

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021  
TELECONFERENCE, 9:00 AM**

David Zanatta, Chair  
Mariela Salgado, Vice Chair



Robert Livingstone, Commissioner  
Susan Redfield, Commissioner  
Kasey Schoen, Commissioner  
Ron Sievers, Commissioner

Brent Dennis, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant

**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Zanatta at 9:05 AM, via Teleconference.

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented except for Agenda Item Nos. 7, 6 and 5 which were considered before Agenda Item No. 2.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Brent Dennis took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Commissioners** Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron  
**Present:** Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Meredith Reynolds, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Alma Castro, Parks Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Janiece McMullin, Financial Services Officer, Business Operations

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Joy Warren, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Leah Salgado, Admin Analyst, Business Operations

Lori Craig, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Leslie Hunsaker, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Gabriel Cruz, Supervisor, Field Permits Office

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Brittany Howe, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Additional Community Recreation Services employees: Jamie Deaton Rios, Andrea Lain & Sherlyn Beatty.

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Michelle Wilson, Purchasing Agent, Financial Management

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Joseph Orso, Director, LB Organic

Robin Richesson, Interim President, Friends of Bixby Dog Park

Karen Chittick Angel

Connor Lock, Chief of Staff, Council District 2

Jonathan Kraus, Chief of Staff, Council District 8

Alanah Grant, Policy Director, Council District 9

## PRESENTATIONS

Joy Warren from Community Recreation Services was awarded Employee of the Month for December.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Ashleigh Griset spoke.

Michelle Wilson spoke.

Joy Warren Spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

A moment of silence was observed at 9:19 AM for the loss of a Parks, Recreation and Marine employee.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 21-001PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

## HEARING

2. 21-002PR Recommendation to adopt a resolution and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) General Park Mid-Year fee changes and make such changes effective February 10, 2021.

Chair Zanatta opened the Hearing at 10:07 AM.

Director Brent Dennis Spoke.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Janiece McMullin spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Chair Zanatta concluded the Hearing at 10:25 AM.

### COMMISSION ITEMS

3. 21-003PR Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a new lease for a park amenity and execute all documents necessary to Long Beach Organic, a non-profit 501c3, for the management and operation of community gardens at Grace Park, Mary Molina, Orizaba Park, and Zaferia Junction for a period of five years with two (2) three-year renewals at the discretion of the Director starting January 1, 2021; and

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a consolidated lease for Grace Park, Mary Molina, Orizaba Park, and Zaferia Junction Community Gardens, which meets a recreational need in the City. (Districts 1, 4, and 8)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

Joseph Orso spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

**4. 21-004PR**

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a park amenity improvement at Heartwell Park baseball field #2 and to issue all documents necessary for a right-of-entry permit to Lakewood Village Little League from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023 and may be extended for (2) additional three (3)-year renewals at the discretion of the Director (District 5).

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Gabriel Cruz spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

5. 21-005PR Recommendation to recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to rename the Bixby Dog Park the "Dr. Myrna 'Mickey' Donahoe Dog Park." (District 2)

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

Robin Richesson spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

6. 21-006PR Recommendation to recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to rename the South Street Parkway, "Pressburg Parkway." (District 9)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Alanah Grant spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

7. 21-007PR Recommendation to recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to rename the Sports Complex at Chittick field "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field." (District 6)

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Jonathan Kraus spoke.

Karen Chittick Angel spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve recommendation, as amended, to request Council District 6 and Council District 8 to seek public input that would include the proposed signage and location keeping the name "Chittick" pre-eminent and return to the Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

8. 21-008PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Corner" for January 2021.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

## NEW BUSINESS

Chair Zanatta reported none at this time.

## COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met.

### FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met and went over the proposed FY21 Fees.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke and confirmed that the Committee did a deep dive into the proposed FY21 Fees and that the Department finances are looking good and we are on track.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were sent via email for agenda item #7. The emails were distributed to the Parks and Recreation Commission and posted in Legistar under file #21-009PR.



Joseph Orso spoke during agenda item #3.

Robin Richesson spoke during agenda item #5.

Karen Chittick Angel spoke during agenda item #7.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Redfield spoke and is impressed with PRM staff and their hard work and presentations.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke about the Youth Learning Hub.

Commissioner Sievers spoke about receiving the COVID vaccine and how we can take the joint use approach with LBUSD regarding Community Gardens.

Chair Zanatta spoke and thanked Trinka, Partners of Parks and PRM staff for all their hard work and cheers to a great year ahead.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Brent Dennis spoke and confirmed that the communication for the Youth Learning Hub starts with PRM. He had a positive conversation with the LBUSD Superintendent to explore partnerships. He stated that there is a need for LBUSD to also communicate, so he asked Gladys Kaiser to reach out to LBUSD. He also announced that PRM is working on the Strategic Plan Survey and Valerie Davis will send out the link.

Gladys Kaiser spoke and confirmed that PRM staff worked with LBUSD to get the Youth Learning Hub information out. Her team will reach out to LBUSD again.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM.

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