

**AGENDA  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET  
JUNE 19, 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**

The public is invited to address Park, Recreation and Community Services Commission regarding any item of business, with the exception of the public hearing items, or any matter within the body's subject matter jurisdiction. Speakers must limit their comments to three minutes. Pursuant to State law, the Commission cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any oral communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.A. Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2019.

**5.B. 2019 PONY World Series - Fee Waiver**

Recommendation: Approve the request by Whittier PONY Baseball for waiver of York Field facility rental fees, in the amount of \$5,500, for the 2019 PONY World Series and reject the request for waiver of fees for lights, staff, and refuse disposal in the amount of \$7,000.

**5.C. Community Services Division Presentation**

Recommendation: Receive and file the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Sports and Facilities.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

/s/ Rosemary Serrano-Aiken

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Rosemary Serrano-Aiken, Secretary



# Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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**Date:** June 19, 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 May 15, 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 May 15, 2019.

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

<b>PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</b>	Kevin Kennedy, Chair Don Mrla, Vice Chair Jeff Brauckmann, Commissioner Chris Hardeman, Commissioner Delia Morales, Commissioner Ray Wong, Commissioner
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<b>PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:</b>	None
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<b>OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:</b>	Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Rosemary Serrano-Aiken, Secretary Amber Tovar, Office Specialist II
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**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

David Dickerson, member of the Whittier Conservancy Board and Chair of the Urban Forest Committee, distributed copies of the latest edition of "The Preservationist". There is urban forest grant money, which matches dollar per dollar up to \$10,000. That would be \$4,000 for each of the City's districts for replanting of trees. Each City Council Member could submit a list to Greg Alaniz. The City has zero budgeted for tree planting.

Being no further Public Comments, it was moved by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Wong and carried, 6 – 0 to close Public Comments.

**5. STAFF REPORTS:**

**5. A APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Wong and carried, 6 – 0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2019 as presented.

**5. B PARK PROJECTS**

Secretary Alaniz stated regarding Guirado Park, the handball courts will be removed, then fitness equipment and a shade structure will be installed.

Secretary Alaniz explained the lot north of Lee Owens Park was purchased by the City and it needs to be developed. Supervisor Janice Hahn and State Assembly Majority Leader of District 57, Ian Calderon gave their financial support. The budget for Lee Owens Park Renovation is \$.2 million.

Secretary Alaniz distributed to all present copies of the Lee Owens Park proposed site plan which included a proposed plant list and proposals from Innovative Playgrounds Company, LLC (using Burke playground equipment), Playcraft Systems, Miracle, and RecWest Outdoor Products, Inc. (using Landscape Structures playground equipment). Also distributed was a rendering of the splash pad.

Secretary Alaniz explained that the current splashpad at Lee Owens Park does not recirculate water. The new splashpad would recirculate the water and would need to be maintained and require the same chemicals, as would a pool.

Chair Kennedy asked if there were going to be picnic benches placed near the splashpad. Secretary Alaniz responded there will picnic tables placed in the park; however, not too close to the splashpad area since no eating will be permitted in the splashpad area. Instead, there be a short wall placed around the splashpad, that can accommodate parents sitting to watch their children.

Secretary Alaniz gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing all the plans. The circular plan that the current park has will continue. He stated that due to requirements, the new splashpad site will be moved south of the current splashpad, which will be located within 100 feet of the current restrooms. New trees and plants will be planted. There are two Ficus trees located outside the park that have root structures that protrude and have caused uplifting of the sidewalk affecting the path of travel from the street to the park. This does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The City will try to save the two trees; however, they may have to be removed.

Secretary Alaniz announced the current wall with bushes will be removed and there will be two separate playgrounds; one for the 2 – 5 year olds and one

for 5 years of age and older. The swing set will contain swings for a toddler, older child, and one for a special needs child.

Secretary Alaniz asked for input from Commissioners regarding the Lee Owens Park renovation. Commissioner Hardeman mentioned his wife and her friends love the Michigan Park fence; it is secure. Greg commented that there does have to be a certain distance from the playground to the fence to avoid injuries.

Commissioner Morales asked if the Boys and Girls Club was asked their opinion on the renovation. Secretary Alaniz replied that he met with the Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, Oscar Hernandez last week; however, they did not discuss programming.

Chair Kennedy suggested an obstacle course or fitness equipment be placed at Lee Owens Park, similar to the one at Michigan Park.

Secretary Alaniz mentioned the City would like a playground that is bright and enthusiastic; where all kids can explore. The following four companies were to be considered:

Innovative Playgrounds Company. Their proposal included three types of swings: infant/toddler swing, ADA swing, and an older child swing. The two playgrounds (2 – 5 years of age and 5 – 12 years of age), extremely colorful and vibrant and will have overlapping sail shades above all structures.

NSP3 Park Planets submitted a two-color combo with a slide, climbing wall, and two spinning apparatus

Miracle Playground is has installed all the cities current fitness equipment. Their proposal contains a slide, climbing apparatus; however, no ADA swing.

RecWest Outdoor Products. Their proposal contains one shade structure, a small climbing apparatus, and two slides; however, no swings.

Secretary Alaniz added that he believes Innovative Playgrounds has the best maintenance agreement, the warrantee exceeds the other companies, and they are based in Whittier. Commissioner Wong stated he prefers Innovative Playgrounds; the equipment seems safer and likes the ADA swing. Commissioner Brauckmann commented his first choice is Innovative Playgrounds and his second choice is Miracle Playgrounds. Commissioner Mrla asked if we could engage the local community for their opinion on two choices. Secretary Alaniz replied, yes; however, it would set back the process over one month. Commissioner Morales commented that this Commission has more than enough experience to make the recommendation to City Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Wong, seconded by Commissioner Brauckmann and carried, 6 – 0 to receive and file updates on various City of

Whittier park projects and approved recommending to City Council to select Innovative Playgrounds design for the playground at Lee Owens Park.

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

Secretary Alaniz commented that the City is awaiting Los Angeles County (LAC) Measure H money in order to hire two part-time staff members to aid with the plan implementation. Presently, Community Services Manager, Martin Browne oversees homeless issues, as well as both Senior and Transit Divisions. Commissioner Morales asked if the two new part-time staff members will be housed at the Transit Depot. Secretary Alaniz responded, no, currently Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Whittier Daily News are at the Depot. Regarding the greenbelt on Whittier Boulevard, after the clean up some homeless accepted help, while others dispersed to other places.

It was moved by Commissioner Brauckman, seconded by Commissioner Morales and carried, 6 – 0 to receive and file update on Homeless Plan implementation.

#### **5. D PARK ENHANCEMENTS**

Secretary Alaniz explained each time new buildings or homes are built, the City collects impact fees. So far, the City has collected \$1.4 million in impact fees. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission has been asked by Council to recommend possible locations where new park facilities/sports complex could be built in the future.

Commissioner Hardeman suggested looking into the candle factory that is for sale near York Field, which sold for \$3 million a few years ago; it is now for sale for \$6 million. He added, if Sierra High School is used for a sports complex, perhaps the WUHSD buses can be parked elsewhere. He also suggested using the former Alpha Beta lot by constructing soccer fields on the upper level and a parking lot on the lower level. There are organizations out there who donate money to create soccer fields/complexes. Secretary Alaniz suggested working with Supervisor Hahn and collaborating with a school district to use Proposition 68 money in order to purchase land for park enhancements. City Council is open to the idea of a sports complex. Commissioner Mrla asked if the new Groves development would contain a new park. Secretary Alaniz replied that Brookfield will create a couple of pocket parks at the Groves for public use; however, the pool will be managed by the association. Commissioner Brauckman commented that although pocket parks are great, the City needs a sports complex. Secretary Alaniz mentioned he would ask Ben Pongetti in the Community Development Department for the notes from the City Master Plan Meeting. He asked if Commissioners see suitable land for sale in the City, to please email him the location address.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales and carried, 6 – 0 to receive and file recommendations to City Council regarding investment of impact fees associated with park enhancements.

## **6. SECRETARY COMMENTS**

Secretary Alaniz reported on the following upcoming events:

- Whittier will be celebrating “Bike to Work Day” on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- Friendship City press conference will be held Thursday, May 16, 2019 in the City Hall lobby at 11:00 a.m.
- Police Department Open House, Health Fair, and Kiddie-K Fun Run is set to take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, in front of City Hall.
- Memorial Day Observance will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall Peace Memorial.
- Concerts in the Park begin June 24, 2019.
- Hollywood Bowl tickets are available online for Pink Martini (August 24<sup>th</sup>) and Earth, Wind, and Fire (September 14<sup>th</sup>) performances.

## **7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS**

Commissioner Morales commented she is on the Concerts in the Park Committee and had a great experience helping select the bands.

Commissioner Wong commented that yesterday at the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry meeting, the Native Habitat Preservation Authority spoke regarding mitigating traffic flow at Hellman Park.

Commissioner Hardeman mentioned he likes that the three Movies in the Park will now be shown at three different parks.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales and carried, 6 – 0 to adjourn the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting 7:24 p.m.

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

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GREG ALANIZ, Secretary





# Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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**Date:** June 19, 2019  
**To:** Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission  
**From:** Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
**Subject:** 2019 PONY World Series - Fee Waiver

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the request by Whittier PONY Baseball for waiver of York Field facility rental fees, in the amount of \$5,500, for the 2019 PONY World Series and reject the request for waiver of fees for lights, staff, and refuse disposal in the amount of \$7,000.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Whittier “Protecting Our Nation’s Youth Baseball”, Inc. (PONY) league was established in 1987. The purpose of the league is to provide youth the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of baseball, teach good sportsmanship, and develop social skills that will enable young people to become well-rounded citizens of the community. Since the league’s inception, thousands of youth have benefited from the program, with many of them moving on to play baseball in high school and college. Currently, there are 632 youth participating in six different divisions. Volunteers from the community provide coaching, training and serve on the Board of Directors to assure that the league runs smoothly and reflects the integrity of the community.

Whittier PONY Baseball has been a model sports affiliate group by adhering to all rules and regulations. They are active and cooperative with City requests and regularly take it upon themselves to make minor improvements to York Field. Their dedication to the organization, the youth, and the community has been evident since the inception of the program. In addition, this past year Whittier PONY Baseball donated \$3,000 in money and equipment to the East Whittier City School District as a token of appreciation for use of the district’s facilities during the season.

Over the past nine years, Whittier PONY Baseball has had the honor of hosting the “Zone” Baseball Tournament, which is a qualifying tournament that advances teams to the World Series Tournament. They have been extremely successful, and continue to set a great example for other baseball organizations. Teams from as far away as Hawaii regularly attend and stay in Whittier while they participate in the annual tournament.

## **DISCUSSION**

In 2014, Whittier PONY Baseball was approached by the national PONY Baseball to host the 2015 PONY World Series for the 13-year-old division. The organization contacted Whittier PONY Baseball as they were aware of the well-maintained facility at York Field and the ability of Whittier PONY Baseball to conduct a top-notch tournament. The invitation was accepted, and in July of 2015, Whittier PONY Baseball hosted the tournament with teams coming from as far away as the Philippines and the Dominican Republic to participate in the tournament. Whittier PONY Baseball has continued to host the PONY World Series since 2015.

The tournament format includes four international teams and four U.S. teams, one of which represents the City of Whittier. All teams, with the exception of the Whittier team, had to have played in previous tournaments (Zone) in their respective states or countries to qualify for the World Series Tournament. This year's tournament is scheduled for July 11 – July 30, 2019.

Below is a chart of the sponsorships, gate fees, and merchandise sales results from the 2017 and 2018 tournaments, as well as the committed sponsors for 2019:

<b>2017 Sponsors</b>	<b>Donated Revenue</b>	<b>2018 Sponsors</b>	<b>Donated Revenue</b>	<b>2019 Sponsors Committed</b>	<b>Donated Revenue</b>
Hotel Planner	\$1,500	Hotel Planner	\$1,500	Hotel Planner	\$1,500
Sargent's Sporting Goods	\$1,000	Sargent's Sporting Goods	\$1,000	Sargent's Sporting Goods	\$1,800
Art Fierro	\$1,000	Wilson Sports	\$800	Wilson Sports	\$1,000
Whittier Grocery Outlet	\$500	Whittier Grocery Outlet	\$500	So. Cal Industries	\$1,500
GSS Corporate Services	\$2,000	Gate Fees	\$16,000	DC Entertainment	\$500
Gate Fees	\$16,000	Merchandise Sales	\$1,650	Gate Fees	TBD
Merchandise Sales	\$1,500	Art Fierro	\$1,000	Merchandise Sales	TBD
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,450</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>TBD</b>

The Whittier PONY Baseball Board of Directors intend to continue to raise the necessary funds to cover the cost of the tournaments. As stipulated in the agreement between Whittier PONY Baseball and national PONY Baseball, the hosting league is to cover the cost of transportation to and from the airport, lodging at the Double Tree Hotel, transportation to and from each game, and a daily per diem for each participating team.

Because of this commitment, Whittier PONY Baseball is requesting the City waive the following fees for the tournaments:

Facility rental	\$5,500
Lights	\$2,000
Staff	\$4,500
Refuse disposal	\$500

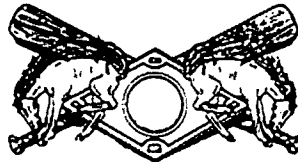
Total fee waiver requested: \$12,500

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of the waiver of facility rental fees will result in \$5,500 of revenue not being received in the General Fund.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Fee Waiver Request



## **WHITTIER PONY BASEBALL, INC.**

**A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

P.O. Box 6186 / Whittier, CA 90609-6186 / Voicemail (562) 943-5331 / whittierpony.org

May 20, 2019

Dear Mr. Greg Alaniz:

Whittier Pony Baseball will be hosting six Pony Baseball tournaments in the month of July:

- Super Regionals for 11, 12 and 13 yr olds
- Zone for 12 and 13 yr olds
- World Series for 13 yr olds

The cost for us to host these tournaments is approximately \$35,000.00 and we must cover the following expenses:

- Travel expenses for the international teams
- Round trip airport shuttle to and from the hotel for international teams
- Daily per-diems for the Zone and World Series teams
- Transportation for teams to and from the hotel to York field during the World Series.

This will be our fifth year hosting the World Series at York Field. The first four years of the World Series have received high reviews from the community, players, parents and Pony Baseball including the President of Pony Baseball, Abe Key.

Teams that traveled to participate in our tournaments stayed at the Doubletree in Whittier. Approximately 570 nights were booked last year during this time. Families enjoyed shopping and restaurants in the local area for four weeks. We also hosted a skills competition for the World Series teams, with prizes donated by Sargents Sporting Goods and other local businesses.

We have a league committee reaching out to businesses and corporation for sponsorship. The following companies have committed for sponsors, goods or services:

- Hotel Planner/Doubletree \$1500/ based on 2018 hotel reservations
- Sargents Sporting Goods \$1800
- Wilson donating baseballs \$1000
- Extreme Tint will be assisting with our sponsor banners for local restaurants and business, value to be determined
- So Cal Industries \$1500.00
- DC Entertainment \$500.00

We are in the process of reaching out to various corporations for larger sponsorships for this event, companies pending:

- PIH Hospital
- Vallarta Supermarkets
- Smart & Final

We have also worked to expand our adverting platform to include online advertisement on our live stream site, YourGameCam.com and Social Media, both new this season. We are excited to see how this can help with obtaining new sponsors.

It has been an honor for Whittier Pony to host these tournaments for the past four years. We could not do this without the support of the City, our volunteers and parents. These tournaments provide our players an opportunity to do what they love, while representing Whittier among other states and countries. Having your support allows us to continue to provide these opportunities for our community and organization.

We would like to request the City of Whittier to waive fees for all tournaments including, field cost and staff time.

Should you like any additional information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Freddie Lopez- President  
Whittier Pony Baseball



# Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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**Date:** June 19, 2019

**To:** Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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

**Subject:** Community Services Division Presentation

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Sports and Facilities.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Sports and Facilities Division oversees sports programs including both youth and adult sports, theater programming, and facility rentals including field rentals, rooms at the Whittier Community Center, Whittier Transportation Center and Whittier Center Theater. The division also oversees all equipment within the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. The City of Whittier has 10 youth sports organizations, which in total serves over 4,000 youth annually. The Sports and Facilities Division serves as the liaison between the local school districts and all the youth sports leagues. The Whittier Adult Softball Program is the highlight of the division running three successful programs a year, averaging 65 teams per season with all games played at York Field. The division directly oversees Whittier Family Theater, which performs 3 - 4 shows per year with approximately 150 -175 youth per show. Sports and Facilities Division oversees all equipment and assists various groups with their equipment needs throughout the year, including the Whittier Chamber of Commerce, Whittier Uptown Association, and Boy & Girls Club.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff prepared the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Sports and Facilities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None