

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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 9:02 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, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and

Present: Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Commissioners Ron Sievers and Julie Heggeness

Absent:

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonette, seconded by Commissioner Ursua to excuse Vice President Heggeness and Commissioner Sievers from the June 15, 2017 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES - Antonette, Morales, Ursua, Zanatta and Goldberg

ABSENT: Sievers and Heggeness

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
Del Ransom - Assistant
Michelle Wilson - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services
Joy Warren - Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

GUESTS:

Rogeria C. Ruiz - Filipino American Senior Services Association
Lydia B. Fernandez - Filipino American Senior Services Association
Melba B. Jardis - Filipino American Senior Services Association
Kathleen Irvine - WCHA
Lucy Johnson - Aquatics Capital
Monica Parilla - Semillas de Esperanza
Dan Halverson
Naomi Rainey - NAACP
Julie Owens
Diana Ramos
Patti La Place - CSULB

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the month - May, 2017

Michelle Wilson introduced Karen Geib as the May, 2017. Karen's dedication to the Community, the City and her co-workers is to be commended.

Joy Warren spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Director Knight spoke and introduced the new "Pay it Forward" chip to recognize the excellent efforts of our employees.

Karen Geib spoke.

Director Knight also recognized the Department's Employee Recognition Committee (ERC). Besides fundraising for worthy causes, this volunteer committee are the caretakers of our employees during significant events in their lives.

President Goldberg spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [17-033PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of May 18, 2017.

Commissioner Morales noted spelling corrections to be made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Zanatta, to approve the May minutes with corrections. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Absent: 2 - Ron Sievers and Julie Heggeness

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [17-034PR](#) 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.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Absent: 2 - Ron Sievers and Julie Heggeness

3. [17-035PR](#)

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.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.
Commissioner Morales spoke.

Monica Parrilla - Semillas de Esperanza spoke.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.
Commissioner Morales spoke.
A discussion ensued.

President Goldberg spoke.
Commissioner Antonette spoke.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.
A discussion ensued.

Patti LaPlace - CSULB spoke.
Director Knight spoke.
President Goldberg spoke.
Melba Jardis - Filipino American Senior Services Association spoke.
Naomi Rainey - President NAACP, Long Beach
Kathleen Irvine - Willmore City Heritage Association

Commissioner Antonette spoke.
Director Knight spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Antonette, to approve the recommendation with the exception of fee waiver request #9521 to be pulled for further discussion. A friendly amendment was made by Commissioner Antonette to require groups requesting fee waivers to provide a verbal or written report explaining the benefit of the waiver to the community. Commissioner Morales accepted the amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Absent: 2 - Ron Sievers and Julie Heggeness

Commissioner Antonette made a motion to approve #9521 for six months, beginning on the first event date, anticipated to be in September, 2017 through March, 2018.

Commissioner Morales seconded the motion. Commissioner Ursua offered a friendly amendment to request staff to report back to the Commission, the impact of the group upon the facility. Commissioner Antonette accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

President Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

A discussion ensued.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta, Benjamin Goldberg

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Julie Heggeness, Ron Sievers

4. [17-036PR](#)

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit any other necessary documents, for the Rotary Club of Long Beach, a California non-profit corporation, and/or its agents, to make various improvements and upgrades to Rotary Centennial Park, for a period of one-year with a one-year extension at the discretion of the Director. (District 4)

Robert Livingstone provided the staff report.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Absent: 2 - Ron Sievers and Julie Heggeness

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

5. [17-037PR](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for June, 2017.

Director Knight provided the update and reviewed the content of the monthly We Create Community publication. She also provided information regarding upcoming community meetings regarding Lincoln Park and advised we have started a pilot credit card program at El Dorado Regional Park vehicle gates.

Commissioner Zanatta spoke.

Director Knight spoke.

Commissioner Antonette spoke.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonette, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to receive and file the Director's report to Commission for June, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Antonette, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Absent: 2 - Ron Sievers and Julie Heggeness

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Goldberg provided the update. The agenda was discussed.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Chair Heggeness was absent from the meeting. President Goldberg provided the update and stated fee waivers were discussed.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Chair Antonette provided the update. The Committee visited the Red Car Greenbelt.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

David Zanatta - Chair

The Committee will meet in July.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair

The Committee will meet in July.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Halverson - Resident of the 4th District spoke regarding the 100 Days of Summer website.

Lucy Johnson - Aquatics Capital, spoke regarding the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Emily - Resident of Long Beach spoke regarding Azteca maintenance and the need for improving site lines through the park.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Meredith Reynolds reported on grants that have been applied for for 14th Street Park. We will hear if the grant will be awarded to the City.

David Zanatta spoke.

Gladys Kaiser provided an update on Summer happenings. Staff is trained and we are ready for our day camps. 10 intense weeks of programming. Gladys will forward programming information to the Commission.

Director Knight spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Zanatta appreciated the information regarding Lincoln Park.

Commissioner Morales would like to receive information regarding volunteering at our events. Commissioner Morales advised she will not be in attendance at the July 2017 Commission meeting.

Director Knight spoke.

Commissioner Ursua recommended the sequel to the movie "An Inconvenient Truth". It is called "Inconvenient Sequel. The movie reinforces the sustainable model.

Commissioner Antonette advised he and Commissioner Zanatta are working hard with Partners of Parks. More information to follow regarding a potential fundraiser in August.

Commissioner Zanatta followed up with additional information regarding a new website

for Partners of Parks.

President Goldberg mentioned the Century Club, of which he is a board member, is very involved in youth sports activities and amateur sports and recently completed a middle school banquet with 800 attendees. He is very appreciative of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, Senior Center Library located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

ADJOURNMENT -The Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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