

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 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 9:05 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West, Sr. Center Library. Director Marie Knight took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Donald Galaz - Racers Who Care  
Reverend Leon Wood Jr. - Success in Challenges, Inc.  
Lucy Johnson  
Ann Cantrell  
Ramen Vasishth  
Kirk Davis - Downtown Long Beach Lions Club  
Alexis Marrero - Stearns Resident and Stearns Musical Theater

**PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Month - April 2016

Ms. Veronica Ortega introduced Javier Velasquez, Employee of the Month for April 2016.  
Mr. Velasquez has inspired staff by working with at risk youth to find a sense of purpose.  
Congratulations!

President Antonette spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Recognition - Racers Who Care - Joy Warren

Recognition to Mr. Donald Galaz with "Racers who Care". Racers who Care sponsors hundreds of children to attend the annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach to be mentored by real race car drivers and crews. We appreciate your efforts!

Presentation on information regarding measures A and B - Tom Modica - Assistant City Manager

Mr. Modica relayed information to the Commissioners regarding the upcoming ballot measures, A&B.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

President Antonette asked if there was any public comment.  
Ann Cantrell spoke.  
Ramen Vasishth spoke.  
Mr. Modica spoke.  
Alexis Marrero spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [16-024PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of April 21, 2016.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

## COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [16-025PR](#) Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

**A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve recommendation with the exception of, #4660, United Jr. Olympic Archery, #5719, Long Beach Community Band and #5726, Pasadena Sr. Center, for separate discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

President Antonette asked for a friendly amendment to the motion to also pull #5718, Success in Challenges, for further discussion. Vice President Goldberg accepted the amendment and it was seconded by Commissioner Morales.

Fee Waiver #5718, Success in Challenges, was discussed.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Reverend Leon Wood, Jr. spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Zanatta to approve the fee waiver, #5718, Success in Challenges. The motion carried unanimously.

Fee Waiver #5726, Pasadena Sr. Center, was discussed.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

Ann Cantrell spoke.  
Ramen Vasishth spoke.  
Luch Johnson spoke.  
President Antonette spoke.  
Vice President Goldberg spoke.  
A discussion ensued.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke

A motion was made by President Antonette and seconded by Commissioner Morales to deny the fee waiver, #5726, Pasadena Sr. Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Fee Waiver #4660, United Jr. Olympic Archery, was discussed.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
President Antonette spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

A motion as made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Heggeness to deny the fee waiver, #4660, United Jr. Olympic Archery. The motion carried unanimously.

Fee Waiver #5719, Long Beach Community Band, was discussed.

President Antonette spoke.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Heggeness to approved the fee waiver, #5719, Long Beach Community Band. The motion carried with Commissioner Morales recused herself from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

3. [16-026PR](#) Approve and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to issue standard "Permits for the Operation of a Picnic Service Concession": at El Dorado Regional Park, El Dorado Park and Recreation Park, with picnic catering providers, for a term of three and one-half years from June 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019, with one, three-year renewal option at the discretion of the Director. (Council Districts 3 & 5)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Robert Livingstone spoke.

President Antonette spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

4. [16-027PR](#) Support the installation of a storage container in proximity to Field #6 in El Dorado Park and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit and any other necessary documents, for Long Beach Pop Warner Football & Cheer, a non-profit corporation, and/or its agents, to make various improvements, and to accept a donation of planning, labor and materials for a period of

two-years with a one-year extension at the discretion of the Director.  
(District 5)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Ramen Vasishth spoke.  
President Antonette spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

### 5. [16-028PR](#)

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

Director Knight provided the update.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
Robert Livingstone spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Heggeness, seconded by Vice President Goldberg, to receive and file the Directors Report for May, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ron Antonette, Chair

### FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Ben Goldberg, Chair

The Committee met - Budget and the Fee Waiver policy was discussed.

### MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Ron Antonette, Chair

The Committee met at the PE Right of Way to look at the project.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

### MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

David Zanatta - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

### PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua, Chair

The Committee met. Customer service and park permitting process were discussed.

1. Special Events and Filming Report

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Ron Sievers, Chair

The Committee did not meet.

**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. The Brown Act prohibits the Commission from responding to public comments on non-agenda items.

Ann Cantrell spoke regarding use of Round Up.

Ramen Vasishth spoke regarding the Joint Use Committee.

Steve Scott spoke.

Alexis Morero spoke regarding Stearns Park and the excellent work on behalf of PRM Maintenance. She also spoke regarding the musical theater group that she has and asked if PRM could assist in recruitment of teens into her program.

Kirk Davis spoke on behalf of the Downtown Lions Club and an upcoming event.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Gladys Kaiser spoke regarding upcoming 100 Days of Summer campaign and the Summer kick-off concert to be held at Marine Stadium on Friday, May 27th.

Valerie Davis stated there would also be a Meet and Greet for Marie Knight at the Summer kick - off concert.

Hurley Owens spoke regarding testing of pesticides and the testing being conducted. He provided information regarding the fencing being installed in parks to rehabilitate our soccer fields, as well as the amount of work orders processed through Maintenance.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Sievers spoke regarding the use of Round Up and the need for a serious discussion about it's application.

Commissioner Ursua thanked all who attended the Green Prize Festival. Veronica Ortega and her staff were wonderful! The community was thrilled with the event. The next event will be in April 2017, most likely in North Long Beach.

Commissioner Zanatta congratulated Commissioner Ursua on the success of the Green Prize Festival.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 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 11:35 a.m.

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