

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, Chair  
Julie Heggeness, Vice Chair

Marie Knight, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Ron Antonette, Commissioner  
Ron Sievers, Commissioner  
David Zanatta, Commissioner  
Stella Ursua, Commissioner  
Margo Morales, Commissioner

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**REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 9:03 a.m., at the El Dorado Park Senior Center. Director Knight took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Heggeness and seconded by Chair Goldberg to excuse Commissioners Antonette and Ursua from the February 15, 2018, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers and David Zanatta

Excused: 2 - Ron Antonette, Stella Ursua

**Commissioners** Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness

**Present:** and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Commissioners** Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua

**Excused:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Marc Sullivan of Long Beach Youth Golf League  
Brian Vlaszewski of City Fabrick  
Alexander Jung of City Fabrick  
Shannon Shondeff of FIT4MOM  
Randy Zarn of Partners of Parks  
Lucy Johnson of Aquatics Capital of America  
April Cooper of Tuberosus Sclerosis Alliance

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Knight -Director  
Stephen Scott -Deputy Director  
Gladys Kaiser - Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Hurley Owens - Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Robert Livingstone - Superintendent of Golf Operations and Contracts Division  
Leah Salgado - PRM Analyst  
Del Ransom - Bureau Assistant  
Leslie Heuberg – PRM Projects  
Michelle Wilson - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Lori Jarmacz - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

**PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Month - January 2018

Michelle Wilson introduced Marie Knight as the January Employee of the Month. Big congratulations are in order for Director Marie Knight. Marie is the perfect example of what a true leader is all about. Her time here with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has shown staff that no matter what bureau you may work for, everyone here is part of one big community. Marie always has a positive attitude and her strengths are found in her team building, motivation, initiative, and excellent organizational skills. Marie's outgoing and friendly personality helped to create a pleasant environment to work in and she is held in high regard by her colleagues. Her contributions have been a great benefit to this organization and, undeniably, she will be deeply missed here. It is definitely our loss and Huntington Beach's gain. Congratulations once again, Marie! We know you will find great success in your future endeavors due to your diligence, awesome attitude and outlook on life!

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Commissioner Heggeness spoke.  
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Michelle Wilson spoke.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 18-005PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of January 18, 2018.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Abstain:** 1 - Margo Morales

**Excused:** 2 - Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua

**COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

2. 18-006PR Recommendation to cancel the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on March 15, 2018.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zanatta, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to reschedule the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting from March 15, 2018, to March 22, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 2 - Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua

3. 18-007PR Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

Chair Goldberg spoke.  
Vice Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser Spoke.  
Marc Sullivan of US Golf League spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the recommendation for waiver request #12697 – US Golf League. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 2 - Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua

Vice Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
April Cooper of Tuberous Sclerosis spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to deny the recommendation for waiver request #12629 – Tuberous Sclerosis. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales and David Zanatta

**No:** 1 - Ron Sievers

**Excused:** 2 - Ron Antonette, Stella Ursua

4. 18-008PR Recommendation to receive and file the Uptown Open Space Vision Plan. (District 9)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve the recommendation.**

**Yes:** 5 - Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 2 - Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua

5. 18-009PR Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to assign Fitness Provider Permit No. 33008 with Fitness Through Motion, Inc., a California Corporation, to Karolina Soltani the corporation's new owner and execute all necessary documents.

Or

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary for the termination of Fitness Provider Permit No. 33008 with Fitness Through Motion, Inc. (District 3).

Bob Livingstone provided the staff report.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Vice Chair Heggeness spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Marc Sullivan of US Golf League spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve the recommendation to assign Permit No. 33008 to Karolina Soltani. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Ron Sievers, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**No:** 2 - Margo Morales and David Zanatta

**Excused:** 2 - Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Vice Chair Heggeness, to terminate Permit No. 33008 to Karolina Soltani. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Margo Morales, David Zanatta**

**No: 3 - Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Ron Sievers, Julie Heggeness,**

**Excused: 2 - Ron Antonette, Stella Ursua**

**6. 18-010PR**

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to assign 2018 Fitness Provider Permit No. 33006 with Moving Forward Fitness, LLC, DBA Fit4Mom, to Shannon Shondeff the corporation's new owner and execute all necessary documents. (District 3).

Or

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary for the termination of Fitness Provider Permit No. 33006 with Moving Forward Fitness, LLC DBA Fit4Mom. (District 3).

Bob Livingstone provided the staff report.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Vice Chair Heggeness spoke.

Shannon Shondeff of Fit4Mom spoke.

Bob Livingstone requested that "2018", be removed from the recommendation.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the recommendation to assign Permit No. 33006 to Shannon Shondeff. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 5 - Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg**

**Excused: 2 - Ron Antonette and Stella Ursua**

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

7. 18-011PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for February 2018.

Director Knight provided the report.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Sievers left the meeting at 10:13 a.m., a quorum of four Commissioners was confirmed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Vice Chair Heggeness, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Margo Morales, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 3 - Ron Antonette, Ron Sievers and Stella Ursua

## COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Benjamin Goldberg - Chair

Chair Goldberg provided the update. Review and discussion of the February Agenda and the Deferred Maintenance report.

### FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Vice Chair Heggeness provided the update. Review and discussion of the FY18 Budget report.

### MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Margo Morales - Chair

Committee did not meet.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

David Zanatta - Chair

Commissioner Morales provided the update. Informed Commissioners of the Los Cerritos tour with PRM staff.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

8. 18-012PR Recommendation to receive and file the Deferred Park Maintenance Report.

Director Knight provided the report.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Randy Zarn of Partners of Parks spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Vice Chair Heggeness, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Margo Morales, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 3 - Ron Antonette, Ron Sievers and Stella Ursua

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

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## **GUEST COMMENTS**

Randy Zarn of Partners of Parks spoke.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Stephen Scott introduced new PRM staff member Leslie Untener.

Meredith Reynolds reminded Commissioners of the Houghton Park Groundbreaking on March 3, 2018 and the Red Car Greenbelt Grand Opening on March 24, 2018.

Bob Livingstone informed the Commission of the RFP process for the train at El Dorado Park.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Goldberg and Vice Chair Heggeness bided Director Knight farewell.

Commissioner Zanatta asked about the Demolition at Houghton Park.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, Senior Center located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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