

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021  
EL DORADO PARK W. COMMUNITY CNTR  
BRIDGE ROOM  
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

David Zanatta, Chair  
Mariela Salgado, Vice Chair

Brent Dennis, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant



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

**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Zanatta at 9:06 AM, at the El Dorado Park W. 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

Elvira Hallinan, Bureau Manager, Marine Bureau

Alma Castro, Park Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

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Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Cedric Banks, Supervisor, Marine Maintenance

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Anthony Vazquez, Marine Maintenance

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Randy Zarn, Partners of Parks

Matthew Hamlett, Chief of Staff, Council District 9

Franklin Sims, Resident, Council District 6

Barry Cogert, Jazz Angels

Jeanne Perales, Long Beach Resident

Lucy Johnson, Aquatic Capital of America

Bill Grisolia, Long Beach Blues Society

Anna Christensen, LBAPN/Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

**PRESENTATIONS**

Anthony Vazquez from the Marine Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for November.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Elvira Hallinan spoke.

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Cedric Banks spoke.

Ashleigh Griset spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 21-077PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Livingstone, 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. 21-078PR 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.

Bill Grisolia spoke.

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Barry Cogert spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Franklin Sims spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, to approve permits for Long Beach Blues Society, Jazz Angel Inc., and Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles. 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 Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Livingstone, to approve permit for Partners of Parks. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers and Mariela Salgado

**Abstain:** 1 - David Zanatta

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

3. [21-079PR](#) Recommendation to the City Council to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary for a License Agreement with the Water Replenishment District for operations and maintenance of the monitoring well from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2042, with the option to renew for four (4) additional five-year terms. (District 5)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

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Anna Christensen 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. 21-081PR Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #22-109 from the Camarata Singers of Long Beach, a domestic nonprofit 501-(c)(3) organization, for permission to include alcohol service at an invitation only, holiday event celebration at the Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue, on Friday, December 17, 2021, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 9)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit Application #22-109 from the Camarata Singers of Long Beach, a domestic nonprofit 501-(c)(3) organization, for permission to include alcohol service at an invitation only, holiday event celebration at the Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue, on Friday, December 17, 2021, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 9)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

Matthew Hamlett spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Sievers, to approve recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #22-109 from the Camarata Singers of Long Beach, a domestic nonprofit 501-(c) (3) organization, for permission to include alcohol service at an invitation only, holiday event celebration at the Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue, on Friday, December 17, 2021, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 9)**  
**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers and David Zanatta

**No:** 1 - Mariela Salgado

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

5. 21-080PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for December 2021.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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**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

**COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT**

**FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Zanatta spoke.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Randy Zarn spoke.

Jeanne Perales spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Lucy Johnson spoke.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

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Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Jenny Roberts spoke.

Valerie Davis spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM.

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