

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
FEBRUARY 20, 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 January 16, 2019.

5.B. KaBOOM! - Broadway Park Project

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

5.C. Park Projects

Recommendation: Receive and file updates on various City of Whittier park projects.

5.D. 2018 Year in Review Presentation

Recommendation: Receive and file the 2018 Year in Review Presentation.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/ Sheryl Dugas

Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: February 20, 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 January 16, 2019.

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 January 16, 2019

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 – 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. Vice Chair Mrla called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Don Mrla, Vice Chair
Chris Hardeman, Commissioner
Delia Morales, Commissioner
Ray Wong, Commissioner

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

Kevin Kennedy, Chair (unexcused)
Jeff Brauckmann, Commissioner (unexcused)

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Morales 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 Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Wong, and carried, 4-0, (Absent: Chair Kennedy and Commissioner Brauckmann) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2018 as presented.

5. B. KABOOM! – BROADWAY PARK PROJECT

Secretary Alaniz reported that planning for the upcoming KaBOOM! project at Broadway Park is well underway. The corporate sponsor for this project is Amway. "Design Day" took place on January 10, 2019. It was very successful with over 40 children, plus parents, Commissioners, Amway representatives,

and city staff participating. “Build Day” will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2019 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The ribbon cutting will take place at approximately 2:00 p.m. 200-300 volunteers are expected to participate, including members of the Kiwanis, Whittier Community Foundation, and the Whittier Host Lions Club. Vice Chair Mrla questioned what the response was from the Design Day participants. Secretary Alaniz noted that the project was very well received with over 40 children, plus many parents, participating in the design process. Secretary Alaniz also reported that this may be the last KaBOOM! project to be done in Whittier due to the demographics surrounding other parks. It was also reported that a major renovation project will be starting soon at Lee Owens Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried, 4–0, (Absent: Chair Kennedy and Commissioner Brauckmann) to receive and file update on the KaBOOM! – Broadway Park Project.

5. C. PARK NAMING – 10525 WHITTIER BOULEVARD

Secretary Alaniz reported that City Council will be selecting a name for the recently designated park located at 10525 Whittier Boulevard. Council directed staff to include community and Commission input in the process of selecting a name for the park. Flyers inviting the surrounding community to the park naming event were mailed. On Saturday, December 1, 2018, the “Park Naming” event took place at the new park. Residents were appreciative of the steps taken to designate the land as a park. They enjoyed the music and refreshments provided at the event, as well as the opportunity to be included in the process of choosing a name for the new park. “Dorland Park” was the name selected by the participants. Following are the voting results:

Dorland Park	15 votes
Rockne Park	11 votes
Redman Park	10 votes

Vice Chair Mrla questioned if there had been any questions or suggestions from residents about possible alternative names. Secretary Alaniz noted that there had been some interest in alternative names on “social media” and this may come up at the City Council meeting. Commissioner Wong questioned if there are any Dorland family members residing in the area. Secretary Alaniz stated that there are none known. Commissioner Morales questioned whether there would be any development of this new park. Secretary Alaniz stated that there will be no development and that the area is a “passive park”.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried, 4–0 (Absent: Chair Kennedy and Commissioner Brauckmann) to recommend to City Council naming the designated park located at 10525 Whittier Boulevard “Dorland Park”.

5.D. 2018 FALL REPORT

Secretary Alaniz presented the 2018 Fall Report, highlighting the following programs and events:

- Participation in the various aquatics programs is up, including a 22% increase in revenue from the after-school swim lessons.
- The Lobby Art program had successful shows by mixed media artist Bryan Davis, and “Nuestro Arte”, a group of photographers. Currently there is an exhibit of artworks by Deanna Woirhaye. There will be a reception for Ms. Woirhaye on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, prior to the City Council meeting.
- Several well attended community events took place during the fall. The Whittier Community Foundation held their first “Boots, Beer & BBQ” as well as their annual Spooktacular 5K. The Cultural Arts Commission hosted the “W7” Art Show and Chalktastic art competition at Parnell Park.
- Adult Softball generated gross revenue of \$29,400.
- The Whittier Family theatre presented a production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat”.
- Senior Services celebrated National Chess Day with a chess event for seniors and youth on October 13.
- The annual Veteran’s Day celebration was held on November 10. It was quite successful with approximately 200-300 people in attendance.
- All senior excursions were very well attended.
- Therapeutic recreational programs were also very well attended.
- The Youth Services Division is very busy and successful with the Whittier Youth Network (WYN) Club afterschool program, Students Run Whittier, and other popular activities.

Commissioner Morales commented on the large volume and variety of events and programs available for all age groups. She noted that she uses social media to share her praises of the programs.

It was moved by Commissioner Wong, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried, 4–0, (Absent: Chair Kennedy and Commissioner Brauckmann) to receive and file the 2018 Fall Report.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

Secretary Alaniz advised Commission that there are several park projects in the works, with funding coming from various sources. Among these projects are the Lee Owens Park renovation and splash zone construction (funding from Ian Calderon), Palm and Guirado Parks fitness equipment replacement, Laurel Park restroom building construction, Greenway Trail lighting, and Anaconda Park playground replacement. The Public Works Department is assisting with administration of these projects.

A request to change the hours of operation for the outdoor portions of all parks was presented to City Council at the January 8, 2019 meeting. Council decided to change the hours for Parnell Park only, to sunrise to sunset. Staff was directed to poll residents for direction on what park hours they would prefer. Staff is investigating various ways to accomplish this assignment. Among the polling techniques being considered are an online survey (Survey Monkey), use of social media, on-site surveys, etc. Commissioner Hardeman questioned whether City Council had directed staff to review park hours. Commissioner Morales questioned if the Police Department was also involved in the initiation of this study. Secretary Alaniz answered yes to both questions, and stated that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision has had a major impact on how the City deals with homelessness.

Secretary Alaniz reported that funds have been received for the placement of a memorial tree and plaque at Michigan Park, to honor the memory of former Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioner Patrick Bouchard.

Secretary Alaniz advised Commission of the following upcoming events:

- There will be a reception honoring artist Deanna Woirhaye, whose art is currently on display in the City Hall Lobby. The event will take place in the City Hall Lobby on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 5:15 p.m., prior to the City Council meeting.
- The Whittier Chamber of Commerce is hosting a “Business Expo” on Thursday, January 31, 2019, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will have a booth at the event to provide information about the City’s programs and events.
- Students in Government Day will take place on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at City Hall. Students from Whittier High School will be participating. The students will Shadow Department Heads, and carry out a mock City Council meeting.
- There will be KaBOOM! project taking place at Broadway Park. The “Build Day” is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019. Amway is the corporate sponsor for this project. The Whittier Community Foundation and Whittier Host Lions are also collaborating on the project with funding and labor.
- This year’s Arbor Day Celebration will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Michigan Park, 8228 Michigan Avenue, is the site for presentation of

the City's 35th consecutive Tree City USA award. There will be students from a local elementary school, and pre-schools participating. Activities will include planting several trees; various tree related demonstrations, booths, and "giveaways".

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Commissioner Wong questioned if there had been any tree issues resulting from the recent stormy weather. Secretary Alaniz noted that one tree fell onto a car on Dunshill Court.

Commissioner Hardeman wished Commissioners a "Happy New Year".

Vice Chair Mrla commented on the vandalized art piece that was removed from the Greenway Trail at Hadley Street. Secretary Alaniz reported that the art piece has been moved to the City Yard for repair and repainting. It will be placed at a different location (to be determined), upon completion of the repairs. He noted that this is the first time something like this has happened with a public art piece.

Vice Chair Mrla announced the upcoming "LOVE Whittier" day of service taking place on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Mrla adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission
on _____.

GREG ALANIZ, Secretary



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: February 20, 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 sponsors 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 the 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 is partnering with KaBOOM! and corporate sponsor, Amway to build a playground in one day at Broadway Park, 12916 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 in which the community had 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 the Whittier Host Lions will supply labor.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: February 20, 2019

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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

Subject: Park Projects

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file updates on various City of Whittier park projects.

BACKGROUND

State Assembly Majority Leader of the 57th District, Ian Calderon gave \$1.4 million in State Park Grant funds to the City of Whittier for various park projects.

DISCUSSION

Staff will give updates on the following City of Whittier park projects:

- Lee Owens Renovation
- Guirado Fitness Equipment
- Palm Park Fitness Equipment

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: February 20, 2019

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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

Subject: 2018 Year in Review Presentation

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the 2018 Year in Review Presentation.

BACKGROUND

The 2018 Year in Review Presentation highlights many of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's events and programs.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared the 2018 Year in Review Presentation for Commission's viewing.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None