

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020
TELECONFERENCE, 9:00 AM**

Julie Heggeness, Chair
David Zanatta, Vice Chair
Herlinda Chico, Commissioner



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

Stephen Scott, Interim Director
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Heggeness at 9:00 AM, via Teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Interim Director Stephen Scott took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT

Stephen Scott, Interim Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Kelly Parkins, Superintendent, Grounds Maintenance

Lori Craig, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Leah Salgado, Admin Analyst, Business Operations

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, Marine Bureau

Brittany Howe, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Andrea Fogarty, Clerk Typist, Marine Maintenance

GUESTS PRESENT

There were no guests present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [20-023PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

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

HEARING

2. [20-024PR](#) Adopt a resolution and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20) General Park Mid-Year fee changes and make such changes effective June 19, 2020 (Citywide)

Chair Heggeness opened the Hearing at 9:02 AM.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Chico spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

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

Chair Heggeness concluded the Hearing at 9:19 AM.

COMMISSION ITEMS

3. [20-027PR](#) Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver Policy.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

Commissioner Chico spoke.

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

4. [20-025PR](#) Authorize the Director, or his or her management designee, to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend the Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

5. [20-026PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" for June 2020.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Chico spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke.

Commissioner Ursua spoke.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Heggeness spoke regarding new Committee assignments that will be put in place upon her departure.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Goldberg spoke and stated if appropriate for new business, that he is aware that baseball, soccer and other sports teams are unable to utilize the facilities at this time. He asked where PRM staff are as far as anticipating protocols and how much time is needed before those protocols are put in place.

Valerie Davis spoke and deferred to the Commission.

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke and addressed Commissioner Goldberg's question regarding youth sports. He stated that PRM staff are currently working with youth sports organizations. As soon as we get guidance from the State, we will work with those organizations.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke and asked if the next Commission meeting will be in person or via Teleconference.

Chair Heggeness spoke.

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Heggeness spoke. The Committee met and discussed the agenda.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke. The Committee met and reviewed requests for fee waivers.

JOINT USE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Ursua spoke. The Committee did not meet.

MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke. The Committee did not meet.

MARKETING & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Salgado spoke. The Committee did not meet.

PARKS USAGE & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Salgado spoke. The Committee did not meet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments via Teleconference or email.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Director Stephen Scott spoke and thanked Chair Heggeness for her leadership, great service and commitment to the Long Beach Community.

Gladys Kaiser spoke regarding summer programming and thanked staff for their assistance with reopening the Nature Center.

Kelly Parkins spoke and thanked grounds and facility staff for their ongoing efforts, touched base on Homeless Outreach and announced the completion of the winter planting project. Staff are now geared up for summer.

Valerie Davis spoke and thanked the Commission for their participation on the Teleconference and a special thank you to Chair Heggeness for all her years of service.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Heggeness spoke and said it has been an honor working with everyone.

Vice Chair Zanatta spoke and thanked Chair Heggeness. He also thanked Kelly and all maintenance staff for their efforts. He also stated that he agreed with Commissioner Sievers.

Commissioner Ursua spoke regarding the Council approved item, Framework for Reconciliation, and would like to see PRM share their voice via email or letter.

Commissioner Sievers spoke and is concerned about the budget for PRM.

Commissioner Salgado spoke and concurred with Commissioner Ursua and Sievers.

Commissioner Chico spoke and supports Commissioner Ursua's proposal to craft a message reinforcing the safe space Parks and Recreation provide.

Commissioner Goldberg spoke and stated that he appreciated the hard work Chair Heggeness has put in over the years.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Heggeness adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

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