

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022  
DR. THOMAS J. CLARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
BRIDGE ROOM  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Christopher Chavez, Commissioner  
Sharleen Higa, Commissioner  
Robert Livingstone, Commissioner



Susan Redfield, Commissioner  
Kasey Schoen, Commissioner  
Silissa Uriarte Smith, Commissioner

Brent Dennis, Director  
Jennifer Roberts, Executive Assistant

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Director Brent Dennis at 9:01 AM, at the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center located at El Dorado Park West.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners** Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and

**Present:** Christopher Chavez

**Commissioners** Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

**Excused:**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brent Dennis, Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Janiece McMullin, Financial Services Officer, Business Operations

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Heidi Mazas, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Alma Castro, Park Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Anne Hudson, Admin. Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Jamilah Ragland, Recreation Leader, Community Recreation Services

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Randy Zarn, Assistant to the Executive Director, Partners of Park

Jessica Quintana, Centro CHA Inc.

Stafford Cox, Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

Wang Xiong, Hmong Association of Long Beach

Don Pin, United Cambodian Community

Anna Christensen, Los Cerritos Wetlands Taskforce

Gloria Bradley, County Club Manor Association

Morgan White, Back2School LA

Pat Hurley, Signal Hill Petroleum

Raman Vasishth, Long Beach Resident

Cassandra Leeman, Creative Class Collective

Sinead Finnerty-Pyne, Studio 111

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Director Brent Dennis announced that today's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will include the election of Chair and Vice Chair. As such, he called for nominations for

Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Schoen nominated Commissioner Livingstone for the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Livingstone accepted.

The nomination was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

Chair Livingstone called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Chavez nominated Commissioner Schoen. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Schoen accepted.

The nomination was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Bob Livingstone, Sharleen Higa and Christopher Chavez

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Jamilah Ragland from the Community Recreation Services Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for July.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Ashleigh Griset spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Jamilah Ragland spoke.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [22-028PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2022.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

## COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [22-029PR](#) 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 Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Gloria Bradley spoke.

Stafford Cox spoke.

Don Pin spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Jessica Quintana spoke.

Wang Xiong spoke.

Morgan White spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

3. [22-030PR](#) Recommendation to authorize the Director, or his or her management designee, to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

4. [22-031PR](#) Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to recommend to the City Manager to terminate Permit #35159 and execute a new right-of entry permit with Signal Hill Petroleum, a California private energy company, to maintain a landscape improvement project at Willow Springs Park for a term of five years from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. (District 5)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Pat Hurley spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

5. [22-034PR](#)

Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #22-328 from Cassandra Leeman, dba the Creative Class Collective, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to host an art exhibit and festival that will include sculptures, live music, live art painting, food vendors, alcohol, and local merchants at Lincoln Park on Sunday, September 4, 2022, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and pay applicable fees. (District 1)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit Application #22-328 from Cassandra Leeman, dba the Creative Class Collective, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to host an art exhibit and festival that will include sculptures, live music, live art painting, food vendors, alcohol, and local merchants at Lincoln Park on Sunday, September 4, 2022. (District 1)

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Cassandra Leeman spoke.

Sinead Finnerty-Pyne spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

6. [22-035PR](#)

Recommendation to recommend to the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee for consideration of renaming a section of Channel View Park to Ashlee's Park in memory of Ashlee Armond and forward this item to the City Council for approval. (District 3)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Raman Vasishth spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

7. [22-033PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for August 2022.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Raman Vasishth spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Sharleen Higa, Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen and Christopher Chavez

**Excused:** 2 - Susan Redfield and Silissa Uriarte Smith

## COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Chair Livingstone spoke.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Anna Christensen spoke.

Raman Vasishth spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.



Vice Chair Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Janiece McMullin spoke.

Jenny Roberts spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 11:26 AM.

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