

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, President  
Julie Heggeness, Vice President  
  
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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**FINAL AGENDA & FINAL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by President Goldberg at 9:03 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West, Sr. Center Library. Director Knight took roll call and confirmed a quorum

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie  
**Present:** Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Marie Knight - Director  
Stephen Scott - Business Operations Bureau Manager  
Gladys Kaiser - Community Recreation Services Bureau Manager  
Hurley Owens - Maintenance Operations Bureau Manager  
Meredith Reynolds - Park Planning Officer  
Valerie Davis Executive Assistant  
Michelle Wilson - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Del Ransom - Bureau Secretary, Community Recreation Services

**GUESTS PRESENT**

William Grizolia - New Blues Festival  
Susan Miller - Resident  
Ann Cantrel - Resident

## PRESENTATIONS

July 2016 Employee of the Month - Myshanea Grant - Community Recreation Services

Congratulations to Myshanea Grant! Myshanea is a site director in our WRAP program and is a huge asset to the Department. She is a great motivator and provides outstanding encouragement for the students to do their best. Teachers, parents and students cannot say enough nice things about her!

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [16-044PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of July 21, 2016.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

## COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [16-045PR](#) Authorize the Director, or his or her management designee, to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

3. [16-046PR](#)

Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

**A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to approve the recommendation, with the exception of #6932, Friends of Bixby Park, to be discussed separately. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

**A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve #6932, Friends of Bixby Park.**

Vice President Heggeness spoke.  
President Goldberg spoke.

President Goldberg asked for public comment.

**A friendly amendment to the motion was made by Commissioner Antonette to approve the request to waive permit and facility fees, but add appropriate level of PRM staff to the event, at a cost to the Friends of Bixby Park. Vice President Heggeness accepted and seconded the friendly amendment to the motion.**

Vice President Heggeness spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

President Goldberg asked for public comment.

Ann Cantrell spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

4. [16-047PR](#) Authorize the Director, or his or her management designee, to execute Personal Service Agreements for Homeland Cultural Center and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed. (District 6)

Gladys Kaiser presented the staff report.

President Goldberg spoke.  
Jim Ruggirello spoke.  
Director Knight spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

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

**Yes: 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg**

5. [16-048PR](#) Approve the Long Beach New Blues Festival in El Dorado East, Area III, on September 3 and 4, 2016, with the sale and consumption of food and alcohol, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, through the Office of Special Events and Filming, to execute all documents necessary to issue a Special Events Permit with specific restrictions and requirements, to Bill Grisolia, an individual. (District 5)

OR

Approve the Long Beach New Blues Festival in El Dorado East, Area III, on September 3 and 4, 2016, with the sale and consumption of food but no alcohol, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, through the Office of Special Events and Filming, to execute all documents necessary to issue a Special Events Permit with specific restrictions and requirements, to Bill Grisolia, an individual. (District 5)

Director Knight provided the staff report.

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Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
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Commissioner Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Antonette spoke.  
A discussion ensued.

President Goldberg asked for Public Comment.

William Grizolia spoke.

**A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Antonette and, seconded by Vice President Heggeness, to approve the first listed recommended action, allowing the sale of alcohol, and include the following additional conditions: The City office of Special Events and Filming approve the traffic management plan and ensure the Permit require the provision of sufficient resources for the assignment of police, traffic enforcement and alcohol enforcement to mitigate any impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

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

6. [16-049PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community", for August, 2016.

Director Knight provided the update.

Stephen Scott spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to receive and file the Director's report. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. [16-051PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file correspondence for August, 2016.

Susan Miller spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

A discussion ensued

**A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to receive and file August correspondence. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua,  
Julie Heggeness, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan  
Goldberg

## **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ben Goldberg - Chair

Discussion regarding Executive Committee and Finance & Appeal Committee appointments.

### **FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Vice President Heggeness provided the update.

### **MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Ron Antonette - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

### **MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

The Committee did not meet. The next meeting will be held in September.

**PARKS USAGE COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

Commissioner Ursua provided the update. The committee met. Discussion included review of regulations process, criteria for events and communication processes.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

A discussion ensued.

The filming report was provided.

**JOINT USE COMMITTEE**

Ron Sievers - Chair

The Committee did not meet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT**

Opportunity is given to those members of the public who would like to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on non-agenda items. Each speaker is limited to three minutes unless extended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Brown Act prohibits the Commission from responding to public comments on non-agenda items.

Ann Cantrell spoke regarding the seriousness of fishing line in the parks and overuse of pesticides.

Susan Miller spoke regarding nesting season at the beach.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.



**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Gladys Kaiser reported on the end of summer activities and kids returning to school.  
Hurley Owens spoke regarding removal of dead trees.  
Director Knight spoke.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Sievers spoke regarding tree removal and importance to the habitat that survive within the trunks.  
Hurley Owens spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua thanked staff and asked about communication of tree trimming and removal communications to the community.  
Director Knight spoke.  
Commissioner Zanatta thanked Director Knight and staff for moving the Department in a great direction.  
Commissioner Morales commented that Wardlow Park was extremely busy over the weekend and complimented staff and contractors for keeping up with all of the groups.  
Vice President Heggeness thanked staff and recognized Long Beach Olympians.  
President Goldberg spoke regarding use of the parks and staying on top of groups that outgrow venue space.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, Senior Center Library located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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