

CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
June 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by George Chapjian, Director, at 9:15 am, at El Dorado West Sr. Center, library. George Chapjian, Director, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sarah Sangmeister, President
Ron Antonette
Brett Waterfield
Benjamin Goldberg
Albert Guerra, Vice President
Julie Heggeness

Absent:

Staff: George Chapjian, Director
Kendra Carney – City Attorney
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services
Stephen Scott, Business Operations
Ramon Arevalo, Maintenance Operations Bureau Manager
Bob Livingstone, Business Operations
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant
Leah Salgado, Analyst, PRM
Alan Kosoff – Analyst, PRM
Juan Lopez Rios – Public Works Asset Management
Jeff Winklepleck – Public Works Asset Management

Guests: Edith Florence – LBUSD
Ellen Fabiano – Resident
Rudolph Galindo – Resident
Tonya Clark – Resident
Tom Corman - LBUSD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 14-029PR Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes for May, 2014.

Suggested action: Approve recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

Absent:

ACTION ITEMS

President Sangmeister indicated in the interest of time Action item #3-14-031PR and item #4-14-032PR would be taken out of order.

- 3. 14-031PR** Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.
Commissioner Waterfield spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation to grant fee waivers for Harbor Area Hospitals Chili Cook-off, the Filipino American Senior Services Club meeting and El Dorado Park South neighborhood association concert in the park.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

Absent:

An additional motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg to deny the fee waiver request for A Full Heart organization. The motion was seconded by Vice President Guerra.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.
President Sangmeister spoke.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

Absent:

4. **14-032PR** Authorize the Director, 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the recommendation.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

Absent:

HEARING

President Sangmeister opened the hearing and Executive Assistant Davis administered the Oath to parties speaking on the subject.

2. **14-035PR** Recommendation to receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the hearing and recommend City Council approval of a Wireless Telecommunication Facility within Wardlow Park, pursuant to Section 21.56.140 (B) of the Municipal Code, and recommend City Council execution of a Lease with AT&T Mobility for said Wireless Telecommunication Facility. (District 5)

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report for the Hearing.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

Juan Lopez-Rios spoke.

Commissioner Waterfield spoke.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

Scott Longhurst - Trilleum representative spoke.

A discussion ensued.

City Attorney Kendra Carney confirmed health issues cannot be taken into consideration by a local agency in determination of placement of the cell tower.

President Sangmeister opened the discussion to Public Comment

Ellen Fabioano – resident – spoke in opposition

Robert Livingstone clarified the noticing process

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

City Attorney Kendra Carney spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck spoke and confirmed the decision of the Parks & Recreation Commission can be appealed to the City Council.

Scott Longhurst – Trilleum representative spoke.

President Sangmeister spoke and stated any future cell tower applications would need to be seriously evaluated in regards to park uses vs. cell tower placement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the recommendation.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg amended his motion and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the recommendation and include a provision to ensure revenue received from the project is directed towards Wardlow Park maintenance in Wardlow Park with future revenues to be directed toward general park maintenance at the discretion of the Director.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

Absent:

The Hearing was concluded and closed by President Sangmeister

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS (continued)

5. 14-033PR Approve the rehabilitation of the baseball field at Houghton Park by the Long Beach Unified School District and recommend to the City Council the approval of a Right of Entry permit to allow the Long Beach Unified School District and its agents to complete the project; and

Recommend to the City Council the approval of a new Joint Use Agreement between Long Beach Unified School District and the City of Long Beach for the use of the baseball field at Houghton Park. (District 9)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report
Commissioner Waterfield spoke.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.
LBUSD rep spoke.
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.
President Sangmeister spoke.
Vice President Guerra spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Heggeness to approve the recommendation to approve the right of entry permit to allow LBUSD and its agents to complete the project.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.
President Sangmeister spoke.
Commissioner Waterfield spoke.
Director Chapjian spoke.
LBUSD Representative spoke.
A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Waterfield and seconded by Commissioner Goldberg to table the consideration of the Joint Use Agreement to the July 2014 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

The motion carried:

Yes: President Sangmeister
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Heggeness

President Sangmeister advised the Executive Committee and Finance & Appeals Committee status reports would be taken out of order and heard at this time:

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Sangmeister, Chair

- A. Selection of nominating committee for Chair and Co-Chair – 2014/2015.

President Sangmeister spoke.

The Nominating Committee was selected – Sarah Sangmeister and Brett Waterfield were named as nominating committee – a written report will be submitted by the Committee to have action taken at the July 2014 meeting.

- B. Park Tour Dates Update – Dates and Agenda – park tour dates will be selected and the tour will take place after new Parks & Recreation Commissioners are seated.

FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Waterfield, Chair
The Committee met.

Commissioner Waterfield spoke.

President Sangmeister excused herself from the meeting and turned the gavel over to Vice President Guerra.

- A. Budget update

Stephen Scott provided the update on the budget and the loss report.

MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Antonette, Chair
The Committee met.

Ramon Arevelo reviewed the projects happening in all Council Districts.

Director Chapjian spoke.

MARKETING & CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Vice President Guerra, Chair
The Committee did not met.

RECREATION & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Goldberg, Chair
The Committee met.

Commissioner Goldberg provided the report.

- A. Ranger Report was reviewed
- B. Special Events report was reviewed

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Antonette, Chair
The Committee did not meet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

6. 14-030PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report "We Create Community" for June, 2014.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

Director Chapjian provided the staff report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Heggeness to approve the recommendation.

The motion carried:

Yes:

Vice President Guerra
Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Waterfield
Commissioner Heggeness

Absent: President Sangmeister

Director Chapjian advised the historical railway building from the San Francisco Yard to Willow Springs Park to be used as an interpretive center.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience

(This 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.)

- Mr. Rudolph Galindo introduced himself as a future Commissioner.
- Mr. Conway introduced himself as Long Beach resident interested in being on the commission.

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Goldberg spoke and stated it is a pleasure to serve with the 3 Commissioners leaving at the end of the month. Josh Goldberg is graduating from Wilson High School.
- Commissioner Antonette thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their leadership and direction and focus on Parks goals.
- Commissioner Heggeness thanked the Commissioners for their leadership.
- Albert Guerra thanked everyone for their service and stated he has truly enjoyed serving.

Staff Comments

- Gladys Kaiser reported on summer is kicking off 6/16 and reviewed all of the programs and activities coming up during the Summer.
- Ramon Avevalo reported his crews will be very busy in support of Recreation programming. on some small projects that will enhance some park sites. Ramon also spoke about the completion of rehab for several sports courts.
- George Chapjian thanked the Commissioners and stated he has enjoyed a great experience with the Commissioners. He has staffed many Commissions during his career and the Commission has been tremendous.
- Robert Livingstone thanked the Commissioners.
- Valerie Davis also thanked the Commission for their work and leadership

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 9 am, at the El Dorado Park Community Center, Senior Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.