

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

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, Chair  
Julie Heggeness, Vice Chair

Stephen Scott, Interim 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 & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park Senior Center.

**ROLL CALL**

Interim Director Scott took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Commissioners** Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua,

**Present:** David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Commissioners** Julie Heggeness

**Absent:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ursua and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to excuse Vice Chair Heggeness from the March 22, 2018, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales and Stella Ursua, David Zanatta, Ben Goldberg and Ron Seivers

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Adoracion Arino - Fil-American Senior Civic Club

Allison Zanatta - Resident  
Josephine Bincad - Fil-American Senior Civic Club  
Ofelis Felez - Fil-American Senior Civic Club  
Rogeria Ruiz - Fil-American Senior Civic Club  
Nora Prenzales - Fil-American Senior Civic Club  
Didi MacPherson - Honoring Our Fallen  
Jane Maher - Honoring Our Fallen  
Mark Chung - Amateur Radio Association of Long Beach  
Myron Wollin - Long Beach Gray Panthers  
Ruth Williams - Bourges White Scholarship Foundation  
Mr. & Mrs. Castaneda - Employee Parents  
Dan Smith - Resident  
Tony Cruz - City Staff  
Lucy Johnson - Aquatic Capital  
Randy Zarn - Partners of Parks  
Monica Parrilla - Semillas De Esperanza  
Elana Rodriguez - Semillas De Esperanza  
Sylvia Cintera - Veterans Affairs Commission  
Gerrie Schipske - Open Up Long Beach  
Griselda Suarez - Arts Council  
Gina Overholt - Veterans Affairs Commission Coordinator  
Alan Crawford - Bikeable Communities  
Rebecca Syracopoulos - Bikeable Communities

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen Scott - Interim Director  
Valerie Davis - Executive Assistant  
Gladys Kaiser - Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Hurley Owens - Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Robert Livingstone - Superintendent of Golf Operations and Contracts Division  
Meredith Reynolds - Park Development Officer, P.L.A.D.  
Leah Salgado - PRM Analyst  
Del Ransom - Bureau Assistant  
Leslie Untener - Interim Manager, Business Operations  
Joy Warren - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Michelle Wilson - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Lori Jarmacz - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Brandon Castaneda - RLS, Community Recreation Services  
Todd Leland - Supervisor, Community Recreation Services  
Sarah Jane Amick - Supervisor, Community Recreation Services

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Month - February 2018

Lori Jarmacz introduced Brandon Castaneda as the February Employee of the Month.

Brandon Castaneda is a greater Long Beach area native. Brandon joined the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine in August of 2014, as a Recreation Leader Specialist VII-NC. Brandon Castaneda, epitomizes the very best of what a Senior Guard must be. His ability to adapt in fluid environments and learn quickly has made him a staff member that can always be relied upon. Brandon is vital to the execution of our Aquatic programs due to his ability to work well with and empower staff while creating positive relationships with our pool users.

On a daily, weekly and monthly basis he manages lifeguard and swim lesson rotations, completes and tracks monthly reports and checklists, aids in managing staff schedules, knows and provides department program information beyond just aquatics and he does all of this the PRM WAY.

Brandon can currently be found at King Pool, as he has stepped up to fill the role of Interim

Interim Director Scott spoke.

Michelle Wilson spoke.

Lori Jarmacz spoke.

Todd Leland spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Brandon Castaneda spoke.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 18-013PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of February 15, 2018.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

## **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

2. 18-014PR 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.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
Mike Donelon of the ASK Foundation spoke.  
Mark Chung of Amateur Radio Association of Long Beach spoke.  
Martin Howard of Bikeable Communities spoke  
A discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zanatta, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve the recommendation for waiver requests #13074-13084, 13088 and 13090. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**Motion by Commissioner Zanatta to approve fee waiver #13226 for all fees except staff charges. Seconded by Commissioner Morales.**

**Substitute Motion by Commissioner Antonette to waive 2 hours of the Exclusive Use Fee for Area III on fee waiver request #13226, for each day of racing, seconded by Commissioner Morales. The Motion failed 3-3.**

**Yes:** 3 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales and Stella Ursua

**No:** 3 - David Zanatta, Ben Goldberg and Ron Sievers

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**Motion by Commissioner Morales to table the Item until the Commission receives further clarification from the City Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Ursua.**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**Motion by Commissioner Ursua to take the off the item from the table, seconded by Commissioner Antonette.**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**The original motion to approve fee waiver #13226 for all fees except staff charges passed 4-2.**

**Yes:** 4 - David Zanatta, Ben Goldberg, Stella Ursua and Ron Sievers

**No:** 2 - Ron Antonette and Margo Morales

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

Interim Director Scott Spoke.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Gladys Kaiser Spoke.

Alan Crawford of Bikeable Communities spoke.

Rebecca Syracopoulos of Bikeable Communities spoke.

A discussion ensued.

3. 18-015PR      Recommend to the City Manager the approval of installation of fitness equipment as an improvement for public recreation at DeForest Park and Ramona Park, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 9)

Meredith Reynolds provided the staff report.  
Interim Director Scott spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Lucy Johnson of Aquatic Capital spoke.  
Sylvia Cintrera of the Veterans Affairs Commission spoke.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

4. 18-016PR Approve the new concept submitted by Honoring Our Fallen, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Cypress, California, to add the "Global War on Terror Wall of Remembrance" to the existing Honoring Our Fallen Memorial Wall;

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit and any other documents necessary for the installation of the Global War on Terror Wall of Remembrance, and the maintenance of both the Honoring Our Fallen Memorial Wall and the Global War on Terror Wall of Remembrance, with Honoring Our Fallen for a three-year term, from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021, with one, three-year renewal option. (District 5)

Bob Livingstone provided the staff report.  
Chair Goldberg spoke.  
Didi MacPherson of Honoring Our Fallen spoke.  
Jane Maher of Honoring Our Fallen spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
Gerrie Schipske spoke.  
Lucy Johnson spoke.  
Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Bob Livingstone spoke.  
Sylvia Cintrera of the Veterans Affairs Commission spoke.  
Gina Overholt of the Veterans Affairs Commission Coordinator spoke.

Interim Director Scott spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ursua, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit and any other documents necessary for the completion of the concepts initially approved in Permit No P-00035 (namely completion and continuation of installation of plaques with the names of those persons who died while in active military service since 9/11/01; installation of the "A Hero Remembered Never Dies" plaque; maintenance of all plaques associated with the previous and new Permit; and replacement of the "fallen heroes" banners on flagpoles throughout the park) with Honoring our Fallen , a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation based in Cypress, CA, for a three-year term from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021, with one three-year renewal option.**

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua and David Zanatta

**No:** 1 - Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

5. 18-017PR Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhood Committee the name "Luke Tatsu Johnson Court" for the multi-use sport court in Marina Vista Park. (District 3)

Bob Livingstone provided the staff report.

Chair Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Council District 3 - Chief of Staff Jack Cunningham spoke.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

6. 18-018PR Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit and any other documents necessary with the Public Corporation for the Arts Long Beach, dba Arts Council for Long Beach, a California non-profit corporation, for the production and maintenance of several murals on walls located within the Drake-Chavez Greenbelt. (District 1)

Meredith Reynolds provided the staff report.  
Interim Director Scott spoke.  
Griselda Suarez - Arts Council spoke.

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

7. 18-019PR Approve the Special Event Application #18-09686 of the Cambodian Coordinating Council, a Domestic non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Cambodian New Year's Celebration in El Dorado East Regional Park, Area III, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 5)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny the Special Event Permit Application #18-09686 of the Cambodian Coordinating Council, a Domestic Non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Cambodian New Year's Celebration in El Dorado East Regional Park. (District 5)

Bob Livingstone provided the staff report.  
Interim Director Scott spoke.  
Chair Goldberg spoke.



Gladys Kaiser Spoke.

Commissioner Ursua left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**Absent:** 1 - Stella Ursua

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

8. 18-020PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for March 2018.

Interim Director Scott provided the report.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Chair Goldberg spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

**Absent:** 1 - Stella Ursua

## **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Benjamin Goldberg - Chair

Chair Goldberg provided the update. Review and discussion of the March Agenda and the Park Equity City Council Meeting.

### **FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Chair Goldberg provided the update. Review and discussion of the March Fee Waivers and Vandalism in the Parks.

### **JOINT USE COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

### **MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

Commissioner Zanatta provided the update. Reported on the Veterans Park tour.

### **MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Margo Morales - Chair

Commissioner Morales informed the Commission that the committee would not meet April.

### **PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to Report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to Report.

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**GUEST COMMENTS**

Lucy Johnson of Aquatic Capital spoke.  
Dan Smith, Long Beach resident spoke.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Interim Director Scott spoke.  
Meredith Reynolds spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Hurley Owens spoke.  
Valerie Davis spoke.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Goldberg spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Morales spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, Senior Center located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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