POMONA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 9, 1964 City Hall

PRESENT:

Charlotte Wescott, Jeanne Lessard, Dale Coons, Dayton Kling, Henry Romo, Harold Greek, Superintendent of Parks and Jack Hoxsey, Director of Parks and Recreation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Motion was made and seconded that Charlotte Wescott be elected Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION APPROVED. MOTION APPROVED that Dayton Kling be elected Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman Wescott called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes of the November Commission meeting were approved with correction.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were approved.

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Letter from Bishop Davis regarding property owned by Mormon Church: Mr. Hoxsey read two proposals as submitted by Bishop Davis regarding the 4.5 acres of Church property at Lewis and Orange Grove. The two suggestions: 1) The church's first choice - Build on Lewis Street and sell 1.5 acres of land for about \$15,000. 2. Trade 3 acres of land facing on Lewis for 3 acres of cleared unimproved land facing on Weber Street and be reimbursed about \$20,000 for additional 1.5 acres of land and the present and future additional land value due to position.

Mr. Hoxsey reported that the City Right of Way Agend is proceeding to work with the Shertzers in order to find a suitable exchange of property, however, the Shertzers are asking for an amount over and above the value of the property. Appraisal of their property as made by the Right of Way Agent is \$11,000 to \$12.000.

Motion was made by Dayton Kling and seconded by Dale Coons that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended to the City Council that they proceed with the procuring of the Mormon Church's site on Lewis and North Orange Grove for park purposes. MOTION APPROVED.

Letter from Mrs. Philip Wessels. Mr. Hoxsey reported to the Commission that Mrs. Wessels and a group of women sent a letter expressing appreciation for the use of the Fremont Gym and indicated hope that the gym can continued to be used by the Pomona Recreation Department for adult recreation. The Director

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stated he had replied to Mrs. Wessels and that the Commission has included an amount of money for the purchase of the facility in its Master Plan program, but there is no assurance however, that the money can be raised in time for the school district to plan accordingly.

Thank you Letter to Paul Salado: Mr. Hoxsey read a letter from City Council to Mr. Salado thanking him for his services to the Community. The Commission requested the Director to send a letter to Mr. Salado thanking him for the many years of service.

Request for Use of Greek Theater: Letter from Jay Deitzer was read. Mr. Deitzer reported the groups name is now Performing Arts Council. Proposal was submitted in the letter and performances listed. See attached letter.

Mr. Hoxsey recommended that the Commission approve the proposal as outlined by the Performing Arts Council and that the group is well aware of the limited parking - no electricity and have rest room problems. Motion was made by Dale Coons and seconded by Jeanne Lessard that the Commission accept the proposal of the Performing Arts Group.

COMMUNITY BAND SPONSORSHIP Mr. Hoxsey reviewed the request of the School Board and Council which was to make a determination to the ruling for fees for Adult Education classes.

It was pointed out that the School District receives A.D.A. for the Band and that the Director is paid as an instructor by the Adult Education in addition to his regular salary received as Band Director from the City. The Band does perform at various Civic functions throughout the year. The director listed various ways in which the fees could be paid:

1. Can be included in the Recreation Department's Budget and listed as band fees. 2. Continue as present and have band members pay fees. 3. Continue as present with a special moratorium for the Community Band Members.

Motion was made by Dale Coons and seconded by Jeanne Lessard that the fee amount be placed within the area of the band budget.

Mr. Hoxsey presented a request for a fee to be charged for the Spring Band Concert. Suggested pre sale price 50¢ for students - 7%¢ for adults. All tickets sold at door will cost \$1.00.

Pre sale of tickets would give an idea of attendance before the concert. By charging a fee the band will be able to build up an amount that can be controlled by the department and the Band Board and items which cannot be budgeted for in the regular budget could be purchased. The Commission was in agreement with the idea of charging for the Spring Concert. GANESHA PARK REDEVELOPMENT Mr. Hoxsey reported that the contractor will soon be through with the flood control project.

We are redesigning the parking lot and adding parking spaces to that which was in the original area. Most of the remaining areas will be turfed and landscaped. The Department is designing plans for the White Avenue parking lot and group picnic areas. Mr. Hoxsey reported that where and when the Department can spend extra effort it will have to be spent in this area.

BUDGET PRELIMINARIES Mr. Hoxsey reported to the Commission on the preliminary budget ideas for 1964-65.

RE-NAMING OF PARK

The City Council referred the naming of a park in honor of the late president John F. Kennedy to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission was of the opinion that Bellevue Park (Kellogg Park) will be one of the nicest parks when fully developed. Motion was made and seconded that the Commission recommend to the City Council "that if the Council wishes to name a park in memory of the late John F. Kennedy that the former Kellogg Park on Bellevue Avenue be given this honor." MOTION APPROVED.

JUVENILES IN POOL HALLS

An item was referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding juveniles in pool halls. The family type pool center has no relationship to the "old pool hall" and no objection could be seen by the Director to lowering of the age limit to sixteen or younger if accompanied by a parent. Some study should be given to evaluate pool playing in conjunction to bowling alleys where liquor is served.

REPORT

Mr. Greek reported, in addition to the items listed on the monthly report, 1. Cleaned trails in Ganesha Park. 2. Problem of the Christmas tree lighting company "jerking" lights out of the trees on the Mall. 3. That \$500 had been spent trimming the trees and now they will have to be trimmed again (Mall area).

PAVILION PROPERTY

The Parks and Recreation Commission took action recommending the sale of Park Department land on Pavilion Drive. This land has served as a land fill and has been determined as excess by the Commission. Any monies derived from such sale could be used to secure additional park property.