## CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION Special Meeting of June 1, 2019 – Parks Tour MINUTES

## 1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:10 am - Attendance

Present: Ryan Johnson, Vice Chair Absent: Kimberly Collins, Chair, excused

Roy Cencirulo, excused

Ann Davis-Schultz Maryn Wells

Pavit Saluja

Don Gifford

QOL Staff: Tricia Swope, Senior Project Manager

Zach LaBonte, Field Services Supervisor Shawn McIntosh, Parks Coordinator

Vickie Thompson, Van Driver

Council Liaison: none

2. Public Comments: None forthcoming

## 3. Parks and Recreation Facilities Tour 2019

The following are suggestions and comments provided by the Commissioners as the facilities tour was conducted. No motions were made during the tour.

<u>House at Sylvan Park</u> – suggestions were made to upgrade the facility into a venue for meetings, banquets, weddings and a possible concession area. Items that would need to be addressed are upgrades to the landscaping, ADA access, and room sizes within the building. All agreed that this facility offers an opportunity to generate significant revenue.

<u>Franklin Park</u> – staff informed the Commissioners and members of the public present that this park was named after the adjacent street and the earliest mention of the park was in minutes of a Council meeting in 1931, listing Franklin Park as an improvement accomplished during the fiscal year. Suggestions were made to update the trash can to the double sided recycling cans used elsewhere in the City and to add a doggy bag dispenser.

<u>Simonds Parkway</u> – staff informed the Commissioners and members of the public present that James and Priscilla Simonds donated approximately three-fourths of an acre of land at the intersection of Garden Street and Rossmont Way to the City. In addition to the land donation an endowment in the amount of \$10,000 was gifted to the City from Priscilla Simonds. A dedication of the Parkway was conducted on March 18, 1986.

Due to the location at a busy intersection, and the unusual size of the Parkway, Commissioners indicated some seating as the only possible improvement.

As a public comment, Mason Einhorn indicated that a water fountain for dogs might be a nice addition as the Mariposa trail connects very close to the Parkway.

<u>Oakmont Park</u> – As a public comment, Mason Einhorn indicated that a small culvert overflows during rainstorms and is thought to be the cause of trenching within the park as opposed to the larger culvert. Several Commissioners commented that they have enjoyed visiting this park.

<u>Caroline Park</u> – Discussion ensued about the donation of the Park by Olivia Phelps Stokes in memory of her beloved sister Caroline. No suggestions were forthcoming.

<u>San Timoteo Canyon Nature Sanctuary</u> – As public comment Mason Einhorn and Michele DeCourten indicated that the conservancy works diligently to maintain the trails in the City's opens space areas. This area has benefited from installation of doggy bag dispensers, with resulting cleaner trails. No suggestions were forthcoming.

4. 11:14 A.M. - Adjournment to next regular meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2019, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers.