

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ron Antonette, President
Ben Goldberg, Vice President

Stephen P. Scott, Interim Director
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Julie Heggeness, Commissioner
Ron Sievers, Commissioner
David Zanatta, Commissioner
Stella Ursua, Commissioner
Margo Morales, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by President Ron Antonette at 9:11 a.m., at the El Dorado West, Sr. Center, Library. Interim Director Scott took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta,

Present: Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Commissioners Margo Morales

Absent:

A motion was made by Commissioner Heggeness and seconded by Vice President Goldberg to excuse Commissioner Morales from the March 17, 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Don Darnauer - Sr. Citizen's Advisory Commission
Sam Lor - Sr. Citizen's Advisory Commission
Kevin King - resident
Lucy Johnson - Aquatics Capital of America
Ann Cantrell - resident
Anna Christensen - Los Cerritos Wetlands Trust
Joni King - resident
Joe Palmer - resident

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - February 2016

Tara Yeats introduced Karen Larsen - February 2016 Employee of the month. Karen was nominated by all of her internal customers.
Michelle Wilson spoke.

Congratulations Karen!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 16-010PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of February 18, 2016.

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

Yes: 6 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. 16-011PR Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the Staff Report.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Kathleen Irvine with Wilmore City Heritage spoke.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

3. 16-012PR Recommend to the City Manager, the approval of a Tot Lot as an improvement for public recreation at 2331 Locust Avenue, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 6)

Meredith Reynolds provided the Staff Report.

President Antonette spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Interim Director Scott spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

4. 16-013PR Approve the proposed Basketball Court installation in the central portion of Marina Vista Park between the walking path and tennis court, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 3)

Meredith Reynolds provided the Staff Report.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.
Interim Director Scott spoke.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Kevin King - Alamitos Heights resident, spoke in opposition.
Joe Palmer - Alamitos Heights resident, spoke in opposition.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.
Interim Director Scott spoke.
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.
Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.
Joe Palmer spoke.
A discussion ensued.

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

Yes: 5 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

No: 1 - David Zanatta

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

5. 16-014PR Allow the like-for-like refurbishment of the Cricket Pitch in Marina Vista Park, and authorized the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute any documents that may be necessary to facilitate the project. (District 3)

Robert Livingstone provided the Staff Report.

Joe Palmer - Alamitos Heights resident, spoke regarding changing the direction of the Cricket Pitch area in the interest of the residents on Colorado Avenue for safety.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Interim Director Scott spoke.

Joe Palmer spoke.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

President Antonette offered a friendly amendment to direct staff to work with the Long Beach Cricket organizer to optimize the location if possible.

Vice President Goldberg accepted the friendly amendment.

President Antonette spoke.

Robert Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Heggeness spoke.

A discussion ensued.

Ana Christiansen spoke.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to approve recommendation.

A friendly amendment to the motion was made by President Antonette to direct staff to work with Long Beach Cricket Club to optimize the location of the Cricket Pitch area. Commissioner Zanatta seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta,
Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

6. 16-015PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community", for March 2016.

Interim Director Scott provided the update.

Interim Director Scott spoke and provided an update on the fiscal outlook for the City as well as 2015 accomplishments.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.

Interim Director Scott spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta,
Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

1. Budget Update - Amy Manning

CORRESPONDENCE

Ann Cantrell - email correspondence from February 22, 25, 28 and March 6 and 11, 2016

Vice President Goldberg spoke.
Interim Director Scott spoke.

Hurley Owens provided an update on the organic products being discussed for possible use by PRM for weed control.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.
Hurley Owens spoke.
Interim Director Scott spoke.

7. 16-016PR Recommendation to receive and file correspondence for March, 2016.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.
Interim Director Scott spoke.

Hurley Owens provided an update on the organic products being discussed for possible use by PRM for weed control.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.
Hurley Owens spoke.
Interim Director Scott spoke.

Ann Cantrell spoke.
Hurley Owens spoke.
A discussion ensued.

Anna Christensen spoke.
Vice President Goldberg spoke.
Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Hurley Owens spoke.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.
President Antonette spoke.
A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Alan Goldberg and Ron Antonette

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Antonette - Chair

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE
Vice President Goldberg provided the update. Fee waivers were discussed.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
President Antonette stated the Committee did not meet due to schedules surrounding the CPRS Conference.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Zanatta provided the update. The committee met and discussed supplying a one-page sheet surrounding ground breakings and events, giving the Commission more information.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Ursua stated the Committee did not meet.

1. Park Ranger Report
2. Special Events and Filming Report

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Sievers stated the Committee would meet directly after the Commission meeting. He has distributed some information regarding Joint Use and welcomes ideas whether on the Committee or not.

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.

Sr. Advisory Commissioner Don Donauer spoke regarding seniors in the City. He invited the Commissioners to attend a Sr. Citizen's Advisory Commission meeting and asked that the Commission be recognized in the Director's "We Create Community" report.

Sr. Advisory Commissioner Samuel Lor spoke regarding the upcoming Cambodian New Year events.

Vice President Goldberg spoke.
President Antonette spoke.

Joni King - Alamos Heights resident, spoke regarding the Joint Use Sub-Committee and possible discussion about the number of basketball courts at Rogers Middle School.

Ann Cantrell spoke regarding filming in the parks and artificial turf.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.
Vice President Goldberg spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Gladys Kaiser thanked the Sr. Advisory Commission and discussed upcoming Spring Break activities.

Valerie Davis reminded Commissioners of the requirement to file the FORM 700 prior to the April 1, 2016 deadline.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sievers thanked Interim Director Scott for his service during the past nine months.

Commissioner Ursua thanked Interim Director Scott and Amy Manning for their hard work during the past months and reported on the recent Green Event.

Commissioner Zanatta thanked Interim Director Scott and Amy Manning for their hard work and thanked staff for their work on the CPRS Conference.

Vice President Goldberg thanked Interim Director Scott.

COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE - Friday, March 11, 2016 - 12:30 p.m. - Administration Building Small Conference Room

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Friday, March 11, 2016 - 1:00 p.m. - Administration Building Small Conference Room

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 8:15 a.m. - Administration Building Small Conference Room

JOINT USE COMMITTEE - Thursday, March 17, 2016 - Immediately following Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting - Administration Building Small Conference Room

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 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 10:56 a.m.

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