



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 15, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Glendale, CA 91206

### **1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Kalfayan, Meek, Sardarbegian; Ex Officio Commissioners Kevorkian (arrived at 2:37 p.m.) and Minassian (arrived at 2:41 p.m.); and President Alcazar

Absent: Commissioner Wolfson

- a. Report of Recording Clerk, re: Posting of the Agenda.** Ms. Moreno Hernandez reported that the Agenda for the April 15, 2024, regular meeting was posted on the bulletin board outside City Hall on or before Friday, April 12, 2024.

### **2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Introduction of New or Promoted CSP Employees**

Community Services Manager Sevag Garabetian introduced Walter Alvarez, who was recently promoted to Community Services Coordinator at Pacific Community Center.

### **3. UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

Director of Community Services & Parks Onnig Bulanikian announced an upcoming City Council agenda item related to the Community Services & Parks Department (CSP).

### **4. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Meek asked for an update on Fremont Park. Mr. Bulanikian stated that the project is on track to be completed on schedule in early 2025.

Commissioner Meek also asked for an update on the extension of Glorietta Park. Mr. Bulanikian stated that the City is working on a contract with Southern California Edison for two parcels of land.

Commissioner Meek additionally asked about the plans for the artificial turf that is removed as part of upcoming projects. Mr. Bulanikian said that the contractor will

recycle around 85% of the material.

Ex Officio Commissioner Kevorkian encouraged residents to enjoy the parks in this great weather. He also mentioned that the organization interested in inclusive playgrounds was unable to be in attendance, but that he would relay the information to them.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS (Including Minutes)**

The following are routine and may be acted upon by one motion. Any member of the Commission or audience requesting separate consideration may do so by making such request before motion is proposed.

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission regular meeting held on March 18, 2024.**

**Moved:** Commissioner Meek

**Seconded:** Commissioner Sardarbegian

A roll call was conducted, and Commissioners voted as follows:

**Ayes:** Kalfayan, Meek, Sardarbegian, President Alcazar

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Wolfson

**Abstain:** None

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Parking Lot 11 Park Development Concept**

1. Motion providing feedback to City staff and a recommendation to City Council on the concept of City-owned Parking Lot 11 being converted into a park.

President Alcazar requested that this item be moved to the next meeting due to Commissioner Wolfson, who requested the item, was absent.

**8. REPORTS - INFORMATION ONLY**

**a. Inclusive Playground Amenities in City of Glendale Parks (oral report)**

Mr. Bulanikian provided a presentation covering the following:

- Background
- Universally Accessible Playgrounds
- Maple Park's Shane's Inspiration Playground Design
- Maple Park All Inclusive Playground
- Playground Programming
- Benefits of Physical, Sensory, and Social Play
- Glenoaks Park (2-5 and 5-12 y.o.) Playground Replacement Project

- Pelanconi Park (2-5 and 5-12 y.o.) Playground Replacement Project

**b. Park Services Section Monthly Activity Report for February 2024**

Park Services Administrator Chris Peplow provided an overview of work orders for non-routine repair and preventive maintenance tasks in the month of February. He also gave a presentation highlighting work completed at the following locations:

- Stengel Field
- Section 1 parks
- Section 2 parks
- Montrose Shopping Park
- Sparr Heights

**c. Recreation & Community Services Section Monthly Activity Report for March 2024**

Community Services Manager Sevag Garabetian gave a presentation covering the following:

- Cesar Chavez Commemorative Event
- Spring Eggstravaganza
- Spring Day Camps
- Trails & Open Space Programs
- Stone Barn Nature Center: GO! Community Program and Nature Camp
- Stone Barn Nature Center: Wander the Wilderness Bus
- Youth & Family Services: Teen Night Out Workshops
- Youth & Family Services: Teen Wellness Night
- Youth & Family Services: STAR (Students Training As Role Models)
- Youth & Family Services: One Glendale ASYSP Soccer Season
- Therapeutic Recreation: MIP Day and Club Maple Karaoke Night
- Senior Programs & Presentations
- Elderly Nutrition Program
- Supportive Services Programs
- Upcoming Programs and Events
  - 2024 High School Employment and Resource Fair
  - Teen Night Out
  - Friday Night Lecture: “Get the Dirt on Dirt”

- Wilderness Workday
- Wander the Wilderness Bus
- Riverwalk Workday
- Playdate for the Planet: An Earth Day Celebration
- Tea Whisking Workshop
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Parent's Night Out: Sparr Heights Community Center
- Housing Rights Workshop for Glendale Tenants
- Interpretive Hike: "Insects & the Plants They Love"
- Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run & Hike
- Parent's Night Out: Pacific Community Center
- Glendale Outdoors (GO!) Community Program
- One Glendale ASYSP: Soccer Season Championship
- GYA Charity Golf Tournament

Commissioner Kalfayan asked for an update on Cruise Night. Community Services Manager Gabrielle Goglia said that 100 cars were registered to date and that plans for this year's event are similar to last year's.

Ex Officio Commissioner Kevorkian expressed his interest in collaborating with staff on the Mentoring in the Middle Schools Program. Mr. Garabetian said he would reach out to him with information.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.