CITY OF LONG BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
MACARTHUR PARK, GAMBOA THEATER
1321 ANAHEIM STREET
LONG BEACH, 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 9:05 a.m., at the MacArthur Park, Gamboa Theater. Director Marie Knight took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness 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
Jim Ruggirello - Supervisor, Community Recreation Services
Valerie Davis - Executive Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT:

Long Beach Animal Care Services Staff
Ann Cantrell - resident
Jeff Miller - resident
Carlos Gaspar - Tacos & Beer
Karen Reside - LB Gray Panthers
Vincent Scott - Courage to Change
David Morales - AA - Senior Center
Steve Adams - Unity Festival
Stephanie Adams - Unity Festival
Elena Rodriguez - Semillas de Esperanza
Monica Parrilla - Semillas de Esperanza
Nancy Villasenor - Public Works
Lucy Johnson - LB Aquatics Capital

Jim Ruggirello welcomed the Parks & Recreation Commission and provided an overview of the Homeland Cultural Center programs.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month - January 2017
Gladys Kaiser introduced Deborah Brubaker from the Animal Care Services Bureau as employee of the month for January 2017.
Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, Ted Stevens, stated Deborah's knowledge of ACS is outstanding and her customer services skills are very much appreciated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 17-005PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of January 19, 2017.

A motion was made by Vice President Heggenes, 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, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. 17-006PR 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 spoke.
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.
Monica Parilla - Semillas de Esparanza spoke.
Comissioner Antonette spoke.
Mike Donelone - ASK Foundation spoke.
Stephanie Adams - Unity Festival spoke.
Karen Reside - Grey Panthers spoke.
Mark Sullivan - Long Beach Golf Little League spoke.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonette, 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, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

3. 17-007PR

Support the proposed activity and allow the Office of Special Events and Filming to execute a Permit with Green Education, Inc., a California Non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Green Prize Festival at Houghton Park. (District 9)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall

public benefit and instruct the Office of Special Events and Filming to deny the Special Event Permit Application for Green Education, Inc., a California Non-profit corporation, for the operation of the Green Prize Festival at Houghton Park. (District 9)

Director Knight spoke.
Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Commissioner Ursua recused herself from the vote and stepped down from the dias to avoid a conflict of interest

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.
Ann Cantrell spoke.
Stella Ursua spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Vice President Heggeness, to approve the recommendation and support the proposed activity and allow the Office of Special Events and Filming to execute a permit with Green Education, Inc., for the operation of the Green Prize Festival. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Recused: 1 - Stella Ursua

4. 17-008PR

Support the proposed activity and allow the Office of Special Events and Filming to execute Speical Event Application with Carlos Gaspar, dba a for-profit organizer of the Tacos and Beer 5K Run in El Dorado East Regional Park Area III. (District 5)

Or

Determine the poposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and instruct the Office of Special Events and Filming to deny Special Event Application with Carlos Gaspar, dba a for-profit organzier of the Tacos and Beer 5K Run in El Dorado East Regional Park Area III. (District 5)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Director Knight spoke.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.
Carlos Gaspar spoke on behalf of the Tacos and Beer event organizer.
Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Commissioner Morales spoke.
President Goldberg spoke
A discussion ensued.

Ann Cantrell spoke.

Director Knight spoke.
President Goldberg spoke.
Commissioner Morales spoke.
Commissioner Zanatta spoke.
Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Commissioner Heggeness spoke.
A discussion ensued

A motion was made by Vice President Heggeness, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to approve the recommendation to support the proposed activity and allow the Office of Special Events and Filming to execute a Permit with Garlos Gaspar dba, a for-profit organizer of the Tacos and Beer 5K Run, with parameters determined by the Offices of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

No: 2 - Margo Morales and David Zanatta

5. 17-009PR Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a Class I bike path as an improvement for public recreation at El Dorado Park, which meets a recreational need within the City. (Districts 4 & 5)

Meredith Reynolds provided the staff report.
President Goldberg spoke.
Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Director Knight spoke.
Ann Cantrell spoke.
Lucy Johnson spoke.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonette, 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, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

6. 17-010PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community", for February, 2017.

Director Knight provided the update and provided information regarding:
Emergency tree removals
Changes to Fee Waiver policy will be vetted through the Finance & Appeals Committee
We will also be creating a process for vetting community group projects that will be vetted through the Maintenance & Infrastructure Committee.

A motion was made by Vice President Heggenes, 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, David Zanatta, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

CORRESPONDENCE

Director Knight reviewed the process for submitting communications to the Parks & Recreation Commission. After confirming with the City Clerk, to be consistent with other City Commissions and Committees, Correspondence will be omitted from the Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda going forward, and all communications from the Public will be heard under the Public Comment section of the meeting.

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Goldberg provided the update and stated the agenda was discussed.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE
President Goldberg provided the update on behalf of Vice President Heggeness. The committee asked for information regarding cost recovery.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Antonette provided the update and stated the committee met at the El Dorado Nature Center to review the entryway and bridge projects.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Zanatta advised the committee will meet in April.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Ursua advised the meeting will be rescheduled due to time constraints encountered before today's meeting.

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 Commissioners from responding to comments on non-agenda items.

Lucy Johnson spoke regarding Belmont Pool.
Jeff Miller spoke regarding Belmont Pool and the PRM budget.
Ann Cantrell spoke.
Mark Olson from Friends of El Dorado Dog Park introduced himself.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Meredith Reynolds advised the Commissioners to look for upcoming "save the dates" for grand opening events.
Hurley Owens advised his crews are prepping for rain storms.
Director Knight reminded the Commissioners of an appeal for the denial of a fee waiver made by the Parks & Recreation Commission that will come before the City Council on February 21, 2017.
Gladys Kaiser thanked Jim Rugirello for his years of service to the City of Long Beach and his dedication to the Parks, Recreation & Marine Department.
Valerie Davis thanked Jim Rugirello for his assistance with today's Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
Commissioner Morales congratulated Commissioner Zanatta for his excellent representation of the Parks & Recreation Commission at the Molina Park ground breaking.
Commissioner Sievers mentioned the highlight of his days has been walking by the Promenade Tot Lot. He is also looking forward to the opening of the El Dorado Nature Center entry.
Commissioner Ursua thanked the Commission for their support of the Green Prize Festival.
Vice President Heggeness thanked the Commission and Staff for the concern and support during the recent passing of her Mom.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at a location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

President Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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