

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Brett Waterfield, President, at 9:06 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center. George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Brett Waterfield, President
Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President
Simon George
Harry Saltzgaver
Drew Satariano

Absent: Ron Antonette
Albert Guerra

Staff: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development
Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Gladys Kaiser, Acting Manager, Community Recreation Services
Tara Yeats, Financial Services Officer
Bob Livingstone, Superintendent of Golf and Contract Compliance
Ed White, Superintendent of Facility Maintenance
Theresa Maceyka, Superintendent of Grounds Maintenance
Hurley Owens, Superintendent of Marine Maintenance
Ken Campbell, Superintendent of Personnel and Training
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Martin Bradley, President, Lakewood Village Little League
Mike Donelon, Skate
Rafael Palomo, Skate/BMX
Ann Cantrell, Citizen
P.G. Herman, Long Beach Organic
Marty Bradley, Lakewood Village Little League

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Saltzgaver to excuse Commissioner Ron Antonette and Commissioner Albert Guerra. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Suzanne Frick introduced George Chapjian and commented that he can look forward to a long, prosperous and wonderful profession and work experience here in Long Beach and asked the Commission to welcome him to the City family.

Mr. Chapjian said it was a pleasure being here. He spent seven good years in Glendale and gained a lot of valuable experience, which he brings. He is looking forward to working here. The week and a half he has been here he has found that the Department has some really great staff who will make it a lot easier, all the way from the top to the lower level. These people give their heart and soul to the community. I am looking forward to working with all of you. Thank you for that introduction.

President Waterfield welcomed Mr. Chapjian and said we are excited about working with him.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2010

It was moved by Vice President Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the December 16, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PRESENTATION ON TONY HAWK FOUNDATION FOR ERNEST S. MCBRIDE PARK – MIKE DONELON

Mr. Mike Donelon stated that last year the Tony Hawk Foundation asked to sponsor the McBride Skate Park. The Foundation chooses a skate park in the area to sponsor during their annual fundraiser. They have an annual fundraiser in Beverly Hills and one in Las Vegas. It is an incredible event and we were very honored to be chosen to be able to attend. Tony invited us to bring a group of kids. We selected 15 kids from different neighborhoods and different skate parks. The highlight of the event is when Tony invites all the kids up on stage, shows the video that they produced and then they do an auction for people in the audience to contribute to the McBride Skate Park. At the event we raised \$41,500 and in our efforts and in their continued efforts we raised \$45,000 that will be contributed to the McBride Skate Park. The funds that were raised were

deposited in Partners of Parks for specific use for this skate park. We started this project several years ago with Councilmember Andrews and the community. We wanted to build a skate park that was not only for the kids but something that the community could be proud of. We intend to add artistic elements, entryways, shade structures and landscaping inside the park that will really make this appealing to the community. The final design for the park will be ready in a few weeks. Mr. Donelon said that many know that that skating is an alternative to the streets, gangs and violence. When we raised the money for the small skate park at 14th Street and Pacific Avenue, within three years violent crimes decreased 30%, drug related crimes decreased 60%, and it continues. Go by any skate park and there are 70 to 80 kids there on any given day on the skate park and not in the streets. Mr. Donelon then showed a video on the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Mr. Donelon said that the relationship we have had with Tony Hawk and the Foundation over the last eight or nine years caused the Foundation to contact them to help build a skate park at McBride Park. The community has really been supportive of what we have done over the years. We work with professional skaters, BMX riders, magazines and internet publications and Long Beach has a reputation nation-wide for being one of the most friendly cities in the country with skate parks and supporting our youth. This is a big thing.

Mr. Donelon introduced Rafael Palomo, who has been with him for 12 years working with the kids. Mr. Donelon said that a kid, Justin Taylor, drafted a mural for the entryway into the skate park at McBride. He distributed a copy of Justin's draft design to the Commission. He said that the kids named their group Long Beach Extreme Sports and changed it to Action Sports Kids Long Beach (ASK Long Beach). They are putting together a 501c3 non-profit. We have a Facebook page called ASK Long Beach, which has all the photos of the events they have done. Mr. Donelon said they have been in discussion with Sea Festival in doing a competition at the various skate parks around town and then have a final event down on the beach. We are going to invite Wilmington, Compton, and some other area cities to the competition. We are just beginning to discuss this.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if we have money to build the McBride Skate Park and where is it coming from?

Ms. Sandra Gonzalez responded that it is part of a current project to build the teen center. The bulk of the teen center project was funded through a state grant, but the balance of the project is funded through RDA. The

RDA portion has a line item allowance of \$450,000 for the skate park. We came up with the final concept yesterday at our construction meeting. Unfortunately, it will be one of the last things built on the project, because the construction trailers are sitting on the skate park site.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if this would be a dual use skate park, as Houghton Park Skate Park is?

Ms. Gonzalez responded that has not been finalized yet.

Mr. Donelon responded that he doesn't know where it is at, but there is some kind of language that allows bikes in all the skate parks. The reasoning behind that is because they ride them there anyway. He said he has been tracking skate parks in the western United States in California for about ten years. Ever since our skate parks have been open, bikes have ridden in them. It has never been an issue with the kids. They get along and work it out. There has never been a death in a skate park in the United States. They do have typical accidents. Mr. Donelon said that he carries a toolbox and a first aid kit when he goes to a skate park. He said he was talking to some staff several months ago and we would like to clean up the ordinance. Right now, Houghton Park, which was designed and built to have BMX bikes, has a sunset clause in it that after three years we were going to review it and make some decisions. That was never done. Technically, bikes are not allowed at Houghton, even though it was designed for them.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that was why he raised the issue. Before Houghton was built, it was a huge issue. We were in meetings together about how we were going to make this work. We have proven it does work, but, because of the ordinance issue, because of the experiences we have had, I want to make sure we get it in writing and get it done right. I would push to get that ordinance cleaned up and get something in writing before we open McBride, if at all possible, to allow the dual use. Instead of just saying they are going to do this anyway, I want to say they can do it.

Mr. Donelon said the skate parks we are going to be building now would not be made out of modular equipment. It is all going to be concrete. The modular equipment can be damaged faster by bikes.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that we can't create an ordinance, but we do have a City Councilmember who is heavily invested in this right now. I don't know if should be you Mike, or someone from the Commission or the Commission as a whole. We need to ask Mr. Dee Andrews to take the

ball and clean this up before McBride opens. I would be amenable to reaching out to the Councilman myself or to have a letter from the Commission.

Mr. Chapjian said if you like we can bring that back as an action item with a recommendation from the Commission to Council to amend the ordinance. We will bring it back next month.

President Waterfield presented Mike Donelon with a certificate to thank him for all his work with the kids and the skate parks.

IV. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#11-0101

Recommendation to 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.

President Waterfield stated that there were no Personal Services and Instruction Agreements this month.

#11-0102

Recommendation to approve the proposed improvement to Heartwell Park, Area III, baseball field number 6, located at 5801 East Parkcrest Street (between Woodruff Avenue and Palo Verde Avenue), as proposed and furnished in its entirety by East Long Beach Pony Baseball, and recommend City Council approval of a new Right of Entry Permit and acceptance of a non-monetary donation of planning, materials and labor equivalent to approximately \$12,000.

Mr. Bob Livingstone said East Long Beach Pony wants to install a cement base and a batting cage. The map is attached to the staff report. They will maintain it and have the first right to use it, but when they are not there any other group would be able to use it.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if there would be electrical hooked up for an automatic batting machine?

Mr. Livingstone responded that there would only be a net, to make it easier to retrieve the balls.

President Waterfield asked if it is walled on the sides?

Mr. Livingstone responded that it is all fence and netting. They are going to put in a 50-foot by 10-foot cement base and there will be a fence with a base and netting. There is no wall. It is all open air and net.

President Waterfield asked if their proposal included maintenance?

Mr. Livingstone responded they are responsible for the on-going maintenance.

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Saltzgaver to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#11-0103

Recommendation to approve proposed improvements to Heartwell Park, baseball field number 12, located at 5801 East Parkcrest Street, and furnished in its entirety by Lakewood Village Little League, recommend City Council approval of a right-of entry permit, and accept the non-monetary donation of planning, materials and labor equivalent to approximately \$9,000.

Mr. Livingstone stated they have two fields. Their major field has a grass infield and grass sideline. They want to install turf along the first and third baselines on their minor field. In the infield, they will be doing all the installation, all the irrigation, and the purchase of the turf. That is valued at about \$9,000. Marty Bradley, their president, is here to answer any questions. In the third paragraph on the staff report we were going to talk about the encumbering of water for that. We were going to assess a \$100 per month fee. But, in discussions with the little league and staff, we came to the realization that almost all the little leagues that have grass infields are using water and not paying for it. We do not feel it is right, even thought this is new, to burden them before we burden everyone else. So, we discussed with this little league that in the future we would come back to the Commission and address all the little leagues with cost recovery for water, because water has become a huge impact on our department. So, at this point in time we are not going to go with the \$100 per month fee. They are aware that we will be addressing that in the near future with all of the little leagues as part of a general fee for cost recovery of water. But, they do agree that because Heartwell is currently under the interruptible reduced rate, that if the Water Department does turn off the water

at Heartwell Park for two weeks, they do know that they cannot water that turf.

Mr. Marty Bradley stated that they would be happy to work with the City to find a way to recover the cost of water.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked what about the baseline or the parameters for the infield, are you going 60 foot?

Mr. Bradley responded that per little league rules they go 60 feet.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that it is possible that it could be used for softball with that number.

President Waterfield stated that one of the things that came up in the Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Committee meeting today was managing the green space we have, but at the same time adding spaces. I understand that we don't want to unfairly burden one group. We are still potentially increasing the amount of water we are using and we are already taking a big budgetary impact on that.

Mr. Livingstone responded that the Commission could still recommend that we go with a monthly fee or something like that. Our problem is that there is only one reclaimed water meter at Heartwell Park. In order to determine exactly how much they use, we would have to install a new meter, trenching 450 feet to where they would be using the water, which we approximate somewhere between \$6,000 and \$11,000. We need to find a fair recovery method for every little league. We can't specifically get an exact amount without putting in very expensive meters. We have to figure out how we are going to do this for every little league that has grass infields.

Commissioner Saltzgaver suggested a motion that included a condition that staff come back with an over-all water cost recovery plan for youth baseball before the season begins. Drew seconded.

Vice President Sangmeister and Commissioner Saltzgaver asked when the season begins.

Mr. Livingstone responded that the season begins in February.

Mr. Livingstone said that they are aware that we still have to go to City Council to get approval of the right of entry and acceptance of the donation. He would rather have the recommendation approved and then a second request to come back with a water cost recovery plan. He said he wouldn't want this to slow things for the little league.

Commissioner Saltzgaver rescinded his motion.

Commissioner Satariano rescinded his second of the motion.

It was moved by Vice President Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner Saltzgaver to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Saltzgaver directed the Department bring back a water cost recovery plan for all field use to the Commission before June. He said that clearly water is a budget issue. He said he hates to keep charging the leagues, but doesn't see a whole lot of options here.

V. **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Waterfield, Chair

President Waterfield said the Committee met and discussed the agenda.

1) 2011 Commission Meeting Locations

President Waterfield stated that included in the packet there is a list of meeting locations for this coming year. We discussed in previous meetings that we like to get out to other sites. You will note that April's meeting will be at the Aquarium of the Pacific, July will be at MacArthur Park/Homeland Community Center, September will be at Rancho Los Cerritos, and November will be at Cal Rec. There are a lot of projects going on and we hope to see the updates.

In our meeting we also discussed a possibility of a parks tour. There are a lot of projects going on. Those who went on the tour last year enjoyed it. We also want to extend an invitation to Redevelopment and maybe to key Partners of Parks Board members. We want to work with Sandra and see the projects being worked on. As a result of our conversation this morning about what is going on with some of the medians, it is important that some of the tour spots include some medians. We also talked about our Commission Retreat, which we are going to push back a little bit and wait until new bureau managers are appointed.

President Waterfield said we discussed some items that are open-ended. It goes with the water and field usage, we discussed turf options and sport field lights, to explore in the future.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said the Committee did not meet this month. He said that the meetings are now going to be held with Tara Yeats and we decided to meet monthly, not quarterly. We want to get more involved with financial matters of the Department, as it relates to the Commission. We have never discussed vandalism and what it does to our budget, or unexpected replacement of damaged facilities. We were amazed at what stealing, destruction and vandalism does to our budget.

Mr. Chapjian said we saw the same thing in Glendale on a daily basis. He said he wants to give the Commission as much information as we can, because Ramon and his staff spend a lot of time fixing things that are vandalized. We will bring reports to the Commission and let you know how much this costs.

Commissioner Satariano said the financial statement was included in the packet. He asked if Ms. Yeats had anything to comment on?

Ms. Tara Yeats went over the financial statement. As Commissioner Satariano mentioned with the vandalism report, we are discussing how we will go about collecting the information and we would like to include as many pictures as possible. Mr. Arevalo has developed a monthly water report. Water is a difficult thing to track because the bills don't come in regularly. The Committee will

be tracking water over three years. Water rates do keep going up. We are not going to be getting any more money with the state of the economy. We will be able to look at efficiencies and ways to manage where the largest loss is in the Department and track it. We are starting on preliminary discussions on the budget. We are looking to start a three-year plan. We expect more information from the City Manager in late February.

Mr. Chapjian thanked Ms. Yeats and stated that she really stepped up in Mr. Squires' absence.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver said the Committee did not meet this month. We are also going to be looking at the vandalism issue. We attempted to restart the Park Watch program last year, but it just sat there. It is the Commission's role to advocate and this may be a way that we can help a little bit. The report on the ranger statistics is in the packet.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Vice President Sangmeister, Chair

Vice President Sangmeister said the Committee met this morning. The Water Department has now approved a \$1.5 million bond to remove and improve a number of medians throughout the city, but it will require some turf removal. There still needs to be some discussion with City Council. It is an interesting situation in our city that the Department is in charge of medians. That is not something that Public Works does. There is going to need to be some education. It is a big task and it is wonderful the Water Department is stepping up. Water has been turned off in every park right now because of the rain. Mr. Arevalo said we would probably be over budget approximately \$650,000 in water. I request that we put water inside of maintenance on our budget as a line item. Because of the weather, it is going to be a fluctuating number and as a Commission we need to help advocate with the Council and City Manager.

Mr. Arevalo stated last year we were \$458,000 over budget last year, even with it being a cool summer and shutting off water in the parks.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said it might be worth it reminding people that we were not paying for medians ten years ago. We helped the City by taking over all the medians for the landscaping, but we were not paying for water at that time. Now we are paying for the water. I think it is important to remember the history. This is not a traditional responsibility.

Vice President Sangmeister said they discussed that in presentations at community meetings and to City Council there needs to be a little bit of history, because this is not a traditional parks and recreation item. This will affect recreation because we need to cut other areas because of water cost.

Mr. Chapjian stated Redevelopment has been doing projects and the maintenance is not included in the budget.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if there is a median master plan?

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that RDA just redid all the medians on Atlantic Avenue and it is not turf and the plants are all drought tolerant.

Ms. Gonzalez said we are trying to stay on their radar to be allowed to give input on the design process.

President Waterfield asked about the upcoming openings.

Ms. Gonzalez responded that on February 12th there would be an opening for Seaside Park. We are waiting for the Council office to decide on a date for the opening of Rosa Parks Park. We are waiting for the Council office to get back to us on a date for the Admiral Kidd Park opening.

President Waterfield asked about Homeland.

Ms. Gonzalez responded that the City Attorney's office is not allowing us take over the building until they finish up with the bonding company. We still need to put up lights and curtains.

F. **SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said the Committee has not met in a number of months. I would like to start the discussion about maybe putting this committee in abeyance for now. Now that the Special Events and Filming Office is under the City Manager's office, that is 75 percent of what we talk about. As a Commission, we need to figure out if we want to have this as a committee. It is our newest subcommittee and was developed because of some conflicts between parks and recreation and special events.

President Waterfield stated one of the things we discussed in Executive Committee was the need to discuss re-looking at the committees. At the very least, this committee would be placed on the agenda at that time.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he would like further discussion on that also, because I do think there is some need for something for the staff to go to in terms of recreation policies and perhaps a liaison between the Department and Special Events and Filming, when major special events are taking place in the parks. Maybe it is enough to have an ad hoc committee.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for December 2010.

Mr. Chapjian stated that this contains a lot of useful information in a condensed form. I like the format of it and hope you find it informative.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Waterfield said no correspondence was received. He mentioned that the Year in Review report was received, as published by the City Manager's office.

Commissioner Satariano said both of these pieces, the Director's Report and the Year in Review report, are indicative of what is going on with Jane Grobaty's office. There is a real push for her to continue to get more digitized and I think this is an example of the direction she is going. She has linked the Department to several websites and she is putting focus on that. She is reconfiguring her staff because she is a couple of bodies short, but she is getting the work done.

Mr. Livingstone replied that the Year in Review report came from the City Manager's office and they asked that all commissions receive this report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Waterfield said that there was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

President Waterfield said there was no new business.

X. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

President Waterfield asked for comments from the audience.

Ms. Ann Cantrell introduced herself to Mr. Chapjian. She stated that she is a citizen of Long Beach who lives right on the other side of the 605 Freeway. She said her concern today is about Oktoberfest. She was not able to attend the last meeting where we had the presentation on Oktoberfest. I understand that there was a report that the \$20,000 owed the City was going to be paid. I would like confirmation that it was paid. I understand that the developer did not make a profit on this. I also understand that the repairs to the damage to the park were going to be done. As of last month, the damage still has not been repaired. I would like to know when that is going to take place.

Mr. Arevalo responded that all of the areas have been repaired as of today.

Ms. Theresa Maceyka responded that all the damaged areas that she assessed afterwards were repaired, but bumper stops have not been put back.

Mr. Arevalo said that the contractor paid for all the repairs. He worked with our landscape contractor.

Ms. Cantrell asked is it is true that we are thinking about allowing them to do this again next year?

Mr. Arevalo responded that it is up to the Councilwoman, but my family and I had a great time at the event.

Commissioner Satariano stated that the contractor, Roy Hassett, lost his shirt. Never the less, and I attended as well, he is a 30-year performer running events in this city. I would certainly hope he wants to come back next year. We would welcome him back.

Commissioner Saltzgaver responded that it is not up to the Councilwoman. It needs to come through us as a Commission. I think it is important to realize that we do have the land use responsibility.

Mr. Livingstone said we have begun preliminary discussions and asked to have a meeting with a proposal, if he would like to come back to have an Oktoberfest. It would possibly be coming back to the Commission in February or March.

Ms. Cantrell said she has no problem with him doing this in another location. Another area that does not have wildlife in it would be appropriate. She said her main concern in the beginning was the sale of alcohol in the park and she still is opposed to that.

President Waterfield thanked her for her input and stated that as it comes forward, the Commission would take all points into consideration.

Commissioner Satariano responded that from his perspective, this event proved that our action to allow alcohol in the parks for specific events, case by case, has proven to be successful.

Ms. Cantrell responded that was because no one got hurt by a drunk driver.

Commissioner Satariano responded because it was controlled and handled within the parameters of the permit set forward, which is what Special Events and Filming does, and all the checks and balances that this Commission insisted on that were put into place worked. It could have gone either way. I think that this proved it can be controlled and it can be done well.

Mr. Livingstone stated that the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department and the Police Department did not receive any alcohol related complaints or incidents.

Ms. P.G. Herman introduced herself as a community liaison for Long Beach Organic. She said she has worked with the Department on a number of projects. She said she is also a Central PAC member. She would like to direct a comment about RDA and yes, they should be working with the Department on any of the medians. She mentioned that they were told that a designer was hired to do the Atlantic Avenue median project. It may look a little over planted, but it is because it is in an area where things get ripped off a lot. The median is well done.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that said it was the first place we implemented underground irrigation so we have no evaporation. We have water going directly to the roots of the plants. That has proven to be a really good thing.

Ms. Herman said the crews have done a really good job and have begun removing some of the diseased palm trees. She said she has been at Seaside Park twice this week and the state of the plants surrounding the park are in sad shape. It looks like they haven't had any water. She is sure it will be cleaned up before the February 12 opening. She wanted to let us know that.

Ms. Gonzalez responded that this particular project had a five-month maintenance period. Because of our water issues, we haven't turned the water back on. Our main goal is to make sure the field is green. There is 70,000 square feet of turf on that park. It is going to be a challenge watering that. We do have a stress on the plants outside the fence and those are the ones that are having issues. It is going to look fine for the opening.

B. STAFF

President Waterfield asked for comments from staff.

Mr. Chapjian reiterated how tough the budget will be. It is a three-year projection and the first year we will be doing exactly what we need to do for cuts, reductions or revenue enhancements. Things may change over the years, but it will be a little rough.

Mr. Arevalo introduced Hurley Owens, Superintendent of Marine Maintenance, who is responsible for putting out the Trees on the Bay and doing the wiring. He is responsible for maintaining the marinas and has set up teams who handle 14 gangways at a time.

Ms. Gonzalez mentioned there had previously been an opening set in January for Rosa Parks Park. It was decided to cancel that because the artwork through RDA was not complete. Upper management gave the project to the Department and asked that we make it look good for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. She commended Theresa Maceyka, Ramon Arevalo, maintenance staff and Azteca, the contractor, for making it look good for the parade. The fence was put back up on Monday morning. We will be showing you that at the March opening of the park.

Vice President Sangmeister asked how we are keeping track of the money, when it should not be our department?

Ms. Gonzalez responded that we are waiting for the bill from the contractor and the bill will be paid for by RDA. We want to make sure that amount is added on to the contract for work needed at the end of the year.

Mr. Arevalo stated 80% of the contract is used for irrigation repairs.

Ms. Yeats said we will see how much of that is vandalism.

Mr. Chapjian stated that at some point we would like to bring projects in and do projects ourselves. I will be discussing this with the Public Works Director.

Ms. Kaiser said the Community Recreation Services Bureau was busy in December, because schools were out. We had 26 sites operating for the two weeks while the kids were on vacation. She thanked the Commissioners for coming out to the Skate Spot event at Silverado Park. It is getting heavily used every day. We have begun discussions for the 100 Days of Summer program. We are hoping to have a successful opening again so residents can access the website and find what they can do. Saturday will be the second

annual Chrissy Marshall Kick-Ball Tournament. Each team pays \$200, which goes to support the City of Hope, in Chrissy's name. The kick-off is at 8:30 a.m., and runs throughout the day.

Ms. Yeats said we are starting the fee schedule process. The first set of fees went to City Council on Tuesday. They are now requesting the next set of second quarter adjustments. We will meet to determine if there are any fees in the Department that need an increase or if there are any new fees.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Waterfield asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that we really need to focus on the budget and help out. Financial Management is functioning under a rented executive as Financial Management Director. He said he also thinks we should bow down to Drew Satariano. He is no longer the President of the Sea Festival Board and is now officially the Director of Partners of Parks. Congratulations to him.

Vice President Sangmeister reiterated that since our last Commission meeting and every subcommittee meeting that she has gone to in the last 30 days have been jaw dropping. George, we are so excited to have you here. You have a wonderful staff. Staff keeps talking about how much we have pulled on this rubber band and she said she is always concerned that this could be the year that we will snap at one end or the other. She said she is enthusiastic to be a great advocate for this Department. She also said she thinks this is a great group of people.

Commissioner Satariano stated that this has been a good meeting.

President Waterfield stated this has been a good meeting. There are a lot of things going on. He said he thinks the Commissioners are continuing to be supportive.

XI. NEXT MEETING

President Waterfield stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd., Long Beach, California.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Waterfield adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Black".

Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine