

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, President  
Julie Heggeness, Vice President

Marie Knight, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Ron Antonette, Commissioner  
Ron Sievers, Commissioner  
David Zanatta, Commissioner  
Stella Ursua, Commissioner  
Margo Morales, Commissioner

**FINAL AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Parks, Recreation and Marine Director, Marie Knight at 9:05 a.m. at the El Dorado Sr. Center Library. Director Knight took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Knight - Director  
Stephen Scott - Business Operations Bureau Manager  
Gladys Kaiser - Community Recreation Services Bureau Manager  
Kelly Parkins - Maintenance Bureau Grounds Superintendent  
Ken Roberts - Maintenance Bureau Facilities Superintendent  
Robert Livingstone - Superintendent of Contracts and Golf Operations  
Meredith Reynolds - Park Planning Officer  
Valerie Davis - Executive Assistant  
Del Ransom - Bureau Secretary, Community Recreation Services  
Michelle Wilson - Community Recreation Services Superintendent

**GUESTS:**

Dick Barnes - LB Bee Club  
Henry Hurland - LB Bee Club  
Barbara Sinclair - LB Bee Club  
Lindsay Gervacio - Families in Good Health  
Lucy Johnson  
Raman Vasisith - Resident  
Joan Day - LB Bee Club  
Ann Cantrell - Resident  
Dianne McGinnis - Sr. Citizen Advisory Committee

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Director Knight began the meeting by thanking outgoing President, Ron Antonette for his services as Commission Chair over the past two years. Director Knight explained the process for nominations and voting for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Director Knight then opened the floor for nominations for President of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Antonette nominated Commissioner Goldberg. Commissioner Goldberg accepted the nomination. Director Knight called for a vote. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Director Knight presented the gavel to President Goldberg, who who opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Ursua nominated Commissioner Zanatta. Commissioner Antonette nominated Commissioner Heggeness. Commissioner Zanatta withdrew his nomination in support of Commissioner Heggeness. Commissioner Heggeness accepted the nomination. President Goldberg called for a vote. The nomination was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

June 2016 Employee of the Month -

Michelle Wilson introduced Sabino Rodriguez, Maintenance Operations Bureau

Ken Roberts spoke regarding Sabino's outstanding work ethic and knowledge of the Department.

Gladys Kaiser spoke and expressed appreciation from the Community Recreation Services Bureau for Sabino's dedication and teamwork.

Congratulations Sabino!

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 16-036PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of June 16, 2016.

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

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

#### **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

2. 16-037PR 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.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

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

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

3. 16-038PR Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

Ann Cantrell spoke

Vice President Heggeness spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Ann Cantrell spoke.

A discussion ensued

**A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve the recommendation. Vice President Heggeness amended the motion to approve the recommendation with the exception of Gray Panthers, to be pulled and discussed and voted upon separately. Commissioner Ursua agreed with the amended motion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to deny the fee waiver for the Gray Panthers. The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

Vice President Heggeness spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

4. 16-039PR Approve the development and permitted operation of a Bee Sanctuary

within Willow Springs Park, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a new Revocable Use Permit and any documents necessary, with Long Beach Beekeepers, for the aforementioned development and permitted operation of the same.  
(District 7)

Director Knight spoke.  
Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Robert Livingstone spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Larry Rich spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

Raman Vasisith spoke.  
President Goldberg spoke.  
Roberts Livingstone spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.

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

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

5. 16-040PR Approve the recommendation to support the relocation of a previously-approved storage container and cement pad in proximity to Field 6 in El Dorado Park West and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute an amendment to Right of Entry Permit P-00051, and any other necessary documents, for Los Altos Youth Baseball and Softball of Long Beach, a California non-profit corporation, and/or its agents, to make various improvements, for a period of one-year with a one-year extension at the discretion of the Director. (District 5)

Director Knight spoke.  
Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

President Goldberg spoke.  
Raman Vasisith spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

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

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

6. 16-041PR Recommend the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches outlined in Attachment "A". (Citywide)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Robert Livingstone spoke.  
President Goldberg spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

7. 16-042PR

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

Director Knight provided the report.

Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

Ann Cantrell spoke.  
Lucy Johnson spoke.  
Andy Hernandez spoke.  
Raman Vasisth spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ursua, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to receive and file the report. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

8. 16-043PR Recommendation to receive and file correspondence for July, 2016.

Correspondence from Mary Parsell - 6/30/16 & 7/10/16

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

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

#### **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ron Antonette - Chair

The Committee met - Cost recovery and the Fee Waiver Policy were discussed

**FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Ben Goldberg - Chair

The Committee met. Cost Recovery and Fee Waivers parameters were discussed, along with FY17 Budget process and meetings.

**MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Ron Antonette - Chair

The Committee met at Gumbiner Park. Meredith Reynolds provided the update.

**MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

The Committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2016.

**PARKS USAGE COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2016.

**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.

Diane McGinnis - Vice Chair of the Sr. Commission spoke regarding actions taken at their meeting and recent Sr. activities she would like considered to be included in the Director's Report.

Ann Cantrell - spoke regarding Maintenance testing the organic weed killer and use of Round Up.

Andy Hernandez spoke regarding Long Beach Little League.

Ruman Vasisth spoke regarding weed killers and suggested the use of vinegar.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Meredith Reynolds provided an update on Drake/Chavez and Locust Tot Lot projects.  
Kelly Parkins provided information regarding the number of inspections and work orders completed with the addition of tablets for the Maintenance Supervisors.

President Goldberg spoke.

Marie Knight discussed the recent meeting with the Water Department and a new MOU and amended watering schedules for the Department, keeping in line with our existing budget.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Steve Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser provided an update on summer activities.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Zanatta thanked staff for their work. He commented he supports Director Knight's response to audit. He believes even though the audit shone a negative light, it is ultimately a good thing to get issues fixed.

Commissioner Morales complimented staff for Movies in the Park and Concerts in the Park. Commissioner Sievers commented he supports PRM staff and did not like the way staff was portrayed in the audit.

Commissioner Ursua thanked Director Knight for the recent "Parks Make Life Better" presentation to the City Council.

Vice President Heggeness thanked Commissioner Zanatta for allowing her to serve as Vice President.

President Goldberg commented the Country has gone through a rough time for the past 30 days with regards to law enforcement being lost in the line of duty. The meeting will be adjourned in honor of those fallen officers.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016, 9:00 a.m., 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 11:12 in honor of law enforcement officers that have been killed on duty within the last 30 days.

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