City policy on naming parks notes that park names usually relate to a City theme, historical place or event, or the area in which the park is located. Parks or recreational facilities have not been typically named on honor of a living person unless that person donated the particular land or improvements and has made naming a stipulation of donation.



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: January 16, 2019

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: 2018 Fall Report

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the 2018 Fall Report

BACKGROUND

None

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared the 2018 Fall Report and hereby submits the report for Commission's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

A. 2018 Fall Report

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 16, 2019
To: Commissioners
From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Subject: 2018 Fall Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission receive and file the Community Services Division's 2018 Fall Report.

DISCUSSION:

Aquatics showed an increase this quarter in both revenue and participation. Palm Park Tennis Center continues to be a favorite among many tennis aficionados. The City continues to encourage the arts via the W7 Art Show, Chalktastic, and the Lobby Art Program. There were various well-attended community events showing our appreciation to volunteers, providing a fun-filled country BBQ dance, and hosting our community Spooktacular 5K. Facility rentals and class registration remained popular and showed increases in revenue. Our senior centers continue to provide interesting and engaging programs and events. The City sponsored sports and theatre programs were as popular as ever. The Youth Services Division provided many exciting and productive programs and events for the youth in our City.

AQUATICS AND TENNIS:**Aquatics**

This year, aquatics conducted three sessions of after-school swim lessons with an increase in revenue of 22% over fall 2017. We continued our water aerobics and adult lessons normally offered only in the summer and was well received.

Lap swim revenue increased 24% over last year due to a 50% increase in Lap Swim Punch Card sales and the \$1 fee increase. This year we held the second annual Thanksgiving Day lap swim session. The early time allowed regular swimmers an opportunity to workout before the holiday.

Tennis

The Del Rio Girls Tennis League finals were held at the Tennis Center in October. The Greater Whittier Tennis Club conducted their annual Fall League play that garnered over \$1,800 in revenue for the Tennis Center. In addition to the Greater Whittier Tennis Club, the USTA regularly used courts on the weekends.

CULTURAL ARTS

Lobby Art

Mixed media artist Bryan Davis and group photographers "Nuestro Arte," displayed their photos this fall season in the City Hall lobby. Photography instructor Keith Durlinger curated a group show of his Parnell Park students. The community enjoyed the photographs.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Whittier Community Foundation's Boots, Beer & BBQ event was held on September 29. Over 200 people were in attendance. The community enjoyed food, a live band, and a festive atmosphere.

The Whittier Community Foundation's Spooktacular 5K was held on October 27. Over 1,900 participants enjoyed an energized morning in Uptown Whittier.

Social Services Commission hosted their annual Volunteer Recognition Program event on November 13. Nine deserving volunteers were honored at the evening reception.

The W7 Art Show and the Chalktastic art competition for kids took place on November 16 - 17 at Parnell Park. Over 20 artists and over 80 students participated in these events respectively.

FACILITY RENTALS

Palm Park and Guirado Park

Rentals continue to be popular at the Palm Park Activity Center. Combined, Palm Park and the Guirado Park Facilities had a revenue increase of 20% over last year.

Parnell Park

Parnell Park continues to be busy with rentals. Private party rentals have increased since the summer season. The revenue brought in this season was \$10,036 between September and November.

Senior Center

The Senior Center continues to hold many community events and private rentals. Many of the rentals are returning customers that are pleased with the facility and staff.

Whittier Center Theatre

A total of 10 private rentals were held generating \$9,896 in revenue this fall.

Whittier Community Center

A total of 63 private rentals were held this fall generating \$9,845 in revenue.

Whittier Historic Depot Rentals

A total of 31 private rentals were held this fall generating \$7,942 in revenue.

York Field Rentals

A total of nine permits were issued this fall generating \$3,964 in revenue.

RECREATION CLASSES

The fall session for recreation classes showed a gross revenue of \$98,603 indicating a 1.5% increase compared to fall 2017. The most popular fall programs continue to be gymnastics, fitness, martial arts, and the Saturday sports programs.

SPORTS

Adult Softball

A total of 56 teams participated in the fall 2018 adult softball league. The league fee of \$525 per team generated \$29,400 in gross revenue. Teams play at York Field on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

Whittier Skate Park

The Whittier Skate Park was open 91 days and closed 6 days throughout the fall season due to holidays, rain, and maintenance.

THEATRE PROGRAMS

The Whittier Family Theatre presented a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat". The production consisted of 139 cast members. All eight performances were well attended.

SENIOR SERVICES

National Chess Day was celebrated at Parnell Park on October 13. Approximately 25 seniors and youth participated and/or learned how to play chess. Refreshments and prizes were provided.

The Whittier Senior Center had their Annual Halloween Party on October 31. The seniors enjoyed dancing, a costume contest, and entertainment. Food and games were provided by various health care agencies.

The Veteran's Day celebration was held on November 10 in front of Whittier City Hall. Approximately 200 people were in attendance. The California High School band played

patriotic songs throughout the morning. City officials delivered their speeches and acknowledged our Veterans.

The Harvest Feast was held on November 19, at Parnell Park. Eighty-five seniors enjoyed a turkey dinner, dessert, photo booth, dancing, and raffle prizes. These amenities were provided by the 10 health care agencies in attendance.

The Whittier Uptown seniors and Parnell Park seniors enjoyed a Holiday Jingle Jamboree on December 3. Activities included live entertainment, dancing, holiday crafts, and treats.

Excursions

Senior excursions continue in popularity. Excursions included the Aquarium of the Pacific, Tamale Festival in Indio, Japanese American Museum in Little Tokyo, Tanaka Farms in Irvine, and the Magic of Christmas performance at the La Mirada Theater.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAM

The Therapeutic Recreation Program was busy with Special Olympics competitions. A softball competition was conducted at Rio Vista Park with 15 teams competing, including Whittier's team, the Dirty Dawgs.

The Friday Night Dances were moved from Palm Park to the Whittier Senior Center to accommodate the growing number of participants.

For the Halloween Dance held on October 19, the National Charity League (NCL) donated 80 pumpkins. They also volunteered to help with the carving and costume contest. Dances are held the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from September – June.

YOUTH SERVICES

School Year WYN Club

The School Year WYN Club program began on August 15 with sites at Murphy Ranch, Evergreen, Leffingwell, Laurel, and Hoover Elementary Schools. WYN Club members participated in educational activities, seasonal crafts, and physical activity. Homework assistance was provided as well. The current number of participants enrolled were as follows: Murphy Ranch (172), Leffingwell (114), Laurel (67), Evergreen (24), and Hoover (54).

Youth Services held a Family Game Night at Parnell Park on October 19. Club members and their parents joined staff to participate in board games and other exciting activities.

During the months of October and November, WYN Club sites participated in an Intermural Kickball Program. Each week, games were held at the various WYN Club sites. Many parents came out to support their children.

Club Orchard Dale and Club Scottie

The City continues to collaborate with the SKILLS Organization to run fee-based programs at Orchard Dale Elementary School and Scott Avenue Elementary School. Both programs serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. There are 77 students enrolled at Club Orchard Dale and 78 students enrolled at Club Scottie.

Students Run Whittier

The Students Run Whittier program began on September 8 and ended on December 15, with 75 participants enrolled. The program is free for students in 4th through 8th grades. Practices were held on Saturdays at Palm Park. Participants received a free t-shirt and had the opportunity to participate in various 5K races.