

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
AUGUST 21, 2019, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Jeff Brauckmann, Chair
Don Mrla, Vice Chair
Chris Hardeman, Commissioner
Kevin Kennedy, 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 July 17, 2019.

5.B. Art in Public Places – York Field Sports Complex Project – Request For Proposal

Recommendation: Receive and file update on the Art in Public Places - York Field Sports Complex Project - Request for Proposal.

5.C. Lee Owens Park Renovation Project

Recommendation: Receive and file update on the Lee Owens Park Renovation Project.

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: August 21, 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 July 17, 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 July 17, 2019

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
JULY 17, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kennedy called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kevin Kennedy, Chair
Jeff Brauckmann, Commissioner
Chris Hardeman, Commissioner
Delia Morales, Commissioner
Ray Wong, Commissioner

ABSENT: Vice Chair Mrla

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Virginia Santana, Community Services Manager
Dennis Cujak, Community Services Supervisor
Rosemary Serrano-Aiken, Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Morales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Lane Beamer gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Blythe Leszkay of Whittier YouthBuild gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Sandra Hahn, owner of Grapes and Grapes gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Marie Koneco gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Sergio gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Elizabeth Elliot gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Mel Stern gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Michael Chang spoke about Play Share sports equipment.

Sayaka Ponce of Whittier YouthBuild gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Sofia Ramirez gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Pastor Moses Barrios gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

Jessica Martinez voiced her opposition to the Whittier Pride Festival; postpone until next year.

Rosie Lara voiced her opposition to the Whittier Pride Festival.
Melissa De La Cruz gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.
Christine Singer-Luna of “What’s Up Whittier” gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.
Megan Hopson of “Sustainable City” gave her support of the Whittier Pride Festival.
Theodore Trentman gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.
Richmond Cisneros gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.
Chris LaForge gave his support of the Whittier Pride Festival.

It was moved by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Wong, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to close Public Comments.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5. A Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Wong, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Chair Kennedy suggested that the order of item 5.D Community Services Division’s Presentation be moved before item 5.B. It was moved by Commissioner Brauckman, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried 4 – 1 (Commissioner Hardeman voted no; absent Vice Chair Mrla) to change the order of the meeting from item 5.D Community Services Division’s Presentation to be heard before item 5.B.

5. D Community Services Division’s Presentation

Secretary Alaniz introduced Community Services Manager, Dennis Cujak. Mr. Cujak distributed to each Commissioner a Community Services canvas bag containing the City of Whittier Summer 2019 brochure, which covers class schedules, community activities, and cultural arts calendar. He gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following topics:

- Contract Classes – offering many classes in various categories
- Independent Contract Instructors – 60+ contract instructors
- Activity Locations – activities scheduled at 20+ facilities
- Brochures – published quarterly: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall
- WhittierRec.com – activity registration and facility rental payments
- Program Registration – total registrations of residents and non-residents
- Monthly E-Blasts – upcoming PRCS events highlighted

It was moved by Commissioner Brauckman, seconded by Commissioner Hardeman, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to receive and file the Community Services Division’s presentation focusing on Contract Classes.

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a motion to move item 5.C Whittier YouthBuild's Pride Festival Special Permit Application in front of item 5.B Election of Officers. It was moved by Commissioner Brauckman, seconded by Commissioner Hardeman, and carried 5 - 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to move item 5.C Whittier YouthBuild's Pride Festival Special Permit Application in front of item 5.B Election of Officers.

5. C Whittier YouthBuild's Whittier Pride Festival Special Event Permit Application

Commissioner Morales commented she is concerned about the dress code since she has been to several gay parades and noticed some men dressed inappropriately; perhaps the City should have a dress code for the event. Secretary Alaniz stated the event is supposed to be family friendly. He went on to explain the City of Whittier's Special Event Permit Application process. Commissioner Brauckman pointed out that Whittier Police Department (WPD) suggested 6 – 8 police officers and he commented no alcohol allowed at any events. Chair Kennedy added that Whittier YouthBuild should amend their permit application to read they will pay for WPD police coverage as well as any other costs incurred; hopefully, WPD can enforce the dress code. Commissioner Wong suggested the event have a First Aid booth or table. Secretary Alaniz stated the Whittier Pride Festival committee coordinators are open to recommendations and are aware they will need to provide portable toilets and sinks. He added that the "Free Speech" location has not yet been solidified. The event has received letters of support from California State Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon, First Friends Church, and the Rio Hondo Democratic Club.

It was moved by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Wong, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to approve the recommendation to City Council of Whittier YouthBuild's Special Event Permit Application to host a Whittier Pride Festival at Central Park on Saturday, September 28, 2019; meeting the recommended criteria of the City.

5. B Election of Officers

Chair Kennedy made a motion to table this topic until the August meeting since Vice Chair Mrla was not present. Commissioner Hardeman stated that he has spoken with Vice Chair Mrla; he will not be at the August meeting, so tabling this topic will not be necessary. Chair Kennedy asked if perhaps Vice Chair Mrla would like to be the Chair. Commissioner Hardeman stated that Vice Chair Mrla told him he would decline the Chair position; however, he would like to remain as Vice Chair. Chair Kennedy asked Commissioners Brauckman, Morales and Wong if they would be interested in being the Chair. Commissioners Morales and Wong politely declined; Commissioner Brauckman accepted the Chair position.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Chair Kennedy, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to elect Commissioner Brauckman as Chair for FY 2019-20.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Vice Chair Mrla) to elect Vice Chair Mrla to remain as Vice Chair.

Newly elected Chair Brauckman took over the meeting.

6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Secretary Alaniz advised Commission of the following coming events:

- Annual Commissioners' Picnic will take place at 6:00 p.m. on July 22nd at Central Park. The band performing at the concert will be "Upstream", which plays Reggae music. All Commissioners present stated they would attend, with the exception of Commissioner Brauckman who will be out of town.
- July 11th concert at Parnell Park featuring the Selena Tribute Band had the largest attendance of any Whittier concert. There will no longer be an opportunity drive.
- Movies in the Park at York Field featuring "Incredibles 2" will be screened at dusk on August 3rd.
- Hollywood Bowl tickets for Saturday, August 24th are still available for the "Pink Martini" performance.
- The Social Services Volunteer Recognition Program 2019 nomination brochures were distributed.
- The City Council is proposing to contract out the Parks and Tree Division's maintenance services. The transition is projected to take place in November 2019. The Graffiti Abatement Division will also be contracted out by August of this year.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Brauckman thanked former Chair Kennedy for a great job as Chair of the Commission; all Commissioners joined in thanking former Chair Kennedy.

Commissioner Hardeman announced that The Disney Tribute Band at the June 24th Central Park concert was wonderful. Commissioner Morales agreed and stated the craft activities were perfect for everyone.

Commissioner Kennedy commented that he is amazed at how well the City employees have maintained the parks. He prefers the maintenance done at the parks by City staff; they take pride in their work, versus the maintenance of the Greenway Trail done by contractors

Chair Brauckman remarked he hopes the laid-off City employees are picked-up by the new contractors.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brauckman adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: August 21, 2019

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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

Subject: Art in Public Places – York Field Sports Complex Project – Request For Proposal

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file update on the Art in Public Places - York Field Sports Complex Project - Request for Proposal.

BACKGROUND

At its October 24, 2018 meeting, the Art in Public Places (AIPP) Advisory Committee met, and visited four potential sites from the AIPP Master Plan for the next project. The Committee considered the following locations:

- Whittier Boulevard and the 605 Freeway
- York Field
- Colima Road and Whittier Boulevard
- Whittier Boulevard. and Valley Home Avenue

At its November 28, 2018 meeting, the AIPP Advisory Committee met to discuss the four potential sites. Following discussion and on-site inspection, it was decided that York Field is the most advantageous site for the new art piece. The facility receives over 125,000 visitors annually. York Field is not only home to Whittier's Adult Softball Program; but also to Pony Baseball and at times, Whittier Girls Softball. In addition, York Field is the venue for the annual Pony World Series, which draws teams from across the United States as well as foreign countries. It was moved by Member Montes De Oca, seconded by Member Murray, and carried 5-0 to recommend to the Cultural Arts Commission that York Field be designated as the site for the next AIPP art piece; with a "not to exceed" cost of \$150,000 for the entire project. The total cost is to include the art piece itself, as well as all required site preparation, lighting, and any necessary landscape modifications.

At its May 22, 2019 meeting, the AIPP Advisory Committee recommended placement of the potential art piece in the planter located at the main entrance of the facility. This proposed area currently has several trees and vegetation, which could potentially be incorporated into the overall art piece setting. It was moved by Member Murray, seconded by Member Rowe, and carried 6 – 0 (absent: Member Montes de Oca) to approve the location of the York Field Sports Complex art piece at the main entryway to

the facility, and recommend the draft RFP be forwarded to the Cultural Arts Commission for review and approval.

At its June 24, 2019 meeting, the Cultural Arts Commission reviewed the draft RFP for the proposed York Field Sports Complex art project. Commission discussed various aspects of the project such as subject matter of the art piece, possible interactivity, creativity, the desire for it to be an “imaginative and unique” piece, and the need to increase the project budget. It was moved by Chair Montes De Oca, seconded by Vice Chair Medrano, and carried 4 – 0 (absent: Commissioner Korporaal) to increase the project budget to a “not too exceed” amount of \$200,000, and accept the RFP, with the revised budget information.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared an update for the Art in Public Places - York Field Sports Complex Art Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Art in Public Places - York Field Sports Complex Project - RFP



City Council

Joe Vinatieri, Mayor
Fernando Dutra, Mayor Pro Tem
Henry Bouchot, Council Member
Cathy Warner, Council Member
Josué Alvarado, Council Member

Cultural Arts Commission

Alberto Montes De Oca, Chair
Caroline Medrano, Vice Chair
Roberto Chavez
Bethany Gilbertson
Pamela Korporaal

Art in Public Places Committee

Sandra Hahn, Chair
Eric Martinez, Vice Chair
Pamela Korporaal
Marilyn McCarty
Alberto Montes De Oca
Wes Murray
Peggy Rowe



City of Whittier

Art In Public Places Request For Proposal **RFP**

York Field Sports Complex Art Project

City of Whittier

York Field Sports Complex Art Project



Call for Artist

The City of Whittier Art In Public Places Committee is seeking to commission an artist to create an art piece that will visually enhance the area in a unique and engaging manner appropriate for the site given the dimensions, space, and way in which the public will interact with the site.

Project Description

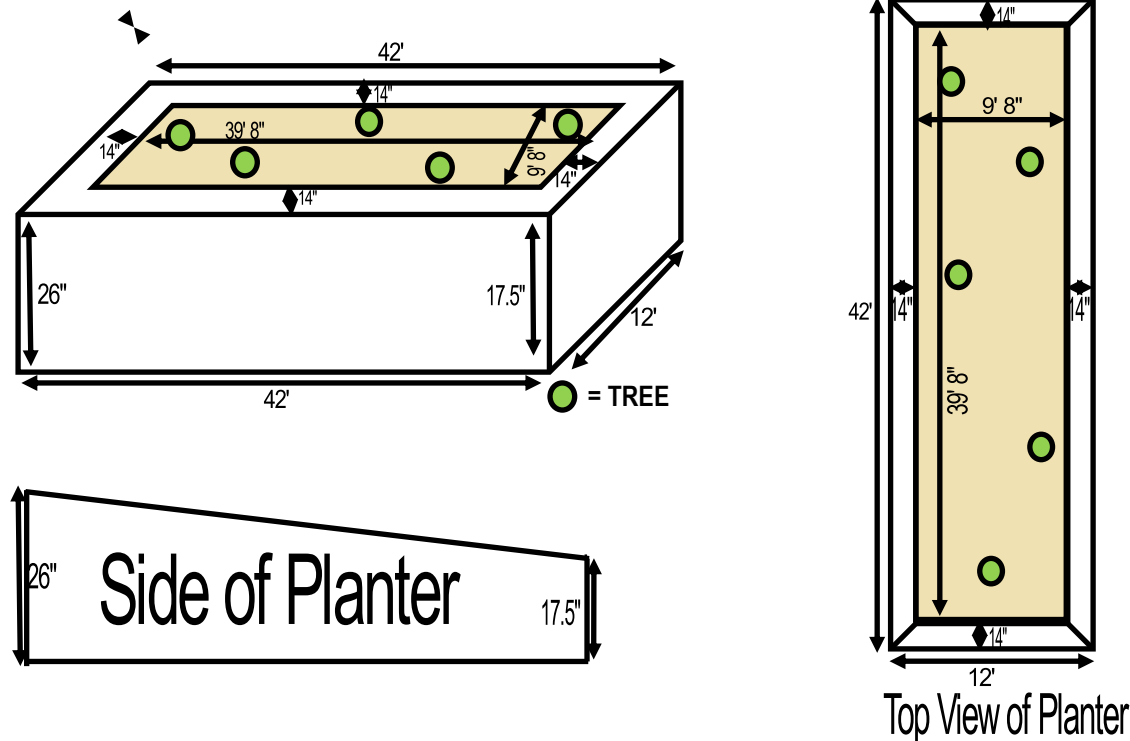
A commission of new work that will be **DYNAMIC, INTERACTIVE, ATHLETIC, MULTI-GENERATIONAL, PLAYFUL** and of a permanent type of material in order to be durable against vandalism, theft, weather and requires a low level of maintenance. (Ordinance 12.52.070). Artwork of the highest aesthetic quality and craftsmanship is expected.

Art Criteria

Open to a variety of mediums including but not limited to the following:
BRONZE, METALS, CONCRETE, STONE, MIXED MEDIA
 Water Element is NOT Desired.

Project Location Description

The site is at the main entrance of the City of Whittier, York Field Sports Complex, 9110 Santa Fe Springs Road, Whittier CA. The facility is home to youth and adult softball, youth baseball and hosts a variety of city special events. In the City of Whittier every avenue to save the trees must be explored. Should one or more of the trees need to be removed for the success of the project, the removal will go through the process per the Parkway Tree Manual. The process can take upwards of 4 to 6 months.



Art in Public Places

Request For Proposal

Budget Expectations

The current budget for this project is \$200,000. The budget **must include** the artist's design fee, the cost of fabrication, transportation, and installation of the work; as well as travel, insurance, lighting, other complementary elements being proposed, and all other expenses. Any permit fees, drawings, travel costs, consulting, or other expenses will be incurred by the artists and should be anticipated and reflected in the artist's proposed budget. Compliance with all state and local building codes and Los Angeles County standards are required and expected.

Artist Eligibility

This competition is open to all artists experienced in Public Art. Local artists are encouraged to apply. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Submission Requirements

The following must be **submitted by _____, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** to City Hall, Attn: AIPP Committee, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA or email to vsantana@cityofwhittier.org

- ◆ **Cover Letter and Project Description**
- ◆ **A Written Proposal**—Explanation of idea or concept of the piece, the size and materials.
- ◆ **Outlined Budget**—A one-page proposed budget including all costs anticipated with the project (design fees, engineering, site preparation, materials, fabrication, administrative costs, programming, delivery, installation, insurance, etc.). This should also include any proposed landscaping or optional enhancements
- ◆ **Renderings**—Include drawings to show the design of the piece, materials, and its location within the space. Show the hardscape and utilities within the drawings with dimensions and scale.
- ◆ **Estimated Art Project Timeline**

Selection Process

The Art in Public Places Advisory Committee will serve as the selection panel that will review all complete submissions. The Committee will submit finalist(s) to the Cultural Arts Commission for review. Finalist(s) will then be given a \$500 stipend. The Cultural Arts Commission will submit one recommended project to the Whittier City Council for final approval.

Tentative Project Timeline

RFP Submission Deadline	_____	2019
Panel Review	_____	2019
Culture Arts Commission Review	_____	2019
City Council Approval	_____	2019

For further information please contact Virginia Santana at (562) 567-9400 or email vsantana@cityofwhittier.org





Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: August 21, 2019
To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission
From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Subject: Lee Owens Park Renovation Project

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file update on the Lee Owens Park Renovation Project.

BACKGROUND

At its May 15, 2019 Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission meeting, Secretary Alaniz explained the lot north of Lee Owens Park had been purchased by the City and is awaiting development. Supervisor Janice Hahn and State Assembly Majority Leader of District 57, Ian Calderon gave their financial support.

Secretary Alaniz provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the plans and distributed a proposed plant list, rendering of a splash pad, and proposals from four companies. The company selected to design the park renovation, Innovative Playgrounds had the best maintenance agreement, warrantee exceeds the other companies, and they are based in Whittier.

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.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared an update of the Lee Owens Park Renovation Project for Commission to review and discuss.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None