

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023
DR. THOMAS J. CLARK COMMUNITY CENTER
BRIDGE ROOM
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Robert Livingstone, Chair
Susan Redfield, Vice Chair
Christopher Chavez, Commissioner



Sharleen Higa, Commissioner
Kasey Schoen, Commissioner
Silissa Uriarte Smith, Commissioner

Brent Dennis, Director
Jennifer Roberts, Executive Assistant

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Livingstone at 9:06 AM, at the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center located at El Dorado Park West.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher
Present: Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Nancy Villasenor, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Sherlyn Beatty, Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Joy Warren, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Megan Ignacio, Community Information Specialist, Animal Care Services

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Anne Hudson, Admin. Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Yeselin Martinez, Recreation Leader, Community Recreation Services

Rhiannon Wilson, Recreation Assistant, Community Recreation Services

Alton Patterson, Recreation Leader, Community Recreation Services

GUESTS PRESENT

Michelle Arend-Ekhoff, Craftsman Village Historic District

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Randy Zarn, Administration, Partners of Parks

Jaime Guoz, L.B. Beekeepers

Jon Vesely, L.B. Beekeepers

Anna Christensen, Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

Cassandra Davis, Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific

Sulimar Salas, Museum of Latin American Art

Carlos Rogel, MuralColors

Davida Persaud, MuralColors

Luca Granados, Council District 1 Resident

Laura Granados, Council District 1 Resident

Moyna Simon, Council District 1 Resident

Neira Bare, Council District 1 Resident

PRESENTATIONS

Alton Patterson from the Community Recreation Services Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for May.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Joy Warren spoke.

Rhiannon Wilson spoke.

Alton Patterson spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-032PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2023.

Chair Livingstone spoke. A typo was corrected in the motion for item #5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, seconded by Commissioner Chavez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [23-033PR](#) Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Michelle Arend-Ekhoff spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

3. [23-034PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with Aquarium of the Pacific, a California nonprofit corporation, on behalf of Craftsman Village Historic District, to plant native plants for the creation of a Western Monarch Garden at Craftsman Village Park, for a period of one year, from June 22, 2023, to June 21, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal periods at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 1)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Michelle Arend-Ekhoff spoke.

Cassandra Davis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

4. [23-035PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with Willmore City Heritage Association, a California nonprofit corporation, to remove and reinstall the shade sail at the Cesar E. Chavez Park's amphitheater between June 30, 2023 and July 31, 2023, for a Shakespeare by the Sea performance of Twelfth Night, on July 14, 2023. (District 1)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Higa was not present during the vote.

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

Yes: 5 - Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Absent: 1 - Sharleen Higa

5. [23-038PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and

Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with MuralColors Inc., a California corporation, to enter Bixby Park for mural production and maintenance purposes, for a term of 14 months, from July 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, with three (3), three-year options to renew through August 31, 2033, at the discretion of the Director. (District 2)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Sherlyn Beatty spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

Carlos Rogel spoke.

Sulimar Salas spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez, seconded by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, to approve recommendation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

6. [23-039PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Second Amendment to Permit 35023 with In Circus Entertainment, LLC, a California Limited Liability Corporation, to waive permit fees from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, at

the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, to complete enhancements at the Railway Concession in El Dorado East Regional Park. (District 4)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Sherlyn Beatty spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

7. [23-036PR](#) Recommendation to excuse Commissioners absent from the meeting of the Parks and Recreation on June 22, 2023.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

8. [23-037PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for June 2023.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received by email from Diana Lejins and was announced by Chair Livingstone.

Neira Bare spoke.

Moyna Simon spoke.

Luca Granados spoke.

Laura Granados spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Jamie Guoz spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM.

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