

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ron Antonette, President  
Ben Goldberg, Vice President

Marie Knight, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Julie Heggeness, Commissioner  
Ron Sievers, Commissioner  
David Zanatta, Commissioner  
Stella Ursua, Commissioner  
Margo Morales, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by President Ron Antonette at 9:03 a.m., at the El Dorado West, Sr. Center Library. Director Marie Knight took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta,  
**Present:** Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Commissioners** Julie Heggeness  
**Absent:**

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Ursua to excuse Commissioner Heggeness from the April 21, 2016, Parks & Recreation Commission. The motion carried.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Knight - Director  
Stephen Scott - Business Operations Bureau Manager  
Hurley Owens - Maintenance Operations Bureau Manager  
Gladys Kaiser - Community Recreation Services Manager  
Robert Livingstone - Business Operations Superintendent  
Meredith Reynolds - Park Planning Officer  
Valerie Davis - Executive Assistant  
Leah Salgado - PRM Analyst

**GUESTS:**

Aparna Venkatasaura - Long Beach resident  
Gian Grant - St. Anthony High School  
Kristin Dunn - Promenade Area Residents Association (PARA)  
Joel Garnica - PARA  
Debra Kahookole - PARA  
Susan Miller - Long Beach resident  
Ann Cantrell  
Lucy Johnson - Aquatics Capital  
Diana Palamadiana - St. Anthony High School

**PRESENTATIONS**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - March 2016**

Michelle Wilson introduced Joy Warren, Superintendent of Community Recreation Services who presented Meaghan O'Neill with the March 2016 Employee of the Month

**INTRODUCTION - Community Recreation Services Staff Promotions**

Gladys Kaiser introduced recently promoted employees, Susan Edinger, Erin Kellogg, Naturalist and Gabriel Cruz, Field Permits.

Additionally, Hurley Owens recognized Ken Roberts on his permanent appointment to Maintenance Operations Bureau Superintendent of Facilities.

Congratulations to all on your achievements!

Vice President Goldberg spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [16-017PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of March 17, 2016.

Commissioner Morales abstained from the vote due to her excused absence at the March 17, 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Stella Ursua, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Abstain:** 1 - Margo Morales

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

#### COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [16-019PR](#) Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

President Antonette spoke.

Mike Donelon spoke on behalf of the ASK Foundation.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

3. [16-020PR](#) Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine or his or her management designee, to execute a new Fitness Provider Permit and amend Attachment "A" of the Permit as needed.

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Robert Livingstone spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

4. [16-021PR](#)

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to re-issue a Use Permit to LARPBO: Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners, dba LARPBO Dog Training for the continued provision of on-leash dog training/handling classes (commercial recreation) at Stearns Champions Park for a term of three years, with one, two-year renewal option, at the discretion of the Director or his designee beginning April 12, 2016. (District 4)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Robert Livingstone spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
President Antonette spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

5. [16-022PR](#)

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a Tot Lot as an improvement for public recreation at Promenade Square Park, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 2)

Meredith Reynolds provided the staff report.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Meredith Reynolds spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

Debra Kahookele Promenade Area Residents Association (PARA).  
Joen Gardica spoke in favor of the project on behalf of the East Village Association.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

6. [16-018PR](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community", for April 2016.

Director Knight provided the update.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

1. Budget Update - Stephen Scott

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Ann Cantrell - email correspondence from March 23, 2016

Letters from Senior Citizen Advisory Commission

7. [16-023PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file correspondence for April, 2016.

Ann Cantrell spoke.  
President Antonette spoke.  
Hurley Owens spoke.  
Vice President Goldberg spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Stella Ursua, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

## COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Antonette stated the committee met and the agenda for the April 21, 2016 meeting was reviewed.

### FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair Goldberg stated the committee met and the Fee Waivers were reviewed.

President Antonette spoke.

**MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Chair Antonette stated the committee met at the Drake/Chavez future project site.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

**MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chair Zanatta stated the committee met and discussed future marketing opportunities.

**PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Ursua stated the committee met the previous week to discuss topics to bring to the committee.

1. Special Events and Filming Report - The Special Events and Filming report was reviewed.

**JOINT USE COMMITTEE**

Chair Sievers stated the committee met after the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 17, 2016.

Steve Scott spoke regarding identifying opportunities with LBUSD.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT**

Opportunity is given to those members of the public who would like to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on non-agenda items. Each speaker is limited to three minutes unless extended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Zanatta introduced St. Anthony student, Diana Palma. Ms. Palmer presented her findings in a global research study who presented her findings of an experiment of the Marine life to establish growth rates and the impact of water temperatures in Long Beach.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

Dr. Grant from St. Anthony's High School spoke.

A discussion ensued.

Susan Miller spoke regarding nesting.

Lucy Johnston spoke regarding Belmont Pool.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Gladys Kaiser reported on day camp registration and Earth Day activities

Director Knight spoke.

Valerie Davis asked commissioners to forward any changes in schedules for subcommittee meetings to her so she can ensure staff assigned to the sub-committee have the meetings on their calendars and reserve appropriate conference rooms.

Director Knight thanked all for the warm welcome.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Ursua relayed information on the Green Event at Admiral Kidd Park on April 30, 2016.

Commissioner Zanatta thanked the Commission and Staff for allowing Ms. Palma to make her presentation.

Vice President Goldberg encouraged Commissioners to attend the upcoming Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament, as well as the upcoming baseball game at Blair Field between CSULB and San Jose.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, Senior Center Library located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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