



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Joseph King called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners King, Kambe, Nydam, and Olson present.
Commissioner Koblin arrived at 6:06 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None.

5. Approval of September 14, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

Approval of the September 14, 2011 Commission Special Meeting Minutes was continued to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. La Cañada Elementary Park Permit Request in support of Pumpkin Carve.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda presented the request of the La Cañada Elementary School 5th Grade class to hold a pumpkin carving event using the Memorial Park Gazebo on Monday, October 31, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. La Cañada Elementary, as a LCUSD user is exempt from fees and would only need the Commission's approval of the Park Facility Permit.

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Nydam to approve the request of La Cañada Elementary School for use of the Memorial Park Gazebo on October 31, 2011 for a 5th Grade Pumpkin Carve. 4-0 (Koblin Absent).

7. Update on LCF Sports Coalition Recreational Facility Capital Improvement Projects.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda gave the Commission an update on the Joint Use Committee Capital Improvement Project schedule. He noted that the Foyer Restrooms at the Lanterman Auditorium had been completed in September 2011. Also the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Field Lighting Cabinet Replacement had been added at a proposed cost of \$8,500.

Commissioner Koblin stated that the Sports Coalition had agreed to contribute \$6,500 toward the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Field Lighting Cabinet Replacement.

Commissioner King asked if the City Council would be contributing the additional \$2,000 to fully fund the lighting cabinet project. Alameda said that project would have to be done off-season in the months of August or December. Given that the project would not be occurring in December 2011, it would be a request as part of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget for completion in August 2012.

8. Update on Cherry Canyon Trail Head Project.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda provided the Commission an update on the Cherry Canyon Trail Head Project, which involves the improvement of a switchback at the entrance of the Owl Trail that has eroded. The retaining wall to be improved will include decorative river rock and the adjacent parking area will be leveled. The project will cost \$13,000 and the City received a donation toward the project of \$5,000 from the La Canada Trails Council.

9. Discussion of LCHS Swimming Pool as Potential Joint Use Project/Facility.

Commissioner Olson presented the Commission a diagram showing the layout of the current LCHS Swimming Pool, which is a dated pool constructed in an "L Shape". This layout leaves about one-third of the pool space unused, as it does not provide the length needed for swimming. Currently, the LCHS Water Polo Team travels to Pasadena City College for their home matches, since the pool is not usable. A typical high school regulation pool would be 20 meters by 25 meters. The LCHS Pool is about 16 meters by 22 meters and is too narrow for a competitive match.

A larger pool that could handle work-outs for LCHS would open more time that the LCHS Pool could be available to the public if it should be a Joint Use Project. The proposed larger pool would be 35 meters long by 25 yards wide, which would be regulation for high school usage. The new pool would provide about a dozen swimming lanes verses the existing 6 swimming lanes.

The project would cost about \$2.5 to \$3 million to install the new swimming pool. Commissioner Olson said it would be preferred to have the project on the CIP Plan, should funding become available the project and plan would be ready to take advantage of any funding coming available.

Staff Liaison Alameda said that the project was discussed in early 2008, but was dropped as the LCHS Swimming, LCHS Water Polo, and LCHS Club Swimming usage was so heavy that there would be no time available to the public to access the pool. Alameda said he recently spoke to Derek Borisoff, the LCHS Coach, who felt if there was a larger pool that practices could be combined to open time for the community's usage.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

10. Staff Comments.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda said that the City will work on getting an estimate with respect to the Memorial Park access gate from the LCE Parking Lot.

11. Items for Future Agendas.

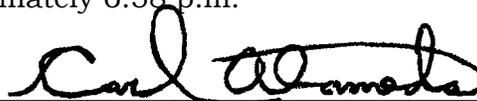
Commissioner Olson shared photos that he had taken of the Memorial Park fence from the LCE Parking Lot where Commissioner King had proposed installing a gate to provide access from the LCE Parking Lot onto the walkway adjacent to the Memorial Park Restrooms.

12. Comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Kambe wanted the share from the last Joint Use meeting an update on the level of support that the City provides to the La Cañada Unified School District, which is in excess of \$1,000,000 annually. Commissioner Kambe asked that should Commissioners hear comments with respect that the "City does not support the District" that the Commissioners should correct these statements.

ADJOURN

Chair King adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:58 p.m.



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