

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-25-20, which allows Brown Act Body members to attend meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, or all, Whittier Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioners may attend this meeting telephonically.

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- Email: arodriguez@cityofwhittier.org
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Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (562) 567-9400.

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
OCTOBER 21, 2020, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission regarding any item of business, or any matter within the body's subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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Pursuant to State law, the Commission cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any 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 August 19, 2020.

5.B. Youth Sports Affiliates Updates

Recommendation: Receive and file updates on the Youth Sports Affiliates.

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 day 21st of October 2020.

/s/ Alex Rodriguez

Alex Rodriguez, Office Specialist III



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: October 21, 2020

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2020.

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 August 19, 2020.

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
August 19, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Mrla called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kevin Kennedy, Commissioner
Delia Morales, Commissioner
Ray Wong, Commissioner
Chris Hardeman, Vice Chair
Don Mrla, Chair

ABSENT: Jeff Brauckmann, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor
Darren Schmidt, Community Services Supervisor
Lanie Trinh, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mrla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mrla stated that consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, public comment options were made available to the public for participation by email and voicemail. Administrative Secretary Lanie Trinh was to forward correspondence to Commission for review.

Administrative Secretary Trinh reported public comments have been received and forwarded to the Commission.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Vice Chair Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Commissioner Brauckmann) to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Regular Meeting.

5.B. Camp WYN (Whittier Youth Network) Club

Community Services Supervisor Stacey Arismendez provided a summary of the Camp WYN (Whittier Youth Network) Club program to the Commission. The program was designed for grades K–5 at Parnell Park, Palm Park, and the Whittier Community Center. The Whittier Community Center has also recently began accepting middle school students grades 6–8.

Vice Chair Hardeman asked if Guirado Park can open provided that funding could be found for Wi-Fi.

Director Santana answered that is the main reason the program was not extended to Guirado Park. She added that she spoke with the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Reach for the Stars Program and they had low enrollment but are helpful to help our middle school students.

Chair Mrla asked how the Whittier Community Center will be monitored due to the nearby Senior Center serving as a temporary homeless shelter.

Director Santana replied that once the Temporary Shelter is open, students will remain mostly indoors and there will be security monitoring the shelter at all times with cameras installed, security guards on site, and police officers assigned to assist when needed.

It was moved by Vice Chair Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Commissioner Brauckmann) to receive and file the Camp WYN (Whittier Youth Network) Club.

5.C. Palm Park Pool Lap Swim Report

Community Services Supervisor Darren Schmidt reported that the Palm Park pool is open for adult lap swim and is going very well. Measures are taken to ensure the CDC guidelines are followed, such as having lifeguards trained to deal with emergency situations while also keeping themselves safe. Swimmers are required to make their reservation online, bring their own equipment, and stay in one lane when in the pool.

Vice Chair Hardeman asked if the new lifeguard protocols are set by the Los Angeles County Health Office.

Supervisor Schmidt answered, yes that the guidelines for safe opening based on the CDC Guidelines. The Los Angeles County Department of Health also have their own protocols and are the ones that inspect the pool to ensure that guidelines are adhered to.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if risks of exposure had been assessed for the lifeguards that will be working.

Supervisor Schmidt answered that the lifeguards, age ranging 15-20 years, are given a copy of the Los Angeles County health protocols to stay in compliance, properly trained with the new CDC guidelines, are reminded to wash and replace masks daily, have their temperatures taken, and are told to stay home if they are showing symptoms.

Vice Chair Hardeman asked if members of the swim team can register to do lap swim as individuals.

Supervisor Schmidt answered that the pool is currently open for adult lap swim ages 18 and over only.

Commissioner Morales asked if children will eventually be allowed at the pool.

Supervisor Schmidt answered that staff is looking into that as the reopening is done in phases.

It was moved by Vice Chair Hardeman, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and carried 5 – 0 (absent: Commissioner Brauckmann) to receive and file the Palm Park Pool Report.

6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Director Santana provided updates on the splash pad construction at Lee Owens Park, the playground equipment at Anaconda Park that will be going before City Council, and the purchases and installation of fitness equipment for Guirado Park and Palm Park.

Chair Mrla requests for an update on the Greenway Trail Extension project.

Director Santana answered that the project is looking to at 2.6 miles to the east end of the town and will be going into the construction phase soon. Flyers and pamphlets have been created to be distributed to residents.

Commissioner Wong asked if the trees are being monitored during this current heatwave.

Director Santana answered that the trees are monitored and are regularly watered.

Chair Mrla asked if the Greenleaf Promenade closures affected the grid pruning.

Director Santana replied that the pruning was done prior to the closure and that the area will be in the next trim cycle.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Wong expressed that it was a pleasure to see everyone again.

Commissioner Morales thanked staff and commended their work for looking to all matters that affect programming as well as taking measures to keep people safe by following the health protocols.

Commissioner Kennedy expressed appreciation to the Director that it was encouraging to see a response to Commissioner Morales's suggestion to add the Palm Park Pool to the agenda.

Director Santana stated that the Commission has a voice and any suggestions received will be added to the agenda when appropriate or possible.

Vice Chair Hardeman said that he will be in touch about the WYN Club and believes he can assist in opening the Guirado Park facility.

Chair Mrla expressed his gratitude towards staff's efforts to address the changes and uncertainties of current events on behalf of the community of Whittier. The fact that a public pool is now open and capital improvement projects are continuing is remarkable.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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

Virginia Santana, Secretary



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: October 21, 2020

To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Youth Sports Affiliates Updates

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file updates on the Youth Sports Affiliates.

BACKGROUND

Due to the current pandemic, all Youth Sports Affiliates have been dormant since March 13, 2020. Staff are closely monitoring Los Angeles County Health requirements to re-open fields, pools, and gyms and are keeping affiliate groups informed of the details. All league play has been cancelled which included the spring, summer, and fall seasons of play. The organizations have tried to keep families engaged and informed as they await the reopening of facilities for complete play opportunities.

DISCUSSION

Per Los Angeles County Health Guidelines, youth sports organizations can return to play following strict protocols for clinics and conditioning. The Whittier Aquatic Club returned to the Palm Park Pool and are doing great following all safety protocols. Four additional Affiliate organizations will be returning to provide additional options for families.

Whittier Pony Baseball, Whittier Girls Softball, Whittier Trojan Football, and AYSO-75 will be permitted to run clinics and conditioning drills in the next few weeks. The safety of all participants is priority. All clinics and conditioning will begin at York Field, to ensure all safety procedures are followed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None.