



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Joseph King called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners King, Kambe, Koblin, Nydam, and Olson all present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None.

5. Approval of March 15, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Koblin to approve the March 15, 2012 Commission Special Meeting Minutes. 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair King Re-Ordered the Agenda to add the “CEC Family Night Event at the PCY Field on April 13, 2012”.

M/S/C: Commissioner Koblin/Nydam to add “CEC Family Night Event at PCY Field” to the agenda. 5-0

Chair King Re-Ordered the Agenda to first hear Item 12 “Discussion of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Parks and Recreation Budget Requests” first as there are residents present to discuss.

12. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Parks and Recreation Budget Requests.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda presented the 2012-13 preliminary Parks and Recreation related budgets requests to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The requests for the City Council’s consideration consist of the following seven (7) requests:

1. Memorial Park Shade Structure.
2. Memorial Park Monument Sign.
3. Lanterman Auditorium Dressing Rooms.
4. Lanterman Auditorium Monument Sign.
5. Lanterman Auditorium Foyer Display Case.
6. LCHS Varsity Baseball Field Netting Extension.
7. LCHS JV/Varsity Field Lighting Cabinet.

Jessica Cushman addressed the Commission stating her support for the Memorial Park Shade Structure. She would like to see the larger shade structure project presented to the City Council, which is over a \$30,000 project. Her group has raised \$1,250 as a donation for the project.

Alameda stated that the current Council Consideration Item to be presented to the City Council is a for shade structure to just cover the 3 to 5 year old play area at a cost of approximately \$14,000. The larger project to cover the entire play area would cost over \$30,000.

Commissioner Koblin suggested that the group email the City Councilmembers directly voicing their support. Alameda said that he could be the point of contact on such emails and could include a tally of the emails in support of the project within the City Council's report how many contacts he received on the issue.

The Commission views the LCHS JV/Varsity Field Lighting Cabinet improvement as a priority to be funded in the upcoming fiscal year.

6. La Cañada Gladiators Park Permit and Fee Waiver Request.

Alameda presented the request of the La Cañada Gladiators Football program Park Permit request to use Memorial Park on Saturday, May 20, 2012 for their Youth Cheerleading Registration Day.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Olson to approve the Park Permit request and Fee Waiver of the La Cañada Gladiators. 4-0-1 (Koblin abstaining).

7. La Cañada Gladiators Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request.

Alameda presented the request of the La Cañada Gladiators Football program Field Permit request to use the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Fields on Sundays from April 15, 2012 through June 24, 2012 between 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alameda stated that this is a new request for the Commission's approval, which has been cleared with La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association. Alameda stated that the conditioning program began in Summer of 2011 on a periodic basis. The Gladiators in 2011 obtained administrative permits (fees paid in full) for the conditioning program. This year the Gladiators would like to make the program a regular once per week occurrence.

Commissioner Nydam stated that he does not support the request, as he feels that kids in the program should not feel that they have to participate off-season in football, on Sundays, in order to be viewed as competitive at their position when the season starts. Commissioner

Nydam also opposes additional barriers that might prevent their family from attending church on Sundays.

Commissioner Koblin commented with respect to the Sunday usage, if Saturdays were available to the group on the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Fields they would request Saturdays. Alameda stated that the Gladiators actually preferred to hold the program on Saturday morning, but La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association said that given their Saturday game schedule that they could not accommodate Saturday usage.

Commissioner Kambe supports approval of the permit as a mechanism to prevent the pick-up soccer usage that he sees on the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Fields on the weekends.

Commissioner King would like to note that one of the problems is that the City has no Joint Use Fields that are not also baseball fields.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Koblin to approve the Field Permit request and Fee Waiver of the La Cañada Gladiators for use of the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Fields. 3-2 (Nydam and King opposed).

8. LCF Girl Scouts Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request for use of the LCE Field in support of Girl Scout Overnight Event.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the LCF Girl Scouts on the night of Friday, June 1, at the LCE Field. The request is not in conflict with La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association who has been notified of the usage.

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Nydam to approve the Field Permit request and Fee Waiver of the La Cañada Girl Scouts. 5-0.

9. Paradise Canyon Elementary School PTA Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request for use of the PCY Field in support of Annual Medieval Faire.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the Paradise Canyon Elementary PTA for use of the PCY Field on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12, 2012. The request is not in conflict with La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association who has been notified of the usage.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Olson to approve the Field Permit request and Fee Waiver of the Paradise Canyon Elementary PTA. 5-0.

10. TACH BASH Park Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of Fundraising Concert at Memorial Park.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the Teens for the Advance of Children's' Hospital (TACH) fund raising concert proposed at Memorial Park on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

Alameda informed the Commission that the City had received complaints on this concert during its first year; however, last year with the Sherriff's Department patrolling the surrounding neighborhood resolved the issue of teens loitering and drinking in the adjacent residential neighborhood.

M/S/C: Commissioner Nydam/Olson to approve the Park Permit request and Fee Waiver of TACH for their TACH BASH in Memorial Park on June 2, 2012. 5-0.

11. Update on Maintenance of FIS Running Track.

Staff Liaison Alameda informed the Commission that the FIS Running Track had been dragged recently to address the ruts created by the recent rains. City will continue to drag the track on a quarterly basis to keep it smooth and after major rain storms.

ADDED ITEM: CEC Family Night Event at the PCY Field on April 13, 2012.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the Child Education Center (CEC) for their Family Night Event on April 13, 2012. The request has been cleared with La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association.

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Kambe to approve the Field Permit request of the CEC for use of the PCY Field on April 13, 2012. 5-0.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

13. Staff Comments.

Alameda provided the Commission an update on the sponsorship of the 2012 Music-in-the-Park sponsorship, as he had met with the La Cañada Valley Sun and the La Cañada Outlook. The Outlook was not interested and the Valley Sun will be meeting with City staff to discuss.

14. Items for Future Agendas.

None.

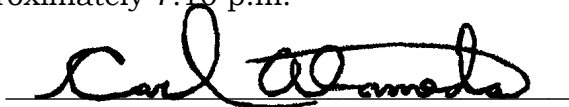
15. Comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Nydam would like an update on the FIS Tennis Court fencing extensions.

Commissioner Olson said the he has used the newly installed gate at Memorial Park is a nice addition to the Park.

ADJOURN

Chair King adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Alameda', written over a horizontal line.

**Carl Alameda, Senior Management Analyst
(Staff Liaison to the Commission)**