

**CITY OF FULLERTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, August 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Wehn led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gretchen Cox, Commissioner Michael Savage, Commissioner Ayesha Hussaini, Commissioner Enrique Macias, Vice Chair Erik Wehn

Absent:

Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Hugo Curiel, Parks Project Specialist Douglas Pickard

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 and 2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 24, 2019
2. PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2019

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to approve the consent items, SECONDED by Commissioner Macias with an amendment to the minutes stating Commissioner Wehn was absent and a missing report from June 2019 for Facility and Landscape which will be presented in the following meeting.

VOTE:

AYES: Chair Cox, Commissioner Savage, Commissioner Hussaini, Commissioner Macias, Vice Chair Wehn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The MOTION PASSED 5-0

Regular Business (Item 3)

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Commissioner Cox asked if the bridge will go back to the branch railings it had in the past.

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Commissioner Cox asked if there will be a more realistic image given to the Commission instead of a drawing.

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Parks Project Specialist Pickard mentioned MLA Green has a lot of experience working with water projects.

Commissioner Macias asked if there will be boundaries for people not go in the pond.

Parks Project Specialist Pickard explained that some of the design actually encourages people to experience the water's edge which will only be about two to three inches deep.

Director Curiel added that the particular state grant for this project matches this area as there will be constant water and will give an opportunity for the water to slow down and be filtered out before it enters the Orange County Flood Control. Even in dry months there will always be some water in the pond from the neighborhoods above. The department wants to start construction at a time when plants will have time to establish and grow before there is rain. Parks Project Specialist Pickard explained there will be no standing water to allow mosquitos to breed.

In July 2015 the application was approved for the grant and it was received in 2016. MLA was approved by Council to create the construction documents. Currently the project is at 100 percent design development, 30 percent construction documents and plan check and approval should be done by the end of the year. Construction should begin late April to early May and completed by the end of 2020.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Wehn asked if the vegetation on top of the scope is not included in the project.

Director Curiel explained there will be transition from parking lot to duck pond and will give ADA access in that area.

Commissioner Savage asked if the rest will be grass.

Director Curiel and Parks Project specialist Pickard responded that yes the rest will be grass and they will take the opportunity to replace and adjust the irrigation. Also, there will be a railing along Brea Blvd and it will match the Great Lawn fence and will connect. Public works is looking at widening that sidewalk to allow people to have more room.

Commissioner Wehn asked if there is heavy flow going through will there be any danger for people in the water edge.

Director Curiel answered he does not think so; that there will be a grate to stop a person from falling.

Commissioner Cox asked what the tree selection will be.

Director Curiel answered that the state only allows 15 gallon trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED.

Commissioner Wehn MADE A MOTION to approve the Hillcrest Duck Pond Update, SECONDED by Commissioner Savage.

VOTE:

AYES: Chair Cox, Commissioner Savage, Commissioner Hussaini,
Commissioner Macias, Vice Chair Wehn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director's Comments:

Director Curiel's updates:

1. Back in 2015, staff brought an item to the Commission, which was the Oakmont Development on Bastanchury and Morelia, an assisted senior living housing project.

The developer / project needed to extend to the west, into an unused easement. In exchange, the developer would make improvements to the Juanita Cooke Trail, from Bastanchury to Laguna Road, an unimproved section of trail. Juanita Cooke trail starts at the court house and extends to Laguna Lake.

The original conditioned improvements would provide trail improvements equal to the width of what of a four foot wall would retain. Although in some sections this would suffice, in other sections, it would make for a narrow trail, making the trail section vary in width.

City staff has been working with the developer to rather amend the conditions so that the developer can provide the in lieu fees and the City can then build the trail

to its specific need. Directed Curiel want to inform the Commission that this might be going to City Council in the future.

2. Summer Concert in the Park will end on Wednesday August 14th. There were three at the Fullerton Sports Complex and three at Hillcrest.

Chair Cox asked if the lack of parking is the issue and if there is any feedback about it.

Director Curiel answered there are shuttles from and to parking and parking is also available at Ralphs and the courthouse.

3. Fourth of July was another successful event.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Savage wished luck to Golden Hill Little League.

Chair Cox mentioned she went to a concert in park in La Verne and has notice other cities give raffle tickets and are used to offset cost of the bands.

Director Curiel responded it us something that can be look into and will be passing it on to Amanda.

Chair Cox brought up missing railing on Brea Blvd and Bastanchury and asked for the message to be passed on to Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cox MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Director Curiel, Secretary