

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
HOUGHTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
6301 MYRTLE AVE.
LONG BEACH, CA 90805, 9:00 AM**

David Zanatta, Chair
Mariela Salgado, Vice Chair



Sharleen Higa, Commissioner
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 9:04 AM, at the Houghton Park Community Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron

Present: Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Commissioners Sharleen Higa

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Nancy Villasenor, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Alma Castro, Park Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Heidi Mazas, Supervisor, Houghton Park

Lilia Romero, Bureau Secretary, Park Planning & Partnership

GUESTS PRESENT

Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor, Council District 9 Office

Jonathan Solorzano, Legislative Field Deputy, Council District 9 Office

Meredith Reynolds, Special Deputy City Manager for Recovery

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Griselda Suarez, Arts Council for Long Beach

Charon Smith, Bahati Foundation

Lucy Johnson, Aquatic Capital of America

Myron Willin, LB Gray Panthers

Debra Peterson, LB City College Foundation

PRESENTATIONS

Lilia Romero from the Park Planning & Partnerships Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for June.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Ashleigh Griset spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Lilia Romero spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-035PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2021.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [21-036PR](#) Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Charon Smith spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, to approve permits for Long Beach Forward, Long Beach Rescue Mission, Rose Park Neighborhood Association and Los Altos YMCA. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

A motion was made by Commissioner Sievers, seconded by Commissioner Redfield, to approve permit for the Bahati Foundation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve permit for LA Curbside Entertainment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

3. [21-037PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute Personal Service Agreements with various instructors to provide free and low-cost public cultural arts programs at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine facilities, for a period of one year from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022, with two, one-year options to renew through August 31, 2024, at the discretion of the Director. (Citywide)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Griselda Suarez spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

4. [21-038PR](#) Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with The Public Corporation for the Arts Long Beach, dba Arts Council for Long Beach, a 501c3 nonprofit, for the production and maintenance of one mural in Houghton Park, for a term of one year from August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022, to paint, complete, and maintain the mural, with two, three-year options to renew through August 31, 2028, for mural maintenance purposes, at the discretion of the Director. (District 9)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Vice Mayor Rex Richardson spoke.

Griselda Suarez spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

5. [21-040PR](#)

Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #21-061 from the Long Beach City College Foundation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to host a Jazz Festival, including the sale of food and merchandise at Scherer Park on August 28, 2021, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and pay applicable fees. (District 8)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit Application #21-061 from Long Beach City College Foundation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to host a Jazz Festival, including the sale of food and merchandise at Scherer Park on August 28, 2021. (District 8)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Debra Peterson spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone, seconded by Commissioner Redfield, to approve the recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #21-061. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

6. [21-039PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for July 2021.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Griselda Suarez spoke.

Charon Smith spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

Debra Peterson spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

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