

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
September 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by President Ron Antonette, at 9:15 am, at the Bixby Park Community Center. Director Chapjian took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Antonette
Benjamin Goldberg
Stacey Morrisson
David Zanatta
Rudolph Galindo
Julie Heggeness
Ron Sievers

Staff: George Chapjian, Director
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services
Stephen Scott, Business Operations
Ramon Arevalo, Maintenance Operations
Anna Mendiola, Parks Planning officer
Robert Livingstone, Business Operations
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant
Leah Salgado, Analyst, PRM
Amelia Bodek – PRM
Sharon Gates – Analyst, PRM

Guests: Valerie Bell – Veterans Art Therapy Worldwide
Mark Magdaleno – Vice Mayor Lowenthal – 2nd District
Broc Coward – Vice Mayor Lowenthal – 2nd District
Claudia Schou – Friends of Bixby Park
Allison Kripp – Friends of Bixby Park
Mike Donelon – ASK Foundation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 14-053PR Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes for August, 2014.

Suggested action: Approve recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Heggeness to approve the minutes with the correction to the action taken on items 8, 9 and 10 to reflect the items being “referred” back to staff and not “tabled”. The motion was seconded by Vice President Goldberg to approve the recommendation.

The motion carried:

**Yes: Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers**

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

- 2. 14-054PR** 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.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Heggeness to approve the execution of Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment “A” of the agreements as needed.

The motion carried:

**Yes: Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers**

- 3. 14-055PR** 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.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by

Commissioner Heggeness to approve the recommendation to grant fee waivers.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

The motion carried:

**Yes: Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers**

- 4. 14-056PR Recommend City Council approval of a Second Amendment to Lease No. 32385 with Long Beach Local, Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation, for the continued use of approximately 0.6 acres of City-owned land within Willow Springs Park as an urban farm and sustainable produce stand for an extended term through November 30, 2017. (District 7)**

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

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

The motion carried:

**Yes: Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers**

- 5. 14-057PR Support the refurbishment of an existing picnic table at MacArthur Park with mosaic tile artwork as part of a Veterans Art Therapy project, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute any documents that may be necessary to facilitate the project. (District 6)**

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report
Valerie Bell spoke on behalf of the Veterans Art therapy project.

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

Commissioner Galindo spoke.
Valerie Bell spoke.
Robert Livingstone spoke.
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

A discussion ensued.

The motion carried:

Yes: Commissioner Antonette
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers

- 6. 14-058PR** Recommend that the City Council approve the Bixby Park Master Plan and Infrastructure Funding Priorities.

Anna Mendiola spoke
Melanie Smith from Melendrez presented the master plan.
President Antonette spoke.
Anna Mendiola spoke.
A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Galindo to approve the recommendation.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.
Anna Mendiola spoke.
Director Chapjian spoke.
A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Galindo spoke.
Melanie Smith spoke.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.
Broc Coward – Chief of Staff for 2nd District Councilwoman Suja Lowenthal spoke on behalf of Vice Mayor Lowenthal.
Valerie Bell spoke.
Director Chapjian spoke.
Claudia Schou spoke.
Mike Donelon spoke.
Melanie Smith spoke.
A discussion ensued.

The motion carried:

Yes: Commissioner Antonette

Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers

Vice President Goldberg spoke.
Claudia Schou spoke.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

- 7. 14-059PR** Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report "We Create Community" for September 2014.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

Director Chapjian provided the staff report.

Elvira Hallinan was introduced as Marine Bureau Manager

Elvira Hallinan spoke.
Director Chapjian spoke.
President Antonette spoke.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Heggeness and seconded by Commissioner Sievers to approve the recommendation. The motion carried:

The motion carried

Yes: **Commissioner Antonette**
Commissioner Goldberg
Commissioner Zanatta
Commissioner Galindo
Commissioner Morrison
Commissioner Heggeness
Commissioner Sievers

- A. Ranger move to LBPD**
Director Chapjian provided the update.

Junie Salcedo spoke.
Claudia Schou spoke.
Director Chapjian spoke.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.

B. Budget update

Stephen Scott provided the update.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Antonette provided the update.

The committee met regarding the agenda and the parks tour.

FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Vice President Goldberg provided the update

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

President Antonette provided the update

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Morrison stated the committee met

A. Special Events Report

PUBLIC SAFETY & PARK USAGE COMMITTEE

A. Ranger Report

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

No report

Robert Livingstone spoke.

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.)

Allison Krupp – Lincoln Park representative spoke.
President Antonette spoke.
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Staff Comments

- Gladys Kaiser provided an update on summer activities and upcoming programs for fall.
- Anna Mendiola introduced Amelia Bodek and Sharon Gates from the Maintenance and Development Bureau.
- Ramon Arevalo commended staff for the hard work they do. It is gratifying to see the public enjoying our parks and facilities.
- Director Chapjian thanked staff for their hard work on the budget process. Additionally he thanked Anna Mendiola for coordination of the work on the Bixby Park Master Plan and the effort she put forth.

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Galindo acknowledged the efforts of our staff
- Commissioner Morrison thanked staff for the thorough presentation of the Bixby Park Master Plan

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2014 at 9 am, at El Dorado Park Community Center, Senior Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am

NOTE:

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Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Davis
Executive Assistant to the Commission