DALY CITY RECREATION COMMISSION
DALY CITY RECREATION – VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Recreation Commission Chair Nate Ortiz at 7:06 pm

ROLL CALL
Recreation Commission Present:
Chair Nate Ortiz, Vice Chair Christina Luna, Commissioner Reigel Paniza, Commissioner Hamilton Anoa'i,

Recreation Commission Absent: Commissioner Saul Miranda

Staff Present:
Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, Assistant to the City Manager Leilani Ramos, Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown, Administrative Assistant II Edgardo Bolanos, Senior Recreation Services Supervisor Jennifer Der, Recreation Program Supervisor Gina Magagnini, Recreation Services Coordinator Brian Sai, Recreation Services Coordinator Brian Flowers,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was requested by Chair Ortiz to approve the agenda for the March 22, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Vice Chair Luna and seconded by Commissioner Paniza. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was requested by Chair Ortiz to approve the Minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2022. Motion made by Vice Chair Luna and seconded by Commissioner Paniza. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
-War Memorial Community Center Programming:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown introduced Recreation Services Supervisor Gina Magagnini and Recreation Services Coordinator Brian Sai. Gina presented on the current programming at War Memorial Community Center. 1) Active Adult /Senior Services: Low impact aerobics, Soul Line Dance, Hawaiian Hula 2) Adult Programming: Open Gym Badminton, Basketball, Pickleball, and Volleyball. 3) Adult Enrichment: English as a Second Language (run through the Jefferson Adult Education), Kanikapila Jam, and Intermediate Guitar. Right now, there's no youth programming in the Community Center until summer. Special events held at the War Memorial include the Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony, Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway, and Memorial Day Ceremony. All activities require online registration through the Daly City iPlay website. The War Memorial is open Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm, Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm and Sunday 9am-2pm. John Daly Library is now open 5 days a week Mon-Fri. Starting in April there will be an option to reserve courts individually or as a group.

Starting in May, they will be offering a "Job Readiness Workshop-Teen Internship Program" to prepare high schoolers for all aspects of the job seeking process. They will learn how to create a cover letter, resume and participate in interviews. After completion of the program, they will have the opportunity to apply for a paid summer internship with the Recreation Services Division. They have reached out to the Daly City & South San Francisco high school leadership classes to share this program with them.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chair Ortiz brought up that at the last meeting several members of the community had concerns about the future of the Community Garden at Serramonte del Rey and Westmoor Park and wanted to confirm that the

space wasn't under the Recreation Division's jurisdiction. Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte clarified noting that Westmoor Park and the Community Garden are both Jefferson Union High School District properties – not under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Division, City of Daly City. The Community Garden comments are centered around the large housing development that the Jefferson Union High School District is taking on and the City Council recently granted preliminary approval to that project at a City Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown announced upcoming events:

- **Spring Fun Day –** April 16, 2022 9am at Westlake Park in person. Egg hunts for different age groups and a visit by the Spring Bunny. This event is sponsored by the Daly City Host Lions Club, Republic Services and the City of Daly City. It's also supported by the Renaissance Business Center. Everyone needs to register online through the Daly City iPlay website.
- **Doelger Active Adult/Senior Services Welcome Back to Programs Open House** – April 23, 2022 11:00AM – 2:00PM at Westlake Park. There will be classes, Demos and food.

AGENDA BUILDING:

Chair Ortiz announced that Agenda Building will now be a part of the meeting so that ongoing projects or new projects can be added to the next meeting and addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS:

A member of the public named Alanna Wong shared her main concern for attending Recreation meetings for years is that since the schools have been gated and locked, the children of the Westlake Community have nowhere to play basketball. Another issue is the need for a skate park. She's driven vans full of kids to the City in Millbrae to skate parks and it's sad we don't have that option for them here. She appreciates all the hard work that's been put into programs started for adults but it's the kids who are in desperate need. They suffered the most during the pandemic and we need to do everything we can to get them access to the Pacelli Gym after school so that they have somewhere that they're welcomed to be and play. It's unfortunate that nothing will be happening until summer. She also wanted to bring up that her middle schooler was allowed to watch his friends play at the Pacelli Gym once but then denied twice after that, and she's wondering why.

A member of the public who called in shared that regarding the Veteran's Day event at the War Memorial last year, the public wasn't invited even though it's the tax-paying public who pays for it. He was told by the City Clerk that the public couldn't attend and he finds that very bad because it's the tax payers who are paying for it. He wanted to mention a non-profit group "Vibes and Smiles" that if they need to rent property or need to use City resources he would imagine that would be done at no charge, keeping in mind that that it's the tax-paying public that owns the property. Also Gellert park has fees for soccer fields, baseball fields, the clubhouse, and the barbecue area, but no fees for the tennis court and basketball court. He also noticed that it used to be no dogs allowed, but their owners aren't picking up after them. Also, the coyotes are a concern with the safety of the kids.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM
Next Meeting:
April 26, 2022 at 7:00pm
Daly City Virtual Meeting