



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Decker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Decker, Kambe, Kamar, Kozakar and Olson present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None

5. Approval of December 12, 2018, and January 9, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Kamar to approve the December 12, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes as modified. 5-0, Approved.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Olson to approve the January 9, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes as modified. 5-0, Approved.

New Business

6. Permit and Fee Waiver Request:

A. LCF 4th Grade Class for the use of Memorial Park

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kozakar/Decker to approve the LCE 4th Grade Class, permit and fee waiver request for the use of Memorial Park. 5-0, Approved

B. LCE PTA for the use of Memorial Park

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kamar/Kozakar to approve the LCF PTA, permit and fee waiver request for the use of Memorial Park. 5-0, Approved.

C. The Compassionate Friends for the use of Memorial Park

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report.

Commissioner Kozakar stated his concern with the group's request to release balloons at the park above a freeway over potential safety concerns.

Division Manager Parseghian stated the same activity took place the year before.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Kamar to approve the Compassionate Friends, permit and fee waiver request for the use of Memorial Park. 4-1-0, Approved, Commissioner Kozakar voted no.

D. Girl Scouts Troop 5741 for the use of PCR Athletic Field

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report.

Commissioner Kozakar asked about the users having bonfires on the field.

Management Analyst Nguyen stated there would be a condition on the permit stating bonfires would not be permitted.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kozakar/Olson to approve the Girl Scouts Troop 5741, permit and fee waiver request for the use of Palm Crest Elementary Athletic Field. 5-0, Approved.

7. Discussion of Pickle Ball

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report. He stated the Commission, following public comment at the January 9th meeting, their interest to explore the potential of having Pickle Ball facilities. Mr. Parseghian provided a brief explanation of the game and the facility requirement. He also introduced Diego Cevallos, Recreation Services Manager, with City of Burbank's Parks and Recreation who was asked to speak to the Commission regarding their efforts in bringing Pickleball to the City of Burbank.

Mr. Cevallos provided an overview of how the City of Burbank began the process of getting Pickle Ball facilities. He stated the City worked with Pickle Ball Ambassadors to fundraise to convert one tennis court to four Pickle Ball court. He noted the program had been a success and they have consistent usage of their Pickle Ball Court.

Commissioner Kamar asked the number of tennis court the City of Burbank owned.

Mr. Cevallos guesstimated 20 to 25 courts. He also stated there were approximately 12 courts under their Joint Use Agreement with their school district.

Commissioner Olson asked if tennis courts can be temporarily converted to Pickleball courts.

Mr. Cevallos stated it was possible with heavy duty tape and portable nets.

Vice Chair Kambe asked what percentage of their use was by residents versus visitors.

Mr. Cevallos stated majority was by residents; however, they are promoting visitors to come to use the courts.

Commissioner Kozakar asked if the game could be played on an asphalt surface.

Mr. Cevallos stated it was possible with improvements, but not preferred.

Vice Chair Kambe ask for the estimated cost of building their future planned Pickleball complex.

Mr. Cevallos stated estimated around \$250,000.

Vice Chair Kambe ask if the City provided equipment to users.

Mr. Cevallos stated the volunteer Ambassadors donated equipment for the community to use.

Commissioner Kamar suggested potentially converting the tennis court at Glenhaven Park.

Vice Chair Kambe asked the staff if there were Joint Use Facilities available before 3 PM. He also stated his concern with the already scare tennis court facilities converting to Pickle Ball courts.

Division Manager Parseghian stated there were none. He also added, should the Commission consider possible pushback from residents around Glenhaven should that be converted to Pick Ball courts. He also asked Mr. Cevallos the cost of turning an existing tennis court to four Pickle Ball courts.

Mr. Cevallos state the estimated cost was \$21,000.

Division Manager Parseghian suggested bringing this item to the Joint Use Committee to see the Board's interest. He also suggested potentially reaching out to the District regarding the one basketball court next to the Skate Park.

Vice Chair Kambe also mentioned potential location to be the basketball court outside the Community Center, assuming the would be willing and potentially even offer a Pickle Ball class.

Mr. Cevallos also suggested discussing with the Joint Use Committee to have the District create a physical education program as a benefit to their schools.

Chair Decker stated her priority was to ensure there was interest from the community for the sport. She said with City's already scarce resources going to visitors rather than the community.

Division Manager Parseghian stated staff had received support from two residents.

Vice Chair Kambe stated the sport would need facilities available before 3:00 PM to be a benefit to the community.

Mr. Cevallos agreed and stated the most optimal time for Pickle Ball is between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Steve Collins, a resident of the La Cañada Flintridge, supported having the sport in the community. He stated his belief that the City would benefit from the game, particularly the elderly.

Pat Anderson, President of the La Canada Chamber of Commerce, agreed the Community Center option could be a good pilot and gage the community's interest. She also asked about the name origin for Pickleball.

Division Manager Parseghian stated the game's name had to do with the game founders', Congressman Joel Pritchard, and their family dog Pickle. Division Manager Parseghian said staff could reach out to the Community Center and the YMCA to get their input regarding possible locations for the sport.

Chair Decker suggested starting with the YMCA and the Community Center first before taking it to the Joint Use Committee.

6. Update on the Flint Canyon Trail Project

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report. Mr. Parseghian provided a brief background of the Flint Canyon Trail. He listed past erosion repairs conducted by the City including the building of a retaining wall to stabilize the upper slope of the trail and temporary repairs of the lower slope. He also stated the current project was to stabilize the lower slope permanently. He noted the estimated cost for the project was 5 million dollars as of 2012. He informed the Commission of the fact that the City recently received a \$300,000 grant from Santa Monica Conservancy to complete the design phase of the project. He stated the design phase would conclude in 2020. The City would then need to identify the funding source(s) for the construction phase of the project.

Vice Chair Kambe asked if Senator Anthony Portantino assisted with securing of the grant.

Division Manager Parseghian confirmed and voiced the City's appreciation of Senator Anthony Portantino's efforts in securing the Santa Monica Conservancy grant,

7. Discussion of the 2019 Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series

Division Manager Parseghian presented the staff report.

Commissioner Kamar suggested moving the June 30th concert to July 4th with a fireworks show. He also suggested having sponsors for the fireworks show.

Pat Anderson stated the fireworks cost approximately \$1,000 per minute not including the cost of having Los Angeles County Fire Marshall present. She noted the Chamber's fireworks show on Memorial Day lasted about 10 minutes. She stated the Chamber had not entertained having a fireworks show on July 4th, since so many nearby communities had similar shows.

Commissioner Kozakar supported having the fireworks show.

Division Manager Parseghian stated the commission would need to submit this as a Council Consideration Item during the next budget review.

Vice Chair Kambe asked if the Chamber would support a free firework show on July 4th.

Pat Anderson stated they probably would. She did state there was a concern with competing with the neighboring cities for the fireworks show.

Vice Chair Kambe agreed with the concern.

Division Manager Parseghian recommended the Commission receive input from the neighborhood around the memorial park to have a firework show on July 4th and another major event on Memorial Day. He stated, on regular bases, the City received complaints from nearby residents on the frequency of activities at the park and the impact it has on the neighborhood.

Chair Decker supported adding a concert rather than moving a concert. She also supported having a fireworks show.

Commissioner Olson supported adding one additional concert.

Commissioner Kozakar opposed the idea of a fireworks show based on what had been said but supported some activity for July 4th.

Chair Decker supported bringing this item back during the April budget review discussion.

Chair Decker supported having Misplaced Priorities back along with a variety of genres at the concerts.

Chair Decker left the meeting at 7:30 PM. Vice Chair Kambe took over the meeting.

Commissioner Kamar supported having Misplaced Priorities. He stated the group would like to request June 27th. He also recommended not bringing Past Action Heroes back.

Vice Chair Kambe stated the Commission could recommend the date, but ultimately that was a staff level decision.

Commissioner Olson recommended A Tribute to Pat Benatar, Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffet Tribute.

Commissioner Kozakar suggested giving Neal Diamond Tribute a break for next year.

Vice Chair Kambe recommended having A Tribute to Elvis.

Commissioner Kozakar stated there was a local band who had shown interest in playing at Music in the Park for free.

Division Manager Parseghian asked the Commissioner to forward their contact to staff.

Division Manager Parseghian for Commissioner consideration in the future, to have a voting system after each concert. He stated the voting could provide actual data from attendees.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

8. Staff Comments.

Division Manager Parseghian provided an update about the Joint Use Needs Assessment committee. He also informed the Commission, City Hall was moving from 1327 Foothill Blvd to One Civic Center Drive effective February 20th, 2019. He stated due to the move the March Commission meeting would need to be canceled or be held at the new City Hall in a conference room since the Council Chambers will not be available at that time.

Vice Chair Kambe requested meeting in the conference room at the new City Hall.

9. Items for Future Agendas.

Commissioner Kozakar requested an item to continue the discussion on the review of the municipal code definition of organized sports and field closures. He stated many incidents of users using the fields during field closure, including conflicts with user refusing to leave or ignoring closure signage.

Division Manager Parseghian informed the Commission that item was coming back to the Commission at the March meeting.

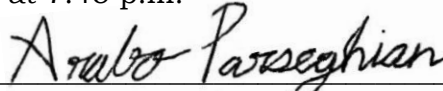
10. Comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Kamar thanked the staff for bringing the Pickle Ball expert to present to the Commission.

Commissioner Olson supported moving the Pickle Ball forward.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Kambe adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



**Arabo Parseghian, Division Manager
(Staff Liaison to the Commission)**