



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Kamar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Decker, Koblin, and Kamar present.

Commissioner Kambe and Olson's absence was noted.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None

5. Approval of March 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval of the March 14th regular meeting minutes continued to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Permit and Fee Waiver Requests:

A. La Canada Flintridge Kiwanis Association, use of Memorial Park

Management Analyst Nguyen presented the staff report.

M/S/C: Commissioner Koblin/Decker to approve the La Canada Flintridge Kiwanis Association, fee waiver request for use of Memorial Park. 3-0-2, Approved. Commissioner Kambe and Olsen absent for the vote.

B. La Canada Elementary, use of Memorial Park

Management Analyst Nguyen presented the staff report.

M/S/C: Commissioner Koblin/Decker to approve the La Canada Elementary, fee waiver request for use of Memorial Park. 3-0-2, Approved. Commissioner Kambe and Olsen absent for the vote.

C. La Canada Elementary PTA, use of Oak Grove Athletic Field

Management Analyst Nguyen presented the staff report. She stated La Canada Baseball Association has agreed to suspend their permitted activities at Oak Grove Athletic Field to accommodate the La Canada Elementary PTA's request.

M/S/C: Commissioner Decker/Koblin to approve the La Canada Elementary PTA, fee waiver request for use of Oak Grove Athletic Field. 3-0-2, Approved. Commissioner Kambe and Olsen absent for the vote.

7. Dilbeck Realtors Request to Sponsor a "Movie-in-the-Park" as part of the City's 2018 Music-in-the-Park Concert Series

Kerry Grochow, a representative of Dilbeck Realtor, stated their interest in sponsoring/hosting a Movie-in-the-Park after one of City's Music-in-the-Park Concerts.

Director of Administrative Services Alameda presented the staff report. He stated two sponsorships by a local business and a local newspaper had been accepted in prior years. He stated the Commission had previously discussed sponsorship of Music-in-the-Park extensively. The past discussions had raised hesitation with allowing sponsorship. They felt sponsorship of the Music-in-the-Park would create the perception that the sponsor(s) had put the event together when in fact it was a City recreational program for the community. He stated the Dilbeck request was not to sponsor the Music-in-the-Park but rather add an additional Movie-in-the-Park.

Commissioner Koblin asked if approving this request would open-up the door to other requests by the local business who want to provide similar sponsored events.

Chair Kamar did not see an issue with having more sponsored events.

Commissioner Koblin stated his concern of sponsorship leading to commercialization of Music-in-the-Park. He supported having the event on a non-Music-in-the-Park day.

Kerry Grochow, confirmed past community groups have had similar events on other days.

Vice Chair Decker voiced her concerns with advertising of City's Music-in-the-Park by local businesses as their own in their marketing material. She agreed with concerns of sponsoring movies after Music-in-the-Park. She also voiced her concerns of added traffic and impact of business clients attending the events.

Commissioner Koblin stated his opposition to commercializing Music-in-the-Park in any way including sponsorships.

Director of Administrative Services Alameda, stated that due to this year's schedule, the size of the bands, and few logistical issues, there would not be a viable opportunity for the proposed sponsor event to occur prior to a Music-in-the-Park concert.

Vice Chair Decker agreed with Commissioner Koblin regarding commercializing the Music-in-the-Park concert series. She stated her support for a Saturday event.

Kerry Grochow preferred to have the sponsored event after Music-in-the-Park, but would consider a Saturday event.

Director of Administrative Services Alameda stated that should the Commission decide to have the applicant hold a standalone event, separate from Music-in-Park, the Commission would not take any action, but

recommend that the applicant work with staff on reserving the park for their event.

M/S/C: Commissioner Koblin/Decker to reject the applicants request and direct applicant to work with staff on reserving the park on a different day.

8. Preview of 2018 Music in the Park Schedule

Management Analyst Nguyen presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Decker stated the Commission had decided not to bring back Past Action Heroes.

Director of Administrative Services Alameda stated staff received positive feedback regarding Past Action Heroes. He stated many residents had requested the return of the band. He also stated many residents contacted the City to book the group for their own events.

Chair Kamar stated his concerns regarding the group taking longer breaks and ending earlier than usual.

Vice Chair Decker shared Chair Kamar's concerns regarding the group ending early and taking longer breaks.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

9. Staff Comments.

Director of Administrative Services Alameda stated the LCF Newsletter Vista will be going out to residents. He stated the newsletter will have an overview of the concert series, the Commission's Seniors Needs Assessment and update regarding a trail improvement. He provided an update regarding the new City Hall project.

10. Items for Future Agendas.

Vice Chair Decker ask for the date of the next Mayor's Hike.

11. Comments from the Commission.

Chair Kamar asked about the recruitment effort for the potential vacancy at the Commission with Commissioner Koblin's departure.

Director of Administrative Services Alameda stated once the vacancy occurs the City Council would make the determination on the recruitment procedure.

ADJOURN

Chair Kamar adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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