

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Julie Heggeness, Chair  
David Zanatta, Vice Chair

Gerardo Mouet, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



Ben Goldberg, Commissioner  
Mariela Salgado, Commissioner  
Ron Sievers, Commissioner  
Stella Ursua, Commissioner

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**FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Heggeness at 9:02 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Mouet took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

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

Vice Chair Zanatta joined the meeting at 9:07 am.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Month - October 2019

Melissa Snyder was awarded Employee of the Month for October 2019.

Michelle Wilson spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Community Recreation Services - Winners Reaching Amazing Potential (WRAP)  
Program

Sherlyn Beatty provided a presentation on the WRAP Program to the Commission.

Joy Warren spoke.

Sherlyn Beatty spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Salgado spoke.

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

Donald Cook, AYSO

Mellissa Bruenig, Richard Bruenig Foundation

Corliss Lee, Friends of El Dorado Park East

Antoinette Jabat, Camp Kaseem at Long Beach State

Jon Schultz, PLAY Long Beach

Doug Hambright, Resident

Gloria Bradley, Country Club Manor Association

Mykel Duffey, Long Beach Advocates for Change

James Christian, Teach1 Reach1 Foundation

Wang L. Xiong, Hmong Association of Long Beach

Douglas Smil, Director of the West

David Babore, USA Athletics Kmett

Laura Su, Cambodian American Community Civic Council

Almarles Song, Cambodian American Community Civic Council

Randy Zarn, Partners of Parks

Trinka Roswell, Partners of Parks

Steve Pond, Resident

Mike Sickles, El Dorado AYSO

Susan Kollins, Resident

Maryanne Wescott, Resident

Tito Rofriguez, Local Hearts Foundation

Karen Harper, Hmong Association

Mike Twiteholl, AYSO

Mary Parsell, El Dorado Audubon

David Rey, Resident

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Gerardo Mouet, Director - Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant

### **Business Operations**

Stephen Scott - Leah Salgado - Del Ransom

### **Community Recreation Services**

Gladys Kaiser - Michelle Wilson - Joy Warren - Sherlyn Beatty - Veronica Ortega - Araceli Oviedo, Radiance Brownlow - Debresha Adams - Maria Gutierrez - Ricky Rin - Vince Green

### **Maintenance Operations**

Hurley Owens

### **Park Planning and Partnerships**

Meredith Reynolds

### **Public Works**

Monica Der Gevorgian - Eric Lopez

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [19-057PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2019.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

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

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

## COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

2. [19-058PR](#) Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Director Mouet spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Chair Heggeness spoke  
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.  
Wang L. Xiong, Hmong Association of Long Beach  
Gloria Bradley, Country Club Manor Association  
James Christian, Teach1 Reach1 Foundation  
Tito Rodriguez, Local Hearts Foundation  
Antoinette Jabat, Camp Kaseem at Long Beach State

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Zanatta, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg, to approve permit numbers: R19739, R20392, R20393, R20406, R20399, R20398, R20400 and R20535, and to hold permit numbers 16695 and R20394, for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.  
David Babore, USA Athletics Kmett  
Laura Su, Cambodian American Community Civic Council

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Zanatta, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg, to deny permit numbers: 16695 and R20394. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**3. [19-059PR](#)**

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a Use Permit to LARPBO: Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners, Inc., dba LARPBO Dog Training for the continued provision of on-leash dog training/handling classes (commercial recreation) at Heartwell Park for a term of two years and approximately seven months, from April 12, 2019 to November 30, 2021, with one, two-year renewal option through November 30, 2023, at the discretion of the Director or his designee. (District 5)

Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Director Mouet spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.

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

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

**4. [19-060PR](#)**

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of an artificial turf sports field and associated site improvements for public recreation at El Dorado Park West, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 5).

Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.  
Director Mouet spoke.  
Meredith Reynolds spoke.  
Stephen Scott spoke.  
Monica Der Gevorgian spoke.

Eric Lopez spoke.  
Hurley Owens spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Commissioner Salgado spoke.  
Ann Cantrell spoke.  
Summer Wells spoke.  
Corliss Lee spoke.  
Donald Reese spoke.  
Susan Kollins spoke.  
Mike Twiteholl spoke.  
Mary Parsell spoke.  
Carrie Sharp spoke.  
Youshuba Vasishth spoke.  
Raman Vasishth spoke.  
Maryanne Wescott spoke.  
Steve Pond spoke.  
Jon Schultz spoke.  
Doug spoke.  
David Rey spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Benjamin Alan Goldberg, Mariela Salgado, Stella Ursua, David Zanatta and Julie Heggeness

**No:** 1 - Ron Sievers

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

5. [19-061PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for November 2019.

Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Director Mouet spoke.

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Heggeness discussed committee assignments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

Chair Heggeness and Commissioner Ursua excused themselves from the meeting at 11:12 am.

6. [19-062PR](#) eComments received for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of Thursday, November 21, 2019.

**This PR-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

## **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Chair Heggeness provided the update. Reviewed and discussed the November Agenda and Draft Minutes of the October 17, 2019, Commission meeting.

### **FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

Vice Chair Zanatta informed the Commission that the committee met to discuss the department's budget.

Deputy Director Scott spoke.

**JOINT USE COMMITTEE**

Stella Ursua - Chair

Commissioner Ursua informed the Commission that the committee did not meet.

**MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

Vice Chair Zanatta informed the Commission that the committee discussed the project at Heartwell Park.

**MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Vacant - Chair

Committee did not meet.

**PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mariela Salgado - Chair

Commissioner Salgado informed the Commission that the committee did not meet.

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ann Cantrell spoke.

Mary Parsell spoke.

Corliss Lee spoke.



**STAFF COMMENTS**

Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Hurley Owens spoke.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS**

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Friday, December 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE - Thursday, December 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m. - PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Thursday, December 12, 2019, 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, December 19, 2019, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, located at 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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