

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, President
Julie Heggeness, Vice President

Marie Knight, Director
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



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

FINAL AGENDA & APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by President Goldberg at 9:05 a.m., at the El Dorado Senior Center Library. Director Marie Knight took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and
Present: Goldberg

STAFF PRESENT:

Marie Knight - Director
Stephen Scott - Deputy Director
Gladys Kaiser - Manager, Community Recreation Services Bureau
Ken Roberts - Superintendent, Maintenance Operations Bureau
Robert Livingstone - Superintendent of Contracts and Golf Operations
Meredith Reynolds, Park Planning Officer
Del Ransom, Assistant
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant
Michelle Wilson - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Chung - ARALB Ham Radio
Jane Dean - ARALB Ham Radio
Dave Halierson
Philip Yandall - Pacific Talent Academy of the Arts
Lucy Johnson - Aquatic Capital
Ernesto Esquer - Cal Poly Pomona
Mark Hardison - Partners of Parks
Frank Gutierrez - Pacific Talent Academy of the Arts

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month - Michelle Wilson introduced Kelly Armstrong from the Marine Bureau, Queensway Bay/Beach Maintenance Division.

Kelly introduced Jeff King as the April 2017 Employee of the Month. Jeff demonstrates his pride for maintenance of the Queensway Bay/Rainbow Harbor area every day. Jeff is an awesome example to his team and ensures the Shoreline area looks beautiful for our many visitors to the downtown area during special events and throughout the year.

Director Knight spoke.
Jeff King spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [17-025PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of April 20, 2017.

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

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [17-026PR](#) Authorize the Director, or his or her management designee, to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.
Director Knight spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

3. [17-027PR](#) Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

Vice President Heggeness spoke.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.

Dr. Mark Chung spoke regarding the Amature Ham Radio Operators event.
Jane Dean spoke regarding Amature Ham Radio Operators event.
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A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

4. [17-028PR](#) Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a non-exclusive Permit to St. Anthony High School for use of Gumbiner Park for school-approved activities, for a term of three-years, with two, two-year renewal options at the discretion of the Director. (District 1)

Commissioner Zanatta announced he will recuse himself from voting on this item as he is a board member of St. Anthony High School. Commissioner Zanatta left the dias to sit with the audience.

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Director Knight spoke.
President Goldberg spoke.
Commission Sievers spoke.

David Zanatta spoke during public comment in support of the item.

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

Yes: 6 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Heggeness and Goldberg

Recused: 1 - Zanatta

5. [17-029PR](#)

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to enter into a permit with Long Beach Little League, Inc. for the continued use of a City-owned parking lot at Stearns Champions Park, currently leased to the Advocacy for Respect and Choice-Long Beach, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, for a three-year permit term, with one, two-year renewal option at the discretion of the Director.

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.
Robert Livingstone spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

6. [17-030PR](#)

Approve Special Event Permit Application #17-09324 of the Pacific Talent Academy of the Arts, a Domestic non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Weekend in Polynesia Cultural Heritage Celebration in Recreation Park, including the Bandshell, with

parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine. (District 3)

or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny the Special Event Permit Application #17-09324 of the Pacific Talent Academy of the Arts, a Domestic non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Weekend in Polynesia Cultural Heritage Celebration in Recreation Park, including the Bandshell. (District 3)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Philip Yandall, representative of the promoter group spoke.

Ernesto Esquer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to approve Approve Special Event Permit Application #17-09324 of the Pacific Talent Academy of the Arts, a Domestic non-profit corporation, with full fees, for the operatoin of the Weekend in Polynesia Cultural Heritage Celebration in Recreation Park, including the Bandshell, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

7. [17-031PR](#)

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a walking trail and associated landscaping as an improvement for public recreation at the Red Car Greenbelt, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 3)

Meredith Reynolds provided the staff report.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

8. [17-032PR](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for May, 2017.

Director Knight provided the update.

President Goldberg spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to receive and file the May Director's Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Antonette, Morales, Sievers, Ursua, Zanatta, Heggeness and Goldberg

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Goldberg reported the agenda for May 18th and algae in the lakes were discussed.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair Heggeness reported the group discussed budget, water and the current loss report.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Chair Antonette reported the group met at Silverado Pool.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Davis Zanatta - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair

Commissioner Morales reported the athletic field distribution was discussed.

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Ron Sievers - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

Lucy Johnson spoke regarding pools within the City, including LBUSD and joint use.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Meredith Reynolds reported the the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt project is moving towards completion. The projects at Admiral Kidd and Seaside Parks are also in the works.

Gladys Kaiser reported on upcoming summer events including the May 26th Summer Kick Off Concert at Marine Stadium.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Zanatta introduced Mark Hardison, retired City of Hawthorne Parks Department and member of the Partners of Parks Board of Directors.

Commissioner Sievers commented that the El Dorado Nature Center Entryway Dedication Ceremony was great. He also encouraged everyone to attend the concert at the Nature Center on June 29, 2017.

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. The Brown Act prohibits Commissioners from responding to comments on non-agenda items.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, 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 10:29 a.m.

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