

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

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
DR. THOMAS J. CLARK COMMUNITY CENTER
BRIDGE ROOM
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Robert Livingstone, Chair
Susan Redfield, Vice Chair
Christopher Chavez, Commissioner



Sharleen Higa, Commissioner
Kasey Schoen, Commissioner
Silissa Uriarte Smith, Commissioner

Brent Dennis, Director
Jennifer Roberts, Executive Assistant

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Livingstone at 9:05 AM, at the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center located at El Dorado Park West.

ROLL CALL

Director Brent Dennis took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Commissioners Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan

Present: Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Commissioners Kasey Schoen

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Lori Craig, Interim Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Joy Warren, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Andrea Lain-Ruffino, Supervisor, El Dorado West/Somerset Park

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Anne Hudson, Admin. Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships Bureau

Stephanie Perez, Bureau Secretary, Community Recreation Services

Rhiannan Wilson, Recreation Assistant, Community Recreation Services

Melissa Cabrera, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Henry Salzer, Recreation Leader, Community Recreation Services

GUESTS PRESENT

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Long Beach, Office of Sustainability

Carline Hua, Program Specialist, City of Long Beach, Department of Development Services

Karen Reside, Long Beach Gray Panthers

Trinka Rowsell, Partners of Parks

Stafford Cox, Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

Mary Parsell, El Dorado Audubon

Lee Fukui, Friends of Willow Springs

Mauna Eichner, Friend of Willow Springs

PRESENTATIONS

Henry Salzer from the Community Recreation Services Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for March.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Joy Warren spoke.

Megan Ignacio spoke.

Andrea Lain-Ruffino spoke.

Henry Salzer spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 23-016PR Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2023.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, to approve recommendation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. 23-017PR Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Karen Reside spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez, seconded by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

3. 23-018PR Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Long Beach Development Services Department on the Open Space and Recreation Element. (Citywide)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Carline Hua spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Karen Reside spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Redfield, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

4. 23-019PR Recommendation to recommend to the City Council to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a First Amendment to Lease No.

28338 by and between the City of Long Beach and the County Sanitation District No. 3 of Los Angeles County for property located at 1173 North Loma Vista Drive. (District 1)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Lori Craig spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, seconded by Commissioner Higa, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

5. 23-020PR Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a First Amendment to Right of Entry Permit No. P-00264 with the Office of Sustainability, to enter Willow Springs Park for mural production and maintenance purposes, for a term of four years, from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2027, with two (2), three-year options to renew through May 31, 2033, at the discretion of the Director. (District 5)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Lori Craig spoke.

Larry Rich spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Mauna Eichner spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

6. 23-023PR Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with the City of Long Beach Office of Sustainability, for continued programs, habitat restoration and special event activities at Willow Springs Park for a period of five years from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2028, with two (2) five-year renewal periods at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 5)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Lori Craig spoke.

Larry Rich spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Mauna Eichner spoke.

Lee Fukui spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Higa, seconded by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

7. 23-021PR Recommendation to excuse Commissioners absent from the meeting of the Parks and Recreation on April 20, 2023.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, seconded by Commissioner Chavez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

8. 23-022PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for April 2023.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Excused: 1 - Kasey Schoen

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS DISCUSSION

Chair Livingstone spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Parsell spoke.

Karen Reside spoke.

Stafford Cox spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM.

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