

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR
SENIOR CENTER
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Ben Goldberg, Chair
Julie Heggeness, Vice Chair

Gerardo Mouet, Director
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Ron Antonette, Commissioner
Ron Sievers, Commissioner
David Zanatta, Commissioner
Stella Ursua, Commissioner
Margo Morales, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 9:03 a.m., at the El Dorado Park Senior Center.

ROLL CALL

Director Mouet took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

[18-050PR](#)

Director Mouet stated the July 2018 organizational meeting included the election of Chair and Vice Chair. As such, he called for nominations for Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Goldberg nominated Julie Heggeness for the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission. There were no other nominations.

The nomination carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ron Sievers, David Zanatta, Benjamin Goldberg, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness and Mariela Salgado

18-051PR Chair Heggeness called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Goldberg nominated David Zanatta for the position of Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission. There were no other nominations.

The nomination carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ron Sievers, Julie Heggeness, Benjamin Goldberg, Margo Morales, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Mariela Salgado

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month - June 2018

Emanuel has worked for the City for just over a year. He is a gardener serving the southwest quadrant of the uplands park areas. In addition to those duties, Emanuel has stepped up to assist the Grounds Maintenance Department with construction oversight on a number of parks and medians, improvements to our sports turf program, and developed and continues to improve our systems and program coordination with public works regarding persons experiencing homelessness. In all of these areas, immense improvement has been seen in every project he has undertaken.

Emanuel's approach to his job is a mix of creativity, experience, organization, and energy. Of the many successes and contributions, he has made to the Ground's Maintenance group, perhaps the most important is the standard he has developed for not only his parks, but in all areas in which he is asked to assist. He has provided guidance to the contractor and City staff on proper grading, sod installation, and subsequent care of athletic fields.

His dedication and spirit of innovation makes him invaluable to Grounds Maintenance and the PRM family as a whole.

Michelle Wilson spoke.

Kelly Parkins spoke.

Emanuel Zaragoza spoke.

GUEST PRESENT:

Randy Zarn, Partners of Parks

STAFF PRESENT:

PRM Executive Office

Gerardo Mouet, Valerie Davis, and Del Ransom

Business Operations

Stephen Scott, Meredith Reynolds and Leah Salgado

Community Recreation Services

Gladys Kaiser and Michelle Wilson

Maintenance Operations

Kelly Parkins, Emanuel Zaragoza, Don Leonhard, Terri Weekly, Chris Weaver, Tony Rosales, Eric Stewart, Raul Martinez and Clemente Cerrillos

Public Works

Nancy Villasenor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [18-044PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of June 21, 2018.

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

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

COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [18-045PR](#)

Approve Special Event Permit Application #18-09894 of Partners of Parks, a domestic nonprofit corporation, for a fundraising event, including the consumption of alcohol, in the El Dorado Nature Center, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and paying applicable fees. (District 5)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit Application #18-09894 of Partners of Parks, a domestic nonprofit corporation, for a fundraising event, including the consumption of alcohol, in the El Dorado Nature Center. (District 5)

9:19 a.m. Vice Chair Zanatta recused himself from the Commission.

Director Mouet spoke.
Stephen Scott spoke.
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.
Commissioner Morales spoke.
Commissioner Sievers spoke.
Randy Zarn spoke.
Chair Heggeness spoke.
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve Special Event Permit Application #18-09894 of Partners of Parks, a domestic nonprofit corporation, for a fundraising event, including the consumption of alcohol, in the El Dorado Nature Center, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and paying applicable fees. (District 5). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Margo Morales, Mariela Salgado, Ron Sievers, Stella Ursua, Julie Heggeness and Benjamin Alan Goldberg

Recused: 1 - David Zanatta

3. [18-046PR](#) Approve Special Event Permit Application #18-10229 of Green Education, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation, for the operation of the Green Prize Festival at Admiral Kidd Park with parameters determined by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Office of Special Events and Filming and paying all applicable fees. (District 7)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit #18-10229 of Green Education, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation, for the operation of the Green Prize Festival at Admiral Kidd Park. (District 7)

9:32 a.m. Vice Chair Zanatta recused himself from the Commission.

Chair Heggeness spoke.
Director Mouet spoke.
Stephen Scott spoke.
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.
Commissioner Ursua spoke.
Gladys Kaiser spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve Special Event Permit Application #18-10229 of Green Education, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation, for the operation of the Green Prize Festival at Admiral Kidd Park with parameters determined by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Office of Special Events and Filming and paying all applicable fees. (District 7). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Recused: 1 - Stella Ursua

4. [18-047PR](#) Recommend to the City Manager the approval of playground

equipment as an improvement for public recreation at Jenni Rivera Memorial Park, which meets a recreational need within the City.
(District 6)

Chair Heggeness spoke.
Director Mouet spoke.
Meredith Reynolds spoke.
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.
Commissioner Morales spoke.
Nancy Villasenor spoke.

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

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

5. [18-048PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for July, 2018.

Director Mouet spoke.

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

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

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Julie Heggeness - Chair

Chair Heggeness discussed the function of the committee.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

David Zanatta - Chair

Vice Chair Zanatta discussed the function of the committee.

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair

Commissioner Ursua discussed the function of the committee.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

David Zanatta - Chair

Vice Chair Zanatta discussed the function of the committee.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Margo Morales - Chair

Commissioner Morales discussed the function of the committee.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Stella Ursua - Chair

Commissioner Ursua discussed the function of the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 members of the Commission from responding to public comment on non-agenda items.

GUEST COMMENTS

Randy Zarn spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Mouet spoke

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Kelly Parkins spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Salgado spoke.

COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Friday, August 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

PARK USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE - Thursday, August 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m. - PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE - Thursday, August 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m. - PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Thursday, August 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m. - PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Heggeness adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

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