

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

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Julie Heggeness, Chair  
David Zanatta, Vice Chair  
Herlinda Chico, Commissioner

Stephen Scott, Interim Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Ben Goldberg, Commissioner  
Mariela Salgado, Commissioner  
Ron Sievers, Commissioner  
Stella Ursua, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Heggeness at 9:02 AM, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners** Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron  
**Present:** Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Julie Heggeness

**STAFF PRESENT**

Stephen Scott, Interim Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Meredith Reynolds, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Michelle Wilson, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Ted Stevens, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Joy Warren, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Director's Office

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Karen Reside, Long Beach Gray Panthers

Mark Hopson, Khmer Parent Association

Greg Flores, Long Beach Community Band

Barry Cogert, The Jazz Angels

Monica Pamilla, Semillas de Esperanza

Luther Williams, Bougess-White Scholarship Foundation

Ruth Williams, Bougess-White Scholarship Foundation

Mark Sullivan, Long Beach Youth Golf League

Allan Crawford, Bikeable Communities

Ken Vinson, Eldo Race Series

Charon Smith, Eldo Race Series

Tersit Asrat, Hosanna Foundation

Manya, Taresilafa'i Pacific Islander Rep.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Michelle Wilson and Junie Salcido provided a presentation on the Adult & Youth Sports Program.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Employee of the Month - January 2020

Nicole Perez and Deisy Olea from PRM Community Recreation Services were awarded Employees of the Month for January 2020.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Michelle Wilson spoke.

Brandon Castaneda spoke.

Caitlynn Cruz spoke.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 20-006PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Julie Heggeness

## **COMMISSION ITEMS**

2. 20-007PR Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver Policy.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Chico spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Zanatta, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve permit numbers: R21214, R21308, R21309, R21111, R20984, R21191, R20992, R20985, R21319 and R21320. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Julie Heggeness

Allan Crawford, Ken Vinson and Charon Smith provided a presentation on Bikeable Communities.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

Commissioner Chico spoke.

20-007PR      Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver Policy.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve a fee waiver for 1 hour of the exclusive use fees per race day, permit number: R21094. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Mariela Salgado

3. 20-009PR      Authorize the Director, or his or her management designee, to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend the Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Interim Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Julie Heggeness

4. 20-010PR Recommendation to approve Special Event Application #20-10593 from Cambodian Town Inc., a non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Cambodian New Year Festival in MacArthur Park, with parameters determined by the City of Long Beach Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 4)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Application #20-10593 from Cambodian Town Inc., a non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Cambodian New Year Festival in MacArthur Park, with parameters determined by the City of Long Beach Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 4)

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Julie Heggeness

Chair Heggeness left at 10:15 AM. With 6 Commissioners a quorum still remains.

5. 20-011PR Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #20-10552 of the Taresilafa'i Inc., a Domestic non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Taresilafa'i Pacific Islander Festival in Recreation Park, including the Bandshell, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and paying applicable fees. (District 3)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit Application #20-10552 of Taresilafa'i Inc., a domestic nonprofit corporation, for the operation of the Taresilafa'i Pacific Islander Festival in Recreation Park. (District 3)

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua and David Zanatta

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

6. 20-012PR Recommendation to approve the proposed activity and allow the Office of Special Events and Filming to execute Special Event Application #20-10510, with Tersit Asrat, dba a non-profit organizer of the Hosanna Broadcasting Foundation (Hosanna) 5K Walk, in El Dorado East Regional Park Area II and the festival taking place in El Dorado East Regional Park Area III. (District 5)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and instruct the Office of Special Events and Filming to deny Special Event Application #20-10510, with Tersit Asrat, dba a non-profit organizer of the Hosanna Broadcasting Foundation (Hosanna) 5K Walk, in El Dorado East Regional Park Area II and the festival taking place in El Dorado East Regional Park Area III. (District 5)

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua and David Zanatta

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

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

7. 20-008PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for February 2020.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.



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

**Yes:** 6 - Herlinda Chico, Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua and David Zanatta

**Excused:** 1 - Julie Heggeness

Commissioner Ursua left at 10:30 AM.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Valerie Davis spoke.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke. The Committee met and discussed the agenda.

### **FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Chair David Zanatta provided a report. Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

### **JOINT USE COMMITTEE**

The Committee did not meet.

### **MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Chair Zanatta spoke. Meeting dates are being scheduled.

### **MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Committee did not meet.

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

The Committee did not meet.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ann Burdette spoke.

Patrick Gotter spoke.

Diane Lejins spoke.

Ann Burdette spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

Ann Cantrell spoke.

Karey Sharp spoke.

Jill Brennan spoke.

Corliss Lee spoke.

Janet West spoke.

Dana Buchanan spoke.

20-018PR

**Ann Burdette from the Long Beach Suffrage Centennial  
provided a handout. This PR-Handout was received and filed.**

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Valerie Davis spoke.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

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