

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

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, Chair  
Julie Heggeness, Vice Chair

Marie Knight, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



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

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 9:07 a.m., at the El Dorado Park Senior Center. Director Knight took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Ron Antonette, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta, Julie

**Present:** Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Commissioners** Margo Morales

**Excused:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonette and seconded by Vice Chair Heggeness to excuse Commissioner Morales from the January 18, 2018, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Margo Morales

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jessica Widdup - Junior League of Long Beach  
Annie Laskey - Pasadena Senior Center  
Robbie Stuart  
Randy Zarn - Partners of Parks

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marie Knight - Director  
Stephen Scott - Deputy Director  
Gladys Kaiser - Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Hurley Owens - Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Robert Livingstone - Superintendent of Golf Operations and Contracts Division  
Leah Salgado - PRM Analyst  
Del Ransom - Bureau Assistant  
Valerie Davis - Executive Assistant  
Michelle Wilson - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Jorge Acevedo - Acting-Superintendent, Maintenance Operations Bureau

**PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Month - December 2017

Michelle Wilson introduced Jorge Acevedo. Jorge introduced Pedro Soza as the December Employee of the Month. Huge congrats to Maintenance Operation's Pedro Soza for receiving December employee of the month! Pedro came to work for the City through the Pacific Gateway an innovative workforce agency dedicated to advancing economic opportunity. started working for Parks, Recreation and Marine as a Non-career employee in January 2013 and after six months, Pedro was promoted to a full-time Maintenance Assistant I and then again promoted to a Maintenance Assistant III position. Pedro embodies what it means to be a team player and a role model of our Maintenance Operation's core values.

Michelle Wilson spoke.  
Jorge Acevedo spoke.  
Hurley Owens spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 18-001PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of December 21, 2017.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Margo Morales

## COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. 18-002PR Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Vice Chair Heggeness spoke

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Jessica Widdup of the Junior League of Long Beach spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to approve the recommendation for waiver request #12809 - Junior League of Long Beach. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Margo Morales

A motion was made by Commissioner Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to deny the recommendation for waiver request #12811 - Pasadena Senior Center. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Antonette, Goldberg, Zanatta, Heggeness, Ursua

No: 1 - Sievers

Excused: 1 - Morales

Vice Chair Heggeness spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Annie Laskey of the Pasadena Senior Center spoke.

Robbie Stuart spoke.

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

3. 18-003PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for January 2018.

Director Knight provided the report.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Margo Morales

#### **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

##### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Goldberg provided the update. Review and discussion of the January Agenda, the Park Equity report and encouraged the Commission to attend the City Council meeting on

Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

**FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Vice Chair Heggeness provided the update. Review and discussion of Fee Wa and the Finance report.

**MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

Commissioner Zanatta provided the update. Review and discussion of the Maintenance Infrastructure section of the Park Equity report and the deferred maintenace in PRM. Commissioner Sievers spoke.

**MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Margo Morales - Chair

Committee scheduled to meet on January 18, 2018.

**PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

**JOINT USE COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Goldberg Presented the Commission and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine with the Honoring our Fallen award for the Rosie the Riveter Honor Wall. Honoring Our Fallen that is dedicated to providing comprehensive support to the Families of all Fallen Heroes within 24 hours of notification.

Director Knight spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Bob Livinstone spoke.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT**

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### **GUEST COMMENTS**

Randy Zarn of Partners of Parks spoke.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Gladys Kaiser informed the Commission that the LA Clippers hosted a Basketball Clinic at Silverado Park, the planning stages of the Summer Fun Days staff trainings and that PRM was the recipients of the LA Dodgers sports grant.

Bob Livingstone informed the Commission that PRM received approval for the LA Kings to construct a Hockey Court at Heartwell Park.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Sievers informed the Commission that the Los Cerritos Wetlands Foundation received support from the Oil Operators.

Vice Chair Heggeness wished the Commission and PRM staff a Happy New Year and hoped they had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Commissioner Zanatta wished the Commission and PRM staff a Happy New Year and thanked PRM staff on their hard work with the Equity report.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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