

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
JUNE 18, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Herb Levi, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

MEMBER EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Stephanie Kemp, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Lisa Marin, Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Ricardo Hernandez, to the classification of Equipment Operator on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY
REASSIGNMENT FOR
TRAINING:**

**TONY NEAL/CUSTOMER SERVICES SUPERVISOR TO
SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN**

The Secretary presented a communication from Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management, requesting Commission authorization to temporarily reassign Tony Neal to the classification of Systems Technician for training. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request for reassignment for training be 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 NAME
TO ELIGIBLE LIST:**

CLERK TYPIST

The Secretary presented a communication from Myra Talley, requesting that her name be returned to the Clerk Typist eligible list. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Herman Long, Deputy Director. Ms. Talley was present and addressed the Commission. Donald Bradburn, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, was present and addressed the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to deny Ms. Talley's request to return to the eligible list. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

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

Buyer – 78 Applied, 18 Qualified
Civil Engineering Assistant – 15 Applied, 13 Qualified
Deputy Chief Harbor Engineer – 1 Applied, 1 Qualified
Office Automation Analyst (Amended) – 24 Applied,
14 Qualified
Senior Accountant – 29 Applied, 8 Qualified
~~Senior Program Manager – Water~~
Special Services Officer – 299 Applied, 228 Qualified
Systems Technician – 17 Applied, 12 Qualified
Transportation Planner – 5 Applied, 5 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

CLERK TYPIST

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject eligible list be extended for an additional three months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESIGNATION:

**ANGELO ECKER/SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER
I/PUBLIC WORK**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the subject resignation be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

TRANSFER:

**LYNNE HOLLAND/ACCOUNTING CLERK III/PUBLIC
WORKS TO ACCOUNTING CLERK III/PARKS,
RECREATION AND MARINE**

It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the subject transfer between departments be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PROPOSED CIVIL SERVICE
DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008/09:**

The Secretary presented the proposed Civil Service Department Fiscal Year 2008/09 budget to the Commission for review, approval and directive to submit to the Mayor. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by him. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the proposed 2008/09 budget be approved and submitted to the Mayor. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, thanked Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources for the outstanding job she did in the administration of the Buyer examination, Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst, for the outstanding job he did in the administration of the Special Services Officer examination, and Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, for the job she is doing with the orientation and information to the candidates for the Marine Safety Sergeant promotional examination.

The Secretary informed the Commission that a new Commissioner has been recommended for appointment to the Civil Service Commission, and that he will be attending the Personnel and Civil Service Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Paula Johnson, Administrative Analyst, Police Department, thanked Melinda George, Employment Services Officer and Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst for the working with them on the Special Services Officer examination, waiving the examination for candidates having the California POST certification as a Peace Officer or candidates who have been placed on the Police Recruit eligible list.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Karatsu 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
MAY 15, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Harry Saltzgaver, President, at 9:02 a.m., at the Rancho Los Alamitos. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Harry Saltzgaver, President
Drew Satariano, Vice President
Albert Guerra
Bob Livingstone
Sarah Sangmeister
Brett Waterfield

Absent: Simon George, excused

Staff: Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
J.C. Squires, Manager of Business Operations Bureau
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Superintendent
William Greco, Supervising Park Ranger
Lt. Dan Pratt, Park Rangers
Ramon Arevalo, Superintendent, Grounds Maintenance
Ken Herbage, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance
Anna Mendiola, Park Development Officer
Beverly Glavas, Special Projects Officer
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Nilesh Bhalta, Kabir Cricket Club
Ankit Parmar, Hollywood Cricket Club
Ashir Patel, Kabir Cricket Club
Sanjany Bhuktg, Kabir Cricket Club
Rohit Bhuktz, Kabir Cricket Club
Bhaleta Bhupon, Kabir Cricket Club
Bhulashi Bhechte, Kabir Cricket Club
Jagesh Bhuktz, Kabir Cricket Club
Cragan, Pacifica Cricket Club
Prasamer, Pacifica Cricket Club
Jagur, Pacifica Cricket Club
Chak, Pacifica Cricket Club
Satya, Pacifica Cricket Club
Kamal Azeez, Hollywood Cricket Club
Chendra Roy, Winter League
Ann Cantrell

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to excuse the absence of Commissioner Simon George. The motion carried unanimously.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. DAVID EDGAR FOR VOLUNTARY IDEA PROGRAM (VIP) SUGGESTION

Mr. Hester thanked the Commission for the opportunity to recognize one of the Department employees. He explained the Voluntary Idea Program, which has been in place for a number of years, as a program to reward employees who come up with cost saving measures. Dave Edgar has come up with a lot of ideas in the past and was just recently selected to receive a monetary award for an idea. The Department would like to encourage all employees, especially the maintenance employees, to come up with new ways to do their job better. He introduced Ken Herbage, who is Mr. Edgar's supervisor, and asked that he speak about this award.

Mr. Herbage said that at the Queens Way Bay and Rainbow Harbor, a boom is in place to block the debris that flows down from the Los Angeles River. Employees would have to go out in a boat and hook onto the boom to open and close it. This can be unsafe in rough water conditions. Mr. Edgar came up with an idea of mechanizing that system so the boom operates with a chain hoist. Now, one person can safely operate the boom launch from shore. This is a great improvement and much safer. Mr. Edgar is to be commended for the latest of his great ideas.

Mr. Hester stated that the check we are presenting to Mr. Edgar is for \$100. During the next year, the Department will be tracking the savings from using the suggested system. Once that savings is figured out, Mr. Edgar will be getting a larger check, a percentage of that first year's savings.

President Saltzgaver presented a letter of congratulations and a check to Mr. Edgar.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the April 17, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#08-0501

PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL

It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to authorize the Community Recreation Services Bureau Manager or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0502

AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CRICKET GROUND IN EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK

Mr. Hester explained that for a number of years this group has been playing at Marina Vista Park and they work very closely with the Department on scheduling their games at that facility. They looked to expand the program and found an area in El Dorado Regional Park behind the archery range that is not used. He said that Ken Herbage from the Department staff has been working with the group.

Mr. Ken Herbage introduced Mr. Kamal Azeez, a member of the Beverly Hills cricket group, who works very closely with the cricket players in Long Beach.

Mr. Azeez stated that he is the president of the Hollywood Cricket Club, which has been around since 1932. He said that this group has been playing cricket in Long Beach since 2002 at Marina Vista Park. He introduced the Long Beach players and described a cricket field and explained how cricket is played.

Mr. Chendra Roy described his history of playing cricket.

Mr. Azeez stated that they hoped to have a decision soon, because they were supposed to have their home games set up already.

Mr. Herbage stated he and Ramon Arevalo chose this location because the area is not used much.

Mr. Ramon Arevalo stated that they took care to choose the area so that no trees would be taken out.

President Saltzgaver asked how many players are on a team?

Mr. Azeez responded that on the field there are 11 fielders and 2 batters and 2 umpires, totaling 16 people. The association wants to see at least 20 people on the roster who are able to play.

President Saltzgaver said that he was wondering where the players would park?

Mr. Hester responded that they would park along the park road and there is also plenty of parking in the archery range parking lot. This is not a huge group.

Commissioner Guerra asked if the group would need a storage bin?

Mr. Azeez responded that at this point they see no need for a storage bin if a proper field is put in.

Mr. Hester stated that it depends on what they need. There is room by the archery range and the ranger station for a storage bin.

Commissioner Guerra asked how often the field would be mowed?

Mr. Arevalo responded that the area is mowed once a week. Maintenance would not be increased unless they need something special.

Commissioner Sangmeister asked that in talking about maintaining the cricket pitch or the wicket, what is it that the group envisions in doing to maintain it?

Mr. Azeez responded said that they are concerned about the wicket area. He approached Mr. Arevalo and Mr. Herbage about what to do with the middle area. The best solution is to have regular turf, which takes a lot of maintenance and is not affordable. There are two other solutions. One is to form off the 12 ft. by 9 ft. batting surface area and put in a mixed decomposed granite soil and cover that with turf. The other option is to border it off and put in some concrete and cover it a mat. He said they would leave it up to the maintenance staff. He mentioned that there are gophers in the park and that concrete might deter them.

Commissioner Livingstone said that he had a question about scheduling. What about Memorial Day and Cambodian New year? Who would determine when they can not use the area?

Mr. Hester responded that if a big event would be scheduled, the Department would schedule the cricket games around the event.

Ms. Ann Cantrell said she had a few more questions before this item would be voted on. First of all, in order to ready this location for a cricket field, gopher control has already been taking place over the last few weeks. She has been assured that the pellets are placed deeply in the tunnels so that no other animal can get a hold of the poison. There are ground squirrels, moles, voles, snakes, and burrowing owls that use gopher tunnels. It is going to take a lot of poison to eliminate all the gophers. The gophers are not the problem and they provide food for the hawks, the owls and the great blue herons. This is another example of trying to fit a square peg in a round

hole. This area is for passive not active recreation. When there is an archery tournament, this area is used for overflow parking. What are you going to do when people start parking on the cricket field? This is going to be very damaging to the grass, not to mention the leaking oil and anti-freeze. In the letter, it says that there will be no stands built, but the spectators will use picnic tables that are on the grounds. I looked and there are no picnic tables in this entire area. Our picnic tables are concrete and cannot be moved. Is the City going to provide picnic tables in this area? The permits that were issued for Marina Vista Park said authorized use non-exclusive right to use but not to possess designated facilities for playing cricket. That's what I heard Mr. Hester say today that this would be a non-exclusive use. But, with the Southern California Cricket Association, it is a requirement that the club have exclusive use permit for use of the grounds prior to admittance into the association to minimize scheduling problems. It also says that the grounds are specifically used for cricket and that it be available year-round with the hours of use from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and only for cricket. I am wondering if this is going to be an exclusive or a non-exclusive permit. Also, I see that you are going to get \$150 a day for adult games. How many days a week would this be used? How much money is anticipated to be collected for selling this open space? It appears to me that this is a commercial recreational use and requires a conditional use permit. I see no mention of this in the packet. I am most concerned about this unprecedented use in El Dorado Park East. The master plan that I have for El Dorado states it was designed to be a regional park with unstructured activities and will remain so. Unstructured means the public can jog, skate, bike ride, walk dogs, bird watch, and just enjoy the peace and quiet of the park. El Dorado West has baseball diamonds, soccer fields, Frisbee golf, golf, roller skate park, basketball and tennis courts. I am not opposed to sports. My son and my grandsons all play sports, soccer, baseball, and basketball. But, El Dorado was created for those to enjoy happy times of recreation. No sport fields have ever been allowed in Areas II and III. This would be a loss of open space for the general public so that 22 players can enjoy their recreation. Please do not create a precedent by allowing sports fields in this area. If another place needs to be found for a cricket field, please put it where it belongs in an area already containing sports fields. I have respectfully asked that all the questions about parking, spectator seating, permitting, compliance and master plan use be answered before your approval.

President Saltzgaver stated that he appreciated her comments.

Mr. Hester responded that the Department is talking about adding more picnic tables in the overall park, but not specifically in this area. As to the exclusivity, we do not give exclusive permit rights. They will function just like the archery range and they will submit a schedule and that will be worked in with our schedule. This is not a commercial use. The archery range already has an active use, so a precedent has been set. This would function basically the same way and they would request, like the archery range, to use the facility. As for the parking standpoint, I am very confident that there is ample parking for an event like this. The issue with gophers, I know that there has been a lot of discussion about them. Unfortunately, Mr. Shippey is not here

and he knows the details of what we are doing with gopher control. There are two sides to gopher issue. We try to eliminate gophers in the parks for safety because people can trip and fall and we get a lot of complaints about the gophers in all the parks. We would address the gopher issue whether this field was there or not. As to the master plan, it is about 25 or 30 years old. It also calls for an amphitheater up in Area III by the lake. From our standpoint, this is not what I would call a dedicated facility and the public would have access to it. The timing, as to how and when they would be able to use it, would be through a permit, which could be permitted every weekend for some other type of event. This would be similar to what we have done in a number of the other facilities. Mr. Eschen is not here to answer the other question. This is not an exclusive use, this is a permit and we are not dedicating this to the group. We are not leasing the property.

Commissioner Livingstone asked how many times a week would the group be using this area?

Mr. Azeez responded that they would use the area from April through September on Saturdays and Sundays, unless there are other events scheduled.

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the development of the Cricket Ground in El Dorado Park, Area II and to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit with Southern California Cricket League, commencing on June 1, 2008 and expiring on a date to be determined, pending approval. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0503

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE NINTH AMENDMENT TO PICNIC SERVICE CONCESSION PERMIT NO. 23430 WITH A.J.'S CUSTOM PICNICS FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2009

Commissioner Livingstone asked if this was an amendment?

Mr. Squires responded that this is an amendment to add another year to the permit.

It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Vice President Satariano to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute the Ninth Amendment to Picnic Service Concession Permit No. 23430 with A.J.'s Custom Picnics for a term of one year, expiring June 30, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0504

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF A PICNIC SERVICE CONCESSION WITH CHEF GREGORY'S GOURMET CATERING, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, EXPIRING ON MAY 31, 2009, WITH OPTIONS FOR RENEWAL SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR

It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit with Chef Gregory's Gourmet Catering for a term of one year, expiring May 31, 2009, with options for renewal subject to the discretion of the Director. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0505

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR WAIVER OF CONCESSION AND FIELD PERMIT FEES FOR CALIFORNIA SUN & SURF INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

President Saltzgaver stated that this is a waiver that has been approved in the past and he would like a report, due to the fact that this is strictly a waiver of fees.

Mr. Hester said that this group has been using our facilities for a number of years for this particular tournament. They use predominately all the fields at Heartwell, El Dorado, Bancroft, and the archery range. We waive all their fees and they in turn make a donation to Partners of Parks as part of that fee waiver. We have put them on notice that in the coming years we are probably not going to be able to provide that fee waiver. This year, we have increased the amount of their donation to Partners of Parks with the understanding that the fee waiver will probably not be available. We have also worked closely with them regarding the neighborhood parking issues at Heartwell Park.

President Saltzgaver said that for the record, the fee waiver is valued at \$24,412.50, with the understanding that approximately half of that is donated back to Partners of Parks.

Mr. Hester stated that the Department and the City Council office has had conversations with the Heartwell Park residents, who are moving for preferential parking along Parkcrest Street.

Commissioner Waterfield said that he had a couple of concerns. One is the nature of sponsorship of the tournament itself. I know when it started it was in partnership with one of the local soccer clubs. My understanding is that relationship doesn't exist any longer and now they are working with a smaller club, which represents only three teams. My concern is that in looking at the information on their website. They had close to 800 teams registered last year, which could generate over \$100,000 and for us to waive \$24,000 in fees, the participant fees alone generate that much plus they have sponsorships.

Mr. Hester stated that he was sorry that they did not have representation here. In the past they talked about the number of hotel rooms generated by people who attend. We are looking at changing these types of permits and requiring them to pay some sort of offset and generate more revenue. Some of these soccer clubs use this money to offset their operating costs. Another thing we are looking at is what charities they are giving to and where are they located.

Commissioner Sangmeister said she is sorry they are not here. She would like to not only hear from them, she would like to hear from the CVB or from someone else. She did watch the City Council meeting regarding the parking issues and as a Commission, we have to be fairly sensitive as to how many people we are bringing from outside of Long Beach and what kind of effect that has on our residents. It sounds like the Department is going in this direction and asking some pointed questions about where these people are coming from. Are they from out of state or from out of the county? We have some tremendous ability here and given our budget issues now, we don't have much

Mr. Hester stated that the Commission can delay this a month and have them be prepared to answer those questions.

Vice President Satariano stated that we discussed this at the Executive Committee meeting and that the wave of the future is that to look at fee waivers of any sort. It was my impression that years ago, the purpose was to waive the fees because it was like seed money, they were getting started, which they obviously are doing well. It needs to be difficult to get a fee waiver from the Commission. I hope they are not taking this for granted.

Mr. Hester stated that that might not be the case. Mr. Barraza has been very concerned and has offered to help in the discussions with the community issues, particularly at Heartwell Park.

President Saltzgaver stated that while hotel rooms and economic impact is wonderful, the last time I checked, none of this got to Partners of Parks and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. This is not an urgent matter and he would be interested in a motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to lay over this request to the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, on June 19, so a representative of the California Sun & Surf Organization can attend and respond to the Commission's questions. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Waterfield said that we don't know if the Sun & Surf Tournament is giving those funds back to the kids in Long Beach.

V. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Saltzgaver, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met and discussed the agenda.

- Development of an appeal process for Commission

President Saltzgaver said that the Executive Committee discussed that we have a Finance and Appeals Committee, but there is no appeals process in place for the Parks and Recreation Commission. That appeal being permits and fee waivers. They are directing staff to develop an appeal process through the Director's office with the help of the City Attorney's office.

Vice President Satariano stated that we don't have an appeals process because we really didn't need one before. We always acknowledged that. Triggered by what may be budget concerns, but for a number of different reasons, going forward, we will need a process because we will probably be making decisions that may be unpopular. Those decisions may be for the sole purpose of capturing funds.

It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to direct staff to develop an appeal process and bring it back to the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- Presentation of "core" programs for FY09 budget

President Saltzgaver stated that as discussed in the January retreat, there is a need for defining priorities and a core program. We have not specifically requested a list. He said it would be a good idea, with the upcoming advocacy efforts, to have a specific presentation of what the Department considers to be core and what we consider to be core. He would like a presentation at the June 19 meeting of core programs with the FY09 budget.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
President Saltzgaver, Chair

- Development of a fee waiver policy for Commission

President Saltzgaver stated that fee waivers have been discussed several times in the past and we would like the Department to revisit the

fee waiver policy because it is no longer going to be viable to approve fee waivers. We would like staff to come up with a revised policy and bring it back to the Finance and Appeals Committee.

Vice President Satariano said that a policy is needed to give to the City Council for when they receive phone calls from the public, they would know how to respond.

Ms. Sherri Nixon-Joiner stated that they are addressing some of this currently with the City Attorney's office and she can pull this information out. She said that we do have a policy.

President Saltzgaver stated that we want to review it. He would like to prioritize the fee waiver portion of that policy, break it out and bring it to the Finance and Appeals Committee for updating.

Commissioner Waterfield said that he hopes they keep in mind some of the things that we have been talking about today in terms of organizations that come forward to the Commission, so that we have a better idea of what to work with.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that they have not been working on the field permitting yet, but that has to be part of the whole fee waiver issue.

President Saltzgaver said that he sees this as an umbrella policy regarding all fees in the Department.

Mr. Hester mentioned that there this would give him guidance, because he sees these every day. There is a push for all City departments to look at all fee waivers.

- Review of cost recovery policy

President Saltzgaver said that the Department has long had a policy to subsidize youth, and we are not legally able to overcharge one segment of our customer base to support another segment of our customer base. Therefore, we would like to review the cost recovery policy.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner George, Chair

President Saltzgaver said that he would speak in Commissioner George's absence and that the Committee met this morning. He said that they went over safety equipment and park ranger staffing. He requested a report from Bill Greco.

Mr. Greco stated that they are budgeted for nine full-time park rangers and they have two vacancies. One person is in the process of a background check, which can take from four to six months.

President Saltzgaver stated that the current staffing level makes it impossible to cover the parks citywide and that this would be discussed during next month's meeting. He said that the Committee asked for more information on the value of park rangers.

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

Commissioner Guerra stated that the Committee did not meet this month.

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

Vice President Satariano stated that the Committee did not meet this month.

- E-mail from Alexis Amador-Marrero

Vice President Satariano stated that they received a copy of an e-mail from Alexis Amador-Marrero, mostly because it relates to Capital Improvement. She attended a park neighborhood association meeting, attended by Department representatives, and had several questions. She felt she wanted to let the Commission know about the issues. She sent this to Ms. Black, who forwarded the e-mail to myself and to Commissioner George because it had to do with park safety and infrastructure.

- Letter to Mayor and Members of the City Council on infrastructure bond

Vice President Satariano said that the Mayor is contemplating an infrastructure bond, possibly in the fall of this year, to address areas that obviously the General Fund budget cannot address. President Saltzgaver met with the Mayor in January asking for this approval. The staff report in the packet, from Mr. Eschen, talks about all the things that we could get with an infrastructure bond.

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to support the placement of an infrastructure bond issue on the November 2008 ballot citywide to include, among other projects, the attached list of PRM infrastructure projects totaling \$99.2 million. The motion carried unanimously.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE
Commissioner Tong Sangmeister, Chair

Commissioner Sangmeister stated that the Committee did not meet this month. She asked if Mr. Squires had any information on the overall contract.

Mr. Squires stated that he is contacting the School District every 10 days and is waiting for a response. The month-to-month contract is working well.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

Commissioner Livingstone stated that the Committee met on May 7, and talked about the work plan and goals. They had previously talked about a work plan, goals, and objectives, which they are going to work on. They spent a lot of time making recommendations to staff on the facility and picnic use policy, which has been transmitted to the City Attorney's office. They will discuss park barbecues in June and will revisit the carnivals and circus policies.

President Saltzgaver stated that the Partners of Parks Report would be taken next, because Commissioner Livingstone needs to leave.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PARTNERS OF PARKS REPORT – DIANE WILEY

Commissioner Livingstone stated that the Partners of Parks mixer is tonight and Ms. Wiley is busy with that. The current board has been in place just over a year and a half. They are looking for more board members to help raise funds. Chris Kozaites is stepping down as Chair, due to an extremely busy schedule. Mr. Kozaites has done a great job and they will be looking to fill that position.

President Saltzgaver stated that they would go back to the regular order of the agenda.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2008

President Saltzgaver asked for any questions on the monthly report. There were none.

It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Vice President Satariano to receive and file the Director's Monthly Report for April 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

President Saltzgaver stated that the correspondence was discussed under the Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD MEMBERS MEETING – PRESIDENT SALTZGAVER

President Saltzgaver stated that the board met in Roseville a few weeks ago and they are also looking at budget crunches this year. He said that he is now the Chair of the Southern Section Workshops for the coming year and he hasn't decided if or what we are going to do. The CPRS Convention next spring is in Santa Clara. He said that he does have two more years on his term with this board.

X. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the audience.

Ms. Cantrell asked to go back to the master plan for El Dorado Park. She said that Mr. Hester indicated that it is over 25 years old. Does that mean that it is no longer followed?

Mr. Hester responded no, that it means that it is older than 25 years and some of the stuff in there is not part of the park anymore.

Ms. Cantrell said that she understands that. The main thing about the master plan says that it is to be used for passive recreation. If you are going to change it to an active recreation site, you are not following the law. I was thinking the cricket field was the camel's nose in the tent and then I find out that soccer is being played on the archery field. That is really not following the master plan.

Mr. Hester stated that he agrees that the master plan should be updated, because everything in the park does not following the master plan. In Area III there was a plan for an amphitheatre by the lake and glider field. This was not built.

Ms. Cantrell said that until it is updated, you are not following the law.

President Saltzgaver thanked Ms. Cantrell for coming to the meeting.

B. STAFF

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the staff.

Mr. Hester stated that the Commission was given information on a Civil War Reenactment in El Dorado Regional Park. If you are interested in attending, I am sure that staff can arrange for the Commissioners to be there.

Ms. Sherri Nixon-Joiner mentioned the Department's annual Juneteenth event coming up on June 14.

Mr. Hester thanked the Commissioners for attending the Bixby Band Shell event and the Rosie the Riveter Park event.

President Saltzgaver said that the Special Olympics notice should be coming in the mail soon, if the Commissioners haven't already received it.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Guerra asked for an update on the Blair Field scoreboard.

Mr. Squires responded that the purchase order has been placed, the insurance certificate has been received, money is being deposited, and the tentative turn-on date is September 8.

Commissioner Guerra asked when the Movies in the Park flyers would be coming out.

Mr. Squires responded that the citywide recreation and family entertainment guide is in production now and they should be going to the printer within the next seven days. Those will go out citywide in about two weeks or so.

President Saltzgaver stated that he attended a Livingston Drive Tot Lot Committee meeting on Monday. They are planning a groundbreaking on July 12. They changed the design again.

Mr. Squires stated that staff met with Hometown TV on the production of their television ads. These ads will come out in early June.

Mr. Hester stated he just received notification that the Homeland Cultural Center won the Dorothy Mullen Award, which will be awarded to the Department at the National Recreation and Park Conference in Baltimore

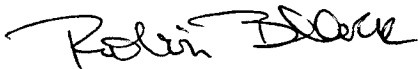
X. NEXT MEETING

President Saltzgaver stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Black".

Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

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