

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019  
EL DORADO PARK WEST  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
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 MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Heggeness at 9:03 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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Month - November 2019

Sarah Dickerson was awarded Employee of the Month for November 2019.

Michelle Wilson spoke.  
Kim Wendt spoke.

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Martha Cota, Latinos In Action  
Tanya Polar, A Princess A Day

Toni Galloro, SCAN Health Palm  
Alicia Estrada, Viriditas  
Brian Mekna, Resident  
Mykel Durry, Helpline Youth Counseling  
Mary Parsell, El Dorado Audubon  
Lucy Johnson, Aquatics Capital  
Sheila Grantham, Adventures to Dream

### **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 - Kim Wendt - Linda Bermudez - Sarah  
Dickerson

Maintenance Operations  
Hurley Owens

Park Planning and Partnerships  
Meredith Reynolds - Dustin Borrelli - Lori Craig

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [19-063PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ursua, 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. [19-064PR](#) Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver Policy.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, to approve permit numbers: R20733, R20622, R20665, R20732, R20731, R20730, R20729, R20728 and R20727. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

3. [19-065PR](#) Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a new park amenity and to execute all documents necessary to issue a Right of Entry Permit with Adventures to Dreams Enrichment Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation, to begin the pre-construction (i.e. planning and organization) for a youth and family educational garden at Drake Chavez Greenbelt for a period of three months from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020, or until a City Council approved Lease can be executed and;

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a Lease with Adventures to Dreams Enrichment Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation, for the use of approximately 0.23-acres of City-owned land within the Drake Chavez Greenbelt as a youth and family educational garden and farm produce stand, for a period of five years, from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2025, with two, two-year renewal options, at the discretion of the City Manager, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 1)

Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Director Mouet spoke.  
Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.  
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Ursua spoke.  
Commissioner Salgado spoke.  
Commissioner Sievers spoke.  
Sheila Grantham spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Ursua, 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. [19-066PR](#)

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit, and any other documents necessary, with SCAN Health Plan, a not-for-profit Health Maintenance Organization based in Long Beach, for the production and maintenance of one mural in Pan American Park, for a term of one year from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, to paint, complete, and maintain the murals, with two, one-year options to renew through December 30, 2022, for mural maintenance purposes, at the discretion of the Director. (District 5)

Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Director Mouet spoke.  
Meredith Reynolds spoke.  
Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.  
Gladys Kaiser spoke.  
Toni Galloro 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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

5. [19-067PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for December 2019.

Chair Heggeness spoke.  
Director Mouet 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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Committee Assignments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Julie Heggeness - Chair

Chair Heggeness provided the update. Reviewed and discussed the December Agenda and Draft Minutes of the November 21, 2019, Commission meeting.

### **FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

David Zanatta - Chair

Vice Chair Zanatta informed the Commission that the committee met to discuss Fee Waivers and 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 did not meet.

**MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Vacant - Chair

Chair Heggeness informed the Commission that the 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**

Mary Parsell spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Brian Mekna spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

Commissioner Salgado spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.  
Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS**

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Friday, January 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
- PRM Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE - Thursday, January 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m. - PRM  
Administration Building Small Conference Room - 2760 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Thursday, January 9, 2020, 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, January 16, 2020, 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 9:55 a.m.

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