

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT  
JULY 21, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2010, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts, Charles Hicks, Jr.

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Melinda George, Deputy Director  
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**President F. Phil Infelise presided.**

President Infelise introduced newly appointed Civil Service Commissioner Charles Hicks, Jr. and welcomed him to the Commission.

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2010, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that dismissal hearing 11-D-89 Hearing Minutes of May 26, 2010, June 2 & 16, 2010 and July 7, 2010, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT FOR TRAINING:**

**SOSAETE TUUA/ CLERK TYPIST AND HOMER FLEWELLEN, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTORS**

The Secretary presented a communication from Cynthia Stafford, Personnel Services Officer, Public Works, requesting Commission authorization to temporarily reassign Sosaiete Tuua, Clerk Typist and Homer Flewellen, Equipment Operator to the classification of Construction

Inspectors for training. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried to approve this request for discussion. After discussion, the request for reassignment for training was approved, pursuant to Section 63(3) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO RETURN TO  
FORMER CLASSIFICATION:**

**DAVID FAGER/GARAGE SERVICE ATTENDANT TO  
EQUIPMENT MECHANIC**

The Secretary presented communications from Cynthia Stafford, Personnel Services Officer, Public Works, and David Fager, Garage Service Attendant, requesting Commission authorization to return David Fager to his former classification of Equipment Mechanic. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the request to revert David Fager to his former classification of Equipment Mechanic, be approved, pursuant to Section 67(1) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING  
ALLEGED IMPROPER REMOVAL  
FROM CIVIL SERVICE POSITION**

The Secretary presented a communication from Michael Mawn, Communications Center Coordinator, Police, requesting the Commission to review his alleged improper removal from his duties as Communications Center Coordinator. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald and Lourdes Personnel Analysts. The Secretary informed the Commission that this report was to determine if Mr. Mawn was working out of his classification. He further stated that the staff report shows that Mr. Mawn is working within his classification 75% of the time, which was the focus of staff in preparing this report. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission regarding the findings of the investigation into Mr. Mawn's alleged improper removal from his duties as a Communications Center Coordinator, stating that the investigation focus was on Mr. Mawn working out of his classification and to report the findings back to the Commission. She stated that she met with Mr. Mawn and the Police Department, and as a result, the investigation

found that Mr. Mawn's current assignment falls within the scope of his duties as the Communications Center Coordinator, and that he is performing the duties of his classification 75% of the time. She further stated that because Mr. Mawn is assigned to a special project, which is relevant to the Communications Center, he is not performing the portion of his duties as a supervisor. Mr. Mawn addressed the Commission, expressing his disagreement with the findings of the investigation and how it was conducted, and stated that he felt the investigation was one-sided. He briefed the Commission regarding his allegations. Mr. Mawn contends that he is not performing the full scope of the duties of his position as the Communications Center Coordinator, simply because of retaliation from City management for being a whistle blower. Christina Checél, Deputy City Attorney, was present and advised the Commission that it only has jurisdiction on whether the department is working Mr. Mawn in classification or out of his classification. She stated that Mr. Mawn is working within his classification 75% of the time and does not have to be performing all of the duties of his classification. She informed the Commission that if they are not satisfied with the investigation, or if there is a portion that needs to be reviewed or looked at, or if it wants staff to speak with witnesses provided by Mr. Mawn, it's within the Commission jurisdiction to do so. However, she informed the Commission to remember its authority is to determine whether or not Mr. Mawn is working out of classification. Commander J. J. Craig, addressed the Commission, stating that Mr. Mawn's assignment is a special project requested by the City Manager's office that is within his classification. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried to approve and receive and file the report. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Jeanne Karatsu  
Carolyn Smith Watts  
F. Phil Infelise

NAY: Charles Hicks, Jr.

**BULLETIN:**

**SAFETY SPECIALIST**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the subject Job

Opportunity Bulletin be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Firefighter Lateral – 809 Applied, 540 Qualified  
Police Officer Lateral – 19 Applied, 15 Qualified  
Public Health Nutritionist – 24 Applied, 4 Qualified  
Supervisor Facilities Maintenance – 77 Applied, 17 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Gas Field Service Representative  
Helicopter Mechanic

**RETIREMENTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Christopher Kolp/Police Property & Supply Clerk II/Police  
Judy Arsenault/Library Clerk IV/Library  
Stephen Brooks/Development Project Manager  
III/Community Development  
Becky Almquist/Community Development Analyst  
III/Community Development

**RESIGNATIONS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Carrie Flores/Public Safety Dispatcher II/Police  
Crystal Henderson/Maintenance Assistant I/Airport

**SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following hearing schedule be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Dismissal Appeal 25-D-89, August 11, 2010  
Disability Retirement Appeal 03-DR-901, August 12, 2010  
Dismissal Appeal 26-D-89, August 18, 2010  
Reduction Appeal 14-R-89, August 25, 2010  
Dismissal Appeal 02-D-910, September 1, 2010  
Medical Dismissal Appeal 05-MD-910, September 8, 2010  
Dismissal Appeal 07-D-910, September 15, 22, and  
29, 2010

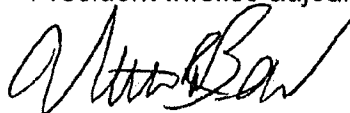
**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Melinda George, Deputy Director, informed the Commission that some of the Employment Services staff is attending the 2010 IPAC Conference on Personnel Assessment in Newport Beach.

The Secretary informed the Commission that the Mayor has called two meetings of the Charter Amendment Committee for Monday, July 26, 2010, 3:00 p.m., and Tuesday, July 27, 2010, 3:00 p.m. He also provided the Commission copies of communications regarding some proposed language for the consolidation of Human Resources and Civil Service and a memo from the City Manager regarding Civil Service Charter Change.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission, President Infelise adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Drew Satariano, President, at 9:02 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Drew Satariano, President  
Brett Waterfield, Vice President  
Simon George  
Albert Guerra  
Harry Saltzgaver  
Sarah Sangmeister  
Brett Waterfield

**Absent:** none

**Staff:** Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations  
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development  
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Gladys Kaiser, General Superintendent  
Tara Yeats, Financial Services Officer  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Michael Robinson, Tactical Fitness  
Dennis Head, retired  
Penny Head, retired  
Joe Pearson  
Andreas Brown  
Emily Duval Ledger, South Bay Fit Camp  
Bernie Stinton, NAC-1  
R. Mike Wilson, NAC-SS  
Rita Ellner, Long Beach Senior Advisory Commission  
Sasha Kanno, Wrigley Garden  
Ron Antonette, Resident  
Ann Cantrell  
Mary Parsell, Long Beach Audubon Society  
Larry Rich, Sustainability Office

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 20, 2010**

**It was moved by Vice President Waterfield and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the May 20, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III RECOGNITION OF RITA ELLNER AND JOE PEARSON FOR RECEIVING OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARDS**

President Satariano read Rita Ellner's nomination. She received her certificate from Supervisor Don Knabe at the awards ceremony.

President Satariano read Joe Pearson's nomination. President Satariano gave Mr. Pearson his certificate from Supervisor Don Knabe, as Mr. Pearson did not attend the ceremony.

Ms. Sherri Nixon-Joiner spoke on Ms. Ellner's and Mr. Pearson's behalf and thanked them for the work they had done.

**IV. PRESENTATION ON SUMMER PROGRAMS**

President Satariano stated that this was Sherri Nixon-Joiner's last Commission meeting before her retirement and presented her with flowers from the Commission.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner thanked the Commission and said that she would still be around, keeping busy.

Ms. Gladys Kaiser said that the supervisors are here to honor Sherri and her 39 years of service.

Ms. Kaiser then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's summer programs and said the theme this year is Long Beach Rocks. She described the following Community Recreation Services Bureau's programs: youth programs, the day camp program, Winners Reaching Amazing Potential or WRAP program offered at school sites, Recreation on Campus or ROCK program offered at school sites, the summer mobile recreation program, adaptive recreation program, contract classes, aquatics programs, model boat shop, youth sports programs, adult sports programs, El Dorado Nature Center, Homeland Cultural Center, mural conservancy program, Long Beach Sea Festival collaboration, concerts in

the park, movies in the park, Long Beach Municipal Band, tennis program, volunteer program, summer food program, junior beach runners program, and the field permit program. Ms. Kaiser said that the bureau also oversees five teen centers at the regional sites, five senior centers, reservation/registration office, open gymnasiums, and the park rangers,

President Satariano thanked Ms. Kaiser for the creative presentation.

## V. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

### **#10-0601**

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.

President Satariano stated that there are no agreements this month.

### **#10-0602**

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a facility use permit to Emily Duval Personal Training, doing business as South Bay Fit Camp, for the provision and operation of an outdoor fitness program at Whaley and Recreation Parks for a term of one year, with two one-year renewal options, at the discretion of the Director or his designee, beginning July 1, 2010.

Commissioner Sangmeister asked if there was any exclusivity? Can we approve another group?

Mr. Hester responded yes, you can approve other groups.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **#10-0603**

Recommendation to approve the use of Livingston Drive Park for outdoor exercise classes and personal training by BAC Management, LLC, dba The Belmont Athletic Club, and recommend City Council authorization to execute a permit for the above-mentioned use of city beaches and parks for a term of two years, with three, one-year renewal options, at the discretion of the City Manager or his designee.



**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**#10-0604**

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a facility use permit to Michael L. Robinson, an individual doing business as Tactical Fitness, for the provision and operation of an outdoor fitness program / boot camp at Heartwell Park for a term of one year, with two one-year renewal options, at the discretion of the Director or his designee, beginning July 1, 2010.

Vice President Waterfield asked if the participants would register through our registration office?

Mr. Hester responded no, they would register through the instructor.

Commissioner Sangmeister said we are getting more of these. Are we now getting a handle on the groups that are operating without permits?

Mr. Hester responded that we are working on that.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**VI. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
President Satariano, Chair**

President Satariano said the Committee met and discussed the agenda.

**1) Selection of 2010-2011 Officers**

President Satariano said they discussed this and are reporting that Brett Waterfield has been selected as the President and Sarah Sangmeister has been selected as the Vice President.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
President Satariano, Chair

President Satariano said the Committee met and discussed fee increases. We also discussed the 2010 budget being closed out. The statement was included in the packet.

Mr. Hester said we have been asked to submit a reduction of about \$250,000, which will be a challenge with the water costs and maintenance issues. Staff is watching all their purchases closely. I am confident that we will be able to bring our budget in on target. We have submitted our 2011 budget with two reduction plans and the City Manager has reviewed all the proposals.

Commissioner Guerra said he noticed there was a line item for capital purchases and wondered if there were any capital purchases?

Mr. Hester responded that this would be for some kind of equipment and we are trying to defer everything to next year. We are also just gearing up for summer and the Community Recreation Services Bureau will need to purchase more items then.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver said the Committee did not meet. The statistics report is included in the packet. At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Councilwoman Schipske brought forward a request on Permits to Gather, in response to the shooting at Pan American Park. Mr. Hester and Mr. West will be putting together another report and a request for an additional public safety fee that would help us with the park ranger situation. That report is due in 60 days. I am not sure what that will all mean.

Mr. Hester stated that Department staff met yesterday to discuss this. We made it clear that we currently send a bi-weekly report of all the permits to the Police Department. They have a full list. We do about 4,000 to 5,000 permits each year. We will be meeting with the Police Chief's office on June 30 to ask what they need, since they are responsible for the enforcement. There was talk about signage. We only have control over those who take out permits. I am not going to put our staff out there to enforce permits. That is the responsibility of the police. As to the security fee, we

don't recommend that. We don't want to discourage people from getting permits and the amount we would have to charge would be about \$20 to \$25 to get one ranger. Police understand they are responsible for enforcement. We will see what comes out of this and bring it back to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Hester stated there are several new police commanders and Department staff will be meeting with them. Police are now addressing park issues as a priority one. The Department's budget presentation has been delayed to July, to be a part of the public safety budget. We have been pushing this for a long time. This would be to our benefit.

D.     **MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra said the meeting was cancelled. There is a family entertainment guide in the packet. He said he looked at the 100 Days of Summer website and was very impressed.

E.     **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
Vice President Waterfield, Chair

Vice President Waterfield said they did not meet. We have been getting the e-mail updates on the projects, which helps. He said he is looking forward to the opening of Homeland.

F.     **SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Vice President Brett Waterfield, Chair

Vice President Waterfield said they did not meet. He was wondering about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities and what the Commissioners might be involved in.

Mr. Hester responded that this might be the last year for fireworks. The City is planning to do a scaled down fireworks show this year.

Vice President Waterfield asked about the block party permits.

Mr. Hester responded that the number of block party permits this year is down from previous years.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for May 2010.

Ms. Kaiser said we kicked off the 100 Days of Summer at the archery range with the movie Avatar and had about 400 participants. It is a great venue for an activity.

**It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Satariano said no correspondence was received.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Satariano said that there was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit for the operation of a family-oriented Oktoberfest with O Entertainment, Inc., in El Dorado Regional Park, Area III, from October 22 to 24, and 27 to 31, 2010, with staging to begin October 19, and completion of teardown November 2; and recommend the City Council approve a Resolution amending the Municipal Code to authorize a temporary waiver for the restriction of alcohol at El Dorado Regional Park, Area III, for this event.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if this was the same group that does the lobster and crab festivals?

Mr. Hester responded yes, this is the same organization.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked exactly where would this be located?

Mr. Hester responded that this would be in Area III along the 605 Freeway. Parking would be where the Cambodian New Year event takes place. The event would be fenced off. During the daytime, Area III would be open to the public, but closed off for the event during the evening. The organization would pay the cost for access through the front gate. During this time, the public would access the park for free. We calculated what the average entrances would be for those dates and the organization would pay that amount. They would be open from 12:00 noon on Saturdays and Sundays, to 10:00 p.m. During the week they would be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The area would not be open to the public inside the fenced off area.

President Satariano said we have the alcohol pilot program, which has not gone to City Council yet.

Mr. Hester responded that we want to see if this program works before we go forward with the pilot program. Before that program goes to City Council, we will bring it back to the Parks and Recreation Commission first.

Commissioner Guerra asked if there would be any ranger costs?

Mr. Hester responded that the organization would pay for any additional City costs, like traffic, plus a percentage of the gross income. They would have their own security inside their venue.

President Satariano asked if anyone in the public would like to speak to this item? There was no response.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to issue a non-exclusive right-of-entry permit to Long Beach Local to enter City-owned property, located at 2712 California Avenue, for the purpose of providing a one-acre urban farm and mulch yard, for a term beginning July 1, 2010 through July 1, 2011.

Mr. Hester stated we have some representatives in attendance and Larry Rich is here from the Sustainability Office. We have worked with the Sustainability Office on other potential locations. We are

giving this group a right of entry only, not leasing it to them. A final decision has not been made on what we are doing with this site yet.

Mr. Larry Rich introduced himself and said they have been working for some time to come up with sites to train at-risk youth. They have been looking for a mulch site utilizing mulch and compost. He said Sasha is the local operator through Long Beach Local.

Ms. Sasha Kano introduced herself as the director of the Wrigley Garden on Henderson. She said this project is an extension of that garden. This project is more of a farm, where children could come and learn to grow food, take it to market, and learn to trade, getting back to that lifestyle.

Commissioner Guerra asked if these products would make it to local farmers markets?

Ms. Kano said that she does go the farmers market at Longfellow School and would like to expand from that. There was an EIR done on the potential sports park site and this area has been found clean. She said they would bring in their own soil and put it above ground to use.

Mr. Rich said they have applied for a grant for a low impact development academy, which they would like to use this site for. They would also plant trees at this site. He said they would like to use this site for the rain water catch program they started and for planting of native plants. This would be a job-training program for youth and they would get paid for their efforts.

Mr. Hester said we are planting native plants on medians and mulching the areas. The ability to have access to mulch would be a savings to the Department.

Ms. Ann Cantrell said she is so pleased this is finally coming to fruition. Is this going to be organic?

Ms. Kano responded yes.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI. COMMENTS**

**A. AUDIENCE**

President Satariano asked for comments from the audience.

Mr. Dennis Head introduced himself as a resident and ex-City employee. He stated he lives across the street from Orizaba Park. He wanted to thank Mr. Hester for the job he has done and thanked the Parks and Recreation Commissioners for their service. He also thanked his neighbors who are with him, Mike Wilson and Bernie Stinton, who volunteer their time. You can't put a price on that.

Mr. Head said Orizaba Park used to be a wreck. Now it has some staff. A trailer was taken away that was hooked up to a sewer system for bathrooms and it also used to have tables and chairs kept in it. Our children don't go to the DARE facility and we are happy to see a short schedule of recreation come back. Without the restroom at the park, it turns my yard and alley into a restroom. Please look into putting them back in the park. There are a lot of children that use the park presently.

Mr. Mike Wilson said we really worked hard to get that trailer there years ago and when they took it away, I thought they were going to construct a building. This has caused problems. All the activities have been pulled out of the park and the kids are losing out. We have reasons to be concerned about these kids. This is an immigrant community. We have heard about budget problems for ten years. This is a park that is going to get larger. It is just dirt now, but it will be done. Between now and when the building is built, please put a restroom trailer back there. We found that the PAL site was not getting a summer lunch program because those are all teenagers. Orizaba Park is getting the summer lunch program because there are smaller kids in that neighborhood who need the lunches and they are too small to go to the PAL site. There are no tables and chairs or facilities at Orizaba Park now. This is a working class neighborhood and I hope you have the opportunity to do something about it. We would appreciate it.

Mr. Hester responded that when the decision was made to eliminate the PAL program, it was thought the building would be put to good use for a year-round recreation program. What has happened is it is more teen oriented. We will make sure we bring back portable restrooms and tables and chairs for the summer lunch program at Orizaba Park.

Ms. Sandra Gonzalez stated that the Orizaba Park bid opening is in July and the park expansion should begin in August.

Mr. Hester stated that Orizaba Park would still have the summer food program. We have submitted for a grant for the community center. The State will be reviewing the site next week. Staff would then move over from the PAL site to this facility. We are not looking to put a full size trailer back there, but we would have some facilities there. We might need your assistance with the porta-potties, as we would need to lock them in the evenings. If we leave them open it would draw negative activities. We will discuss that with you.

Mr. Bernie Stinton said we haven't had programs in Orizaba Park for about three years. We need the trailer to have staff and we need a bathroom there. The drinking fountain was run over by a car and was only replaced when we complained. The teeter-totter broke and was taken out. We managed the WESCA program for two years and handed it out. We cleaned up that area with Dr. Clark and Del Roosevelt. That is the only park in that area, other than Rotary Park. We are asking this summer for programming in Orizaba Park.

Ms. Anne Cantrell introduced herself and stated that regarding the tree trimming policy that the Commission approved last November, it includes a provision that no trimming would happen between January and November unless there was a safety problem. If that happened, an arborist would be contacted to make sure no nesting was going on. There was a big tree trimming going on by Studebaker Avenue and Willow Street. She obtained a copy of the policy and talked to Theresa Maceyka. Theresa indicated that the head of the contracting crew is an arborist. He knows about trees but not birds. I was told that he checked the trees before they were trimmed and didn't see any nests. It takes an expert to see them. Ornithologists look for bird activity. Does the City have an ornithologist and was one called for this trimming? Why was it



necessary to trim as many as 15 trees? Could I have some answers?

Mr. Hester responded that it was a safety issue. That area is the location for the Municipal Band concert, which has as many as 4,000 to 5,000 people sit under those trees. On Sunday, we had a tree fall down on a family at Recreation Park. This was a safety issue. I don't know if there was an ornithologist called. I'll find that out.

Ms. Mary Parsell said Long Beach Audubon could have helped out in that small area.

B. STAFF

President Satariano asked for comments from staff.

President Satariano said that included in the packet was a copy of an article that Sandra Gonzalez wrote about the Rancho Los Cerritos.

Ms. Gonzalez said she is sorry but she would not be at the park tour tomorrow, but Anna Mendiola would be in attendance. July 9 is the bid opening funded through RDA for Orizaba Park. Work on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Place restroom will begin on July 9. I want to credit our other bureaus that are working with us on the projects. State Parks surprised us with a request for a tour of the nature center prior to grant submittal. They were there for two hours.

Mr. Hester said there would be an opportunity tomorrow when the tour goes by Orizaba Park and you can see what the proposed center looks like. If the State cannot fund it, the RDA Board is interested in funding it.

Mr. Wilson stated that a lockable cage would protect a porta-potty. A trailer is needed.

Ms. Kaiser said the *Family Entertainment Guide* for the summer programs was included in the packet.

Mr. Arevalo said staff worked with Nutra Dog Company and expanded the large dog park by 30 feet. They did some artwork on the fence that looks really nice. We planted some trees to curtail the soccer players playing near the dog park. Work on the Colorado Lagoon bridge has started and should be done in the next two weeks.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Satariano asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Saltzgaver apologized, but he has to miss the tour tomorrow.

Commissioner Sangmeister said she too has to miss the tour.

Vice President Waterfield presented a plaque to President Satariano and thanked him for serving as Chair to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the last two years.

XII. NEXT MEETING

President Satariano stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, California.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Satariano adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black  
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine