

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 9:00 AM**

David Zanatta, Chair
Mariela Salgado, Vice Chair



Robert Livingstone, Commissioner
Susan Redfield, Commissioner
Kasey Schoen, Commissioner
Ron Sievers, Commissioner

Brent Dennis, Director
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Zanatta at 9:05 AM, via Teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Director Brent Dennis took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Commissioners Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela

Present: Salgado and David Zanatta

Commissioners Susan Redfield

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Meredith Reynolds, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Alma Castro, Parks Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Jorge Acevedo, Superintendent, Facility Maintenance

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Leah Salgado, Admin Analyst, Business Operations

Lori Craig, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Brittany Howe, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Omar Barboza, Electrician, Facility Maintenance

GUESTS PRESENT

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Lindsay Smith, Co-Founder, Sowing Seeds of Change

Dina Feldman, Co-Founder, Sowing Seeds of Change

Victoria Hernandez, Director, Sk8 Dojo

Elida Zaragoza, Co-Founder, Sk8 Dojo

PRESENTATIONS

Omar Barboza from Maintenance Operations Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for January.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Jorge Acevedo spoke.

Ashley Griset spoke.

Omar Barboza spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-010PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Susan Redfield

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [21-011PR](#) Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve quarterly cleanups at Michael K. Green Skate Park in 14th Street Park and to issue all documents necessary for a right-of-entry permit to Sk8 Dojo, a local nonprofit, from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 and may be extended for (1) additional one-year renewal at the discretion of the Director; and

Recommend to the City Manager to approve the donation of \$8,300.00 from Sk8 Dojo to place additional cement pathways at Michael K. Green Skate Park in 14th Street Park, which meets a recreational need in the City. (District 1)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Victoria Hernandez spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Susan Redfield

3. [21-012PR](#) Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a new park amenity and to issue all documents necessary for a right of entry permit to Sowing Seeds of Change, a 501c3 nonprofit, to create an urban agriculture site at 620 San Francisco for a three year term beginning March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2024 with options for one (1) additional, three-year renewal at the discretion of the Director (District 1).

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Dina Feldman spoke.

Lindsay Smith spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Susan Redfield

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

4. [21-013PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Corner" for February 2021.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Susan Redfield

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Zanatta reported none at this time.

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met. Budget was the topic of discussion for this meeting.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee did not meet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Hernandez spoke during agenda item #2.

Dina Feldman and Lindsay Smith spoke during agenda item #3.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Salgado spoke and thanked the department for continuing park activities for the youth and really liked the projects that were presented today.

Commissioner Sievers spoke seconding Vice Chair Salgado's comments.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke and also concurred with Vice Chair Salgado's comments along with Lindsey's, staff are great. Congratulations on starting the Sowing of Seeds project.

Commissioner Schoen spoke and gave a huge thank you to the staff that have implemented these projects and for bringing on these Community partners. She is excited to be a small player in a part of this process.

Chair Zanatta spoke and congratulated the department on being diligent and keeping an eye on Lincoln Park. He thanked Director Brent Dennis for his collaboration. He also congratulated Director Brent Dennis and the Executive Team. He then closed the meeting in memory of those who we have lost and are battling COVID-19 and dedicated this

Commission meeting to Reynaldo & Rosemarie.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke regarding the upcoming budget process. He asked that Deputy Director Stephen Scott brief everyone on the process when available. He also provided an update on the Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field renaming.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

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