

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
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

FINAL AGENDA & APPROVED 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 Senior Center Library. Director Marie Knight took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Marie Knight - Director
Stephen Scott - Deputy Director
Gladys Kaiser - Manager, Community Recreation Services
Hurley Owens - Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau
Robert Livingstone - Superintendent of Contracts and Golf Operations
Meredith Reynolds - Park Planning Officer
Leah Salgado - Analyst
Del Ransom - Bureau Assistant
Valerie Davis - Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Randy Zarn - Partners of Parks

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month

November 2016 - Michelle Wilson introduced George Acevedo as the employee of the month for November 2016. George's quiet leadership inspires other staff members.

Ken Roberts spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

George Acevedo spoke.

December 2016 - Jane Grobaty introduced Richard Hixson as the employee of the month for December 2016. Richards expertise and flexibility are appreciated by everyone who works with him. Richard introduced his wife Christine, who is in attendance to surprise and support him.

Jane Grobaty spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 17-001PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of December 15, 2016.

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

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

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [17-002PR](#) 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 Heggenes, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. [17-004PR](#) Recommendation to approve the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A", in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Gladys Kaiser provided the staff report.

President Goldberg abstained from the vote to avoid conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Vice President Heggenes, 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, Julie Heggenes and David Zanatta

Abstain: 1 - Benjamin Alan Goldberg

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

4. [17-003PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community", for January, 2017.

Director Knight provided an update on drought conditions, PRM activities, Measure A projects and 2018 budget preparation.

President Goldberg spoke.
Director Knight spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.
A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Heggenes, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, 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 Heggenes, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Goldberg provided the report. The agenda was discussed.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Vice President Heggenes provided the report. Budget, water and fee waivers were discussed.

Director Knight spoke.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Ron Antonette - Chair - the committee did not meet.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zanatta provided the report and requested all commissioners review the PRM website to familiarize themselves with all of the wonderful programs the department facilitates.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair - the committee did not meet.

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Ron Sievers - Chair - the committee did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Director Knight advised the Department has won an award from the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) and will receive the award at the upcoming conference.
President Goldberg spoke.
Director Knight spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

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STAFF COMMENTS

Gladys Kaiser reported on programs occurring and upcoming partnerships with the LA Kings.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

President Goldberg asked Valerie Davis about plans for a Commissioner strategic planning day. Director Knight advised the Executive Committee will receive more information on this topic at their next meeting.

Commissioner Sievers spoke regarding the homeless issues and displacement of homeless individuals from Lincoln Park.

Director Knight spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta advised he will be receiving a paper from the student that came to Commission to present information in her study of the Marine environment. Her project is being widely recognized.

Commissioner Antonette spoke regarding the balance of Public interest and Parks staff resources regarding projects, and the need to ensure projects benefit the whole and not just a few.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, Senior Center Library located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

ADJOURNMENT

President Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 10:12

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