

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
APRIL 6, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2011, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Charles Hicks Jr., Gerald Good

MEMBER EXCUSED: Carolyn Smith Watts

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President F. Phil Infelise presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 30, 2011, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2-6): It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the Consent Calendar items be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: Request to approve examination results.

Plumber – 7 Applied, 7 Qualified
Senior Program Manager – Harbor – 8 Applied,
7 Qualified
Water Treatment Operator – 85 Applied, 22 Qualified

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS: Request to extend the following eligible list for an additional six months except where otherwise noted.

Administrative Analyst (1 month)
Aquatics Supervisor (1 month)
Control Center Operator (3 months)
Criminalist
Department Librarian (4/14/10, 4/28/10)
Police Officer – Lateral
Senior Civil Engineer
Traffic Painter

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

Request to receive and file disability retirement.

Deborah Clark/Police Officer/Police

The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.

TRANSFERS:

Request to approve transfers.

Jaime Tamura/Administrative Analyst III/Development Services to Administrative Analyst III/ Financial Management
Anna Crossley/Customer Service Representative III/Long Beach Gas & Oil to Customer Service Representative III/Financial Management

The motion was made to approve transfers on Consent Calendar.

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

Request to approve hearing schedule.

Suspension Hearing 24-S-89, April 20 & 27, 2011
Suspension Hearing 28-S-89, April 29, 2011
Reduction Hearing 29-R-89, May 3, 2011
Suspension Hearing 35-S-910, May 10, 2011
Suspension Appeal 11-S-1011, May 24, 2011
Suspension Appeal 12-S-1011, May 27, 2011

The motion was made to approve hearing schedule on Consent Calendar.

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARING:

Request to approve reschedule for hearing.

Dismissal Hearing 24-D-910, May 11, 2011

The motion was made to approve the reschedule for hearing on the Consent Calendar.

**EXTENSION OF CIVIL SERVICE
RULES AND REGULATIONS 115(3)
EXCEPTION TO THE RULES**

The Secretary presented a staff report, prepared by him, requesting Commission approval to extend Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Article VIII, Section 115(3) - Exception to the Rules May Be Authorized, adopted by the City Council on April 21, 2009, with a sunset clause that requires the Commission approval to remain in effect. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request, and stated that the appointing authorities were aware of this request, however, the City Manager's office is requesting the extension be for one year. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried to approve the extension of Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Article VIII, Section 115(3) - Exception to the Rules May Be Authorized, for one year. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROTEST OF EXAMINATION ITEM: ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst, regarding the disposition of protested questions from the Engineering Technician examination, administered on March 29, 2011. Ms. deAraujo briefed the Commission regarding the protest. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the recommended disposition of the protested question be approved and the affected persons be so notified. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Smith Watts was not present to vote.

BULLETINS:

It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, briefed the Commission on the Communications Center Supervisor bulletin, stating that this is the first time in 32 years that this examination has been requested to be run as an open-competitive examination. She stated that the City Manager, Police and Fire Departments made the request. Janet Schabow,

Union Representative IAM, addressed the Commission, objecting to the bulletin being run as an open-competitive examination, citing there are ample City employees qualified and also indicating this would cause morale issues within the departments. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Commissioner Good recused himself from voting.

AYE: Charles Hicks Jr.
Jeanne Karatsu
F. Phil Infelise

Communications Center Supervisor
Hazardous Materials Specialist

MANAGERS' REPORT:

The Secretary informed the Commission that some staff will be attending the SCPMA-HR Annual Training Conference on Thursday, April 7, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Good requested that a request to schedule Commission business meetings for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and one quarterly meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. at a location accessible for significant public attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
APRIL 13, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 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., Gerald Good

MEMBER EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President F. Phil Infelise presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2011, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2-3) It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the Consent Calendar items be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: Request to approve examination results.

Forensic Specialist – 21 Applied, 4 Qualified
Plumber – 27 Applied, 6 Qualified
School Guard – 199 Applied, 193 Qualified

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RETIREMENTS: Request to receive and file retirements.

meeting. He also stated that the Commission should have one quarterly meeting at 5:00 p.m. to allow those who are not able to attend a regular meeting the opportunity to attend. Commissioner Smith Watts stated her concern with all that happening in the City and the level of activity having gone down, there might be a need for a special budget meeting. Commissioner Good stated that if needed, a special closed session meeting could be scheduled for matters regarding the budget. The Secretary stated that his concern is getting the examination results approved, so that job candidates can be certified. He stated that in the rules revision, the committee is reviewing the possibility of adopting bulletins before they come to the Commission and also authorizing the Director the authority to approve eligible lists and subsequently bring them to the Commission. Stacey Lewis, Assistant Director of Personnel, Harbor, stated that from the Harbor's perspective, if some of the processes could be streamlined, such as the Director having the authorization to approve eligible lists or other personnel matters that would not have to come before the Commission, she feels the alternative schedule would be more feasible. Ken Campbell, Superintendent, Personnel & Training, Parks, Recreation and Marine, concurred with Ms. Lewis. Ken Bott, Administrative Officer, Water, also agreed with the streamlining, however, he did stated that the Water Department tried the 5:00 p.m. Commission meeting and cancelled due to lack of attendance. Commissioner Good questioned the Secretary as to how soon these efficiencies could be addressed to streamline the process. The Secretary stated that a second meeting is scheduled with Human Resources to discuss the proposed rule changes on April 22, 2011. He stated that the section of the rules on eligible lists requires Commission approval for eligible lists. Commissioner Good questioned if the Commission could give the Director authority to approve job bulletins awaiting Commission approval. The Secretary stated that he would like to check with the City Attorney to see if that is acceptable. Janet Schabow, IAM Representative, stated that if approved, employees would be waiting longer for matters that concern them to come before the Commission. She stated that she objected to the Commission meeting twice monthly. Cory Knapp, Long Beach Firefighters Association, stated that his concern was with the hearings, but the Commission answered the questions. The Secretary stated that under Section 115 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, staff could make a request with each bulletin to

Gregory Gonzales/General Maintenance Supervisor/Public Works
Patrick Lofland/Maintenance Assistant/Public Works
Karen Pruet/Assistant Administrative Analyst/Development Services

The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.

BULLETIN:

CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT

It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the subject Job Opportunity Bulletin be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO SCHEDULE COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETINGS TO THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND ONE QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M.:

President Infelise stated that he would like to discuss this proposed change among the Commission and employees that would be impacted by the change. It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to consider the matter for discussion. Commissioner Smith Watts stated that she could see the Commission changing the meeting eventually, but at the present time, could not agree with this change due to the recent changes that have occurred within the City. President Infelise stated that he was concerned from a department head's standpoint, because four months out of the year there would be three weeks between a business meeting. Ken Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations, Human Resources, questioned in the case of an emergency, would the Commission schedule a meeting? Commissioner Hicks stated that that would not be a problem, because if the Commissioners were not available to meet in person, they could do a telephonic meeting. Commissioner Hicks stated that it's more cost effective for the City to conduct its meeting twice monthly, especially with its current financial status. He stated that the Commission has not handled any requests that could not be handled every two weeks, especially since requests are down. Commissioner Smith Watts questioned the savings that would occur as a result of the Commission changing its meeting to twice monthly. Commissioner Good stated that it would free up staff to perform other job duties and department representatives would not have to come weekly. Commissioner Good stated that having the meetings every two weeks would allow for the hearings to begin at 8:00 a.m. when the Commission does not have a regular business

be allowed to create an eligible list. He also reminded the Commission that examinations allow for protest, however that could be addressed when it occurs. Chris Ward stated that he thinks the amount of saving by changing the meeting is trivial and feels that it sends the wrong message. However, he thinks the 5:00 p.m. meeting is worth trying. Commissioner Smith Watts stated that she would like to see efficiencies in place before changing the meetings. After discussion, the motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charles Hicks Jr.
Gerald Good

NAY: Jeanne Karatsu
Carolyn Smith Watts
F. Phil Infelise

MANAGERS' REPORT:

The Secretary congratulated Melinda George, Deputy Director, on the excellent job she did as part of the SCPMA-HR conference committee. He stated that the conference was a success with 200 HR professionals in attendance.

The Secretary stated that staff was wearing denim in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

CITY OF LONG BEACH
CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM

Karen Highberger, Chair
Irma Hernandez, Vice Chair
Laura H. Brasser, Commissioner
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner
Harvey Keller, Commissioner
Richard Powers, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:36 PM)

see media

At 5:36 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:36 PM)

Boardmembers Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma
Present: Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Harvey Keller and Richard Powers

Also present: Rob Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner; Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:36 PM)

see media

Commissioner Powers led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:38 PM)

see media

see media

11-005CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of January 10, 2011.

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

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Abstain: 2 - Laura H. Brasser and Richard Powers

Absent: 1 - Shannon Carmack

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:38 PM)

see media

Rob Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, introduced himself to the Commission.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:40 PM)

see media

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:40 PM)

see media

see media

1. 11-004CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 299-square-foot one-story addition to the rear of an existing single-story residence located at 3721 Walnut Avenue within the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No. HP11-0008)

(Commissioner Carmack arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between James Caro, applicant, and Chair Highberger.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

James Caro responded to queries from Commissioner Brassler.

Commissioner Powers spoke.

Greg Chopek provided public comment.

Chair Highberger spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Harvey Keller and Richard Powers

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2. 11-006CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove an existing wall sign and replace with a new wall sign above the front entrance to the ground floor restaurant use located at the designated landmark building known as the Security Pacific National Bank Building at 102 Pine Avenue. (District 2) (Application No. HP11-0045)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Chris Janocha, applicant's representative, spoke.

Chris Janocha responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chris Janocha responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Chris Janocha and Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Chris Janocha responded to queries from Commissioner Brassler.

Chris Janocha responded to queries from Commissioner Ivers.

Commissioner Brassler spoke.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Derek Burnham.

A motion was made by Commissioner Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Brassler, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to add a condition that the diamond shaped logo does not interfere with any architectural features across the front of the sign or building, to the satisfaction of staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Harvey Keller and Richard Powers

STUDY SESSION (6:00 PM)

see media

see media

11-007CH

Recommendation to conduct a study session regarding the proposed installation of a projecting sign on the front facade of a designated historic landmark at 102 Pine Avenue.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, presented the study session.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner Brassler spoke.

Terry Antonelli, applicant, spoke.

Chris Janocha, applicant's representative, spoke.

Terry Antonelli and Chris Janocha responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Terry Antonelli responded to queries from Commissioner Ivers.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brassler, Chris Janocha, and Terry Antonelli.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Commissioner Brassler spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Commissioner Powers spoke.

Terry Antonelli spoke.

Chris Janocha spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Terry Antonelli and Derek Burnham.

Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Keller spoke.

Terry Antonelli responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Chris Janocha spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:35 PM)

see media

There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (6:35 PM)

see media

There were no comments from the Cultural Heritage Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (6:35 PM)

see media

At 6:35 p.m., there being no objections, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Brett Waterfield, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the Cesar Chavez Park Community Center. George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Brett Waterfield, President
Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President
Ron Antonette
Simon George
Harry Saltzgaver
Drew Satariano

Absent: Albert Guerra (excused)

Staff: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development
Gladys Kaiser, Acting Manager, Community Recreation Services
Tara Yeats, Financial Services Officer
Bob Livingstone, Superintendent of Golf and Contract Compliance
Ken Campbell, Superintendent, Personnel and Training
Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Anna Mendiola, Park Development Officer
Marc Gutfeld, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

Guests: Claudia Schou, Bixby Park
Susana Gonzalez, Councilmember Garcia's office, 1st District
Robin Hirsch, Friends of El Dorado Dog Park
Steven Sennikoff, Bixby Park
Paul Payne, Friends of El Dorado Dog Park
Karen Reside, Reside & Assoc.
Cheryl Quintana, Leader, Bixby Park
P.G. Herman, Long Beach Organic
Mike Donelon
Judy Crumpton (sp?)
Mary Mattiensen

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Antonette and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the February 17, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#11-0301

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.

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

IV. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

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

President Waterfield said the Committee met and discussed the agenda.

- a) Recommendation to send a letter to the Mayor and members of the City Council regarding timelines for naming of City facilities.

President Waterfield said that they recommended that a letter be sent to the Mayor and members of the City Council regarding timelines for naming of City facilities. He said he would work with the Director to draft a letter.

President Waterfield announced that the Parks Tour is set for April 22, 2011. Commissioners will tour the parks and look at new projects and new developments and address issues and concerns.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said the Committee met in February, but did not meet in March, due to staff time working on the budget. The Committee will meet again the first part of April. He said that the profit and loss statement for the Department, through the end of February, was in the package and asked Tara Yeats to expand.

Ms. Tara Yeats reported that though there have been significant water rate increases over the past year, we have still maintained water under our year to date cost that was incurred last year. She is hopeful about the water expense for this year and said that the Maintenance Operations Bureau has done a very good job with conservation. She said that the City Council is having a study session on March 29, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the City's liability and obligations for the coming years.

George Chapjian reported that he and staff met with the Budget Office yesterday on proposed reductions. He said staff did a great job at bringing forth reductions that will have minimum impact to the community. Realignments will allow us to continue our level of services, yet still reduce our budget for this year.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver reported that the Committee did not meet this month. He said the Park Ranger Statistics are in the package.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Antonette reported that the Committee did meet today. He said that we are 75 days away from the start of the 100 Days of Summer. Flyers and advertisement materials are under development. This is going to be a bigger celebration than last year. We have 20,000 e-notify registrants who are receiving Department notifications. This is a really effective tool for people to receive immediate information.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Vice President Sangmeister, Chair

Vice President Sangmeister reported that the Committee did not meet this month. She asked Sandra Gonzalez for an update on projects and about what impact the loss of the RDA will have on development.

Ms. Sandra Gonzalez reported that the Assembly was shy one vote of passing the Bill that would allow them to reach into certain cities and counties and utilize RDA funds to make up the State budget deficit. They will resume voting today and if it passes, it will still need to go to the Senate. It looks like the Bill will pass. She explained that on March 7, the RDA board transferred their physical assets to the City Council. 193 assets of real property now belong to the City. Luckily, the majority of our projects that are in RDA have been already funded and encumbered for construction. The couple of projects that are out there that have not been funded are the park at Oregon Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard and Davenport Park (Phase II).

Ms. Anna Mendiola added that the Cambodian Memorial at Anaheim is also on the "unfunded" list.

Mr. Ramon Arevalo asked that the Water Bond issue be placed on the April agenda. He will provide a report with maps.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if the Water Department has agreed that they will attend the community meetings?

Mr. Arevalo responded yes.

President Waterfield asked for an update on last night's meeting about the proposed skate park.

Ms. Gonzalez said she addressed last night's first meeting regarding the Bixby Knolls Skate Spot. Approximately 50 people attended. Both sides were very passionate. Most of the attendees opposed the skate park. Some concerns were: noise level, lack of parking, and the need to look at other locations. There is no funding at this time and it may take a couple of years to gather donations and private funding to build it. Ms. Gonzalez said that Anna Mendiola did a very good job of moderating the meeting.

Mr. Mike Donelon said that he spoke to the Councilwoman after the meeting and she said that she wants to have one more community meeting and do more outreach to the immediate area (get the kids involved), before it comes before the Parks and Recreation Commission sometime within the next two to three months.

President Waterfield said that he wants to make it clear that the Department does not have funding currently to build skate parks. The Councilwoman did understand that funds would have to be raised. This was merely an information seeking session; there are no plans at this time to go forward.

Ms. Gonzalez said that back in January of 1998, the City Council adopted a Skate Park Feasibility and Master Plan for the city, which at that time were five skate parks. I can get copies of this.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that he was part of the group that put that together. He said that took a lot of time to put together. We took six months and had a whole series of public meetings. Mike was involved in some of them. There was a lot of thought put into that. We didn't face the same issues we face today. We didn't have money to do more than El Dorado. This is a historical document, and the process has gone beyond that now. He said that he is concerned about the way that the cart has gone before the horse in some instances.

Mr. Donelon said that he was concerned about getting the kids involved in something that might not happen.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said that the Committee has been in abeyance for a few months and will stay on the sidelines until the retreat. We will look to re-form the Committee during the year to address any additional issues.

President Waterfield extended an offer to Gladys Kaiser to feel free to call the Committee together if any issues arise that they need to address.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for February 2011.

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

President Waterfield said there was no correspondence.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to recommend to the Housing and Neighborhood Committee and the full City Council that the community center at Cesar E. Chavez Park be named "The Jenny Oropeza Community Center."

President Waterfield said that the Commission wanted more information regarding community input in this issue.

Ms. Susanna Gonzalez, Chief of Staff with Councilmember Garcia's office, said that after the Senator passed away, they received phone calls to rename the center. A letter was written to the Councilmember, who placed the recommendation on the agenda.

Commissioner Satariano stated that normally there is a waiting period of one year before naming something after someone's passing. He asked why this happened so quickly?

Ms. Gonzalez responded that residents in the area wanted to move on it.

Vice President Sangmeister said that she was happy to hear that it is being driven by the community. However, she asked if the Councilmember had done outreach to the community in general? She said she understands that there is pressure from a very vocal group in a very involved part of the community, and noted that Susanna herself called the building the Cesar Chavez Community Center. She wondered if this change would be confusing and/or a good idea for the community in general. She asked if there was outreach to the community in general about this?

Ms. Gonzalez responded no, that there were no community meetings held. They only took input from those who wrote the letters. She said that they did inform the neighborhood groups.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked whose Administrative Regulation this was?

Mr. Bob Livingstone responded that this falls under the City Manager.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he didn't see how this could then be changed. He read the wording regarding the waiting period: "... The naming of City-owned land, buildings and facilities in honor of deceased persons shall generally not take place until one year after their deaths, unless the City Council determines that there are overriding considerations for deviating from this policy guideline. This particular policy guideline is not intended in any way to reflect on the merits of any deceased individual who may have been a prominent civic leader. However, it is felt appropriate to establish such a waiting period to ensure that an individual's accomplishments or contributions will stand the test of time; and that decisions shall not be made on an emotional basis immediately following a person's death." He said that he could not see any reason to further stop this process. Last month we were told this community center did not have a name. However, he noted that on his way into the building he saw three signs in place where the building is marked Cesar Chavez Community Center. I am trying to explain why this Commission even raised this issue.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if this would be a naming or a renaming of the center? If we are talking about renaming buildings, I would want to understand that process and why we would rename something that the Commission and Council had obviously thought of differently. I want to go back to staff and make sure I understand that this community center does not currently carry a name.

Mr. Chapjian responded that the community center was never named. It was just assumed that it was named Cesar Chavez because of the park.

President Waterfield said that he wants clarification regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission's role in this process before the Commission sends the letter.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to approve proposed improvements to El Dorado East Regional Park, Area II, through the creation of the El Dorado Dog Park, which, as proposed, meets a recreational need in the City through an appropriately designed site.

Mr. Livingstone reported that at the last meeting, the friends of the El Dorado Dog Park approached the Department regarding the creation of a fairly large park, large enough have considerable amenities and large enough to host trials and shows. He talked about improvements to be made. He noted that the Department does not have the funds to do this and that the dog park group has agreed to step forward and fund this facility and this project. The Department is asking the Parks and Recreation Commission to just approve the concept of up to five acres for a dog park, instead of a specific area. The Department would like to have the bird people, the dog people, Department staff, and the Park Rangers involved to look at parking and other issues to determine the best area for the park.

President Waterfield said his concern is that they cannot see the exact location where the dog park will be placed.

Someone from the audience remarked that the west side of Area II might be the best location.

Commissioner Saltzgaver expressed his concern that raising money every year to maintain something 10 years after it is built is different than raising money the first time out. He asked about a guarantee that the money will be there in five years, and remarked that we continue to develop these great projects and then don't set aside any money to maintain them.

Mr. Chapjian said that we have been talking about partnerships with the Animal Shelter. They have their own fundraising mechanism and they receive money annual from people who care about dogs and cats. This is an area where they could help and is also a concern of the Department. He said that the Department is in cutback mode and cannot take on more cost.

Mr. Livingstone stated that the Department did check with the City Attorney's office and that it would be possible for the Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the concept, based on the group ensuring that a certain amount of money is raised before the Department would go forward with any construction, and that the group is amenable to that type of agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to recommend to the City Manager, City Council and Planning Commission that a dog park is an appropriate use for up to five acres of the El Dorado Regional Park, provided sufficient funds are raised within two years to build and offset the maintenance costs, recommend that approval be given to the Friends of the El Dorado Dog Park to solicit donations on behalf of a City-approved project, and encourage the City Manager and City Council to give serious consideration to approving a sponsorship and naming rights policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Livingstone stated that the Department would have a very specific list of everything that has to be met before the Department will encumber this project.

Commissioner Satariano said that on behalf of the City, whether it be the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, or the Animal Care Services Bureau, Partners of Parks would facilitate funds coming in from sponsors.

Ms. Mary Mattiensen, Ms. Judy Crumpton (sp?) and Ms. Karen Reside spoke to the issue.

- B. Recommendation to approve the request by Visions in Time for a fee waiver of concession fees for exclusive use of El Dorado East Regional Park, Area III, for a Civil War Reenactment on Saturday, July 30, and Sunday, July 31, 2011. Visions in Time is to provide to the City a complete accounting of event expenses and revenues.

Ms. Kaiser explained that this is an annual event and requested the Parks and Recreation Commission waive concession fees for the two-day event.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if we would be charging for a use permit fee?

Mr. Marc Gutfeld responded that they would be charged the full amount for the site fee.

Commissioner Antonette asked that the group do a more active job in promoting this event with the school students. We talked about the fact that this happened outside the school year and it reduced the effectiveness of this being an educational opportunity. I am not sure that they honored free admission for students last year. He wants to ensure that students would not be charged an entry fee this year. This policy needs to be enforced.

Ms. Kaiser responded that staff has recommended this event be moved back into the school year; however, they want to move it under the Sea Festival umbrella (summer months) for more exposure.

Vice President Sangmeister urged this group to bring this event back so that the Parks and Recreation Commission could revisit it and look to see if they can engage Long Beach Unified School District. She would like to see a coordinated effort to get students there, and if there is not going to be this effort, she would not be willing to take on moving the event.

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

- C. Recommendation to approve a proposed Concept Plan for the northerly section of Bixby Park.

Ms. Mendiola reported that in July of 2010, a group of interested residents formed the Friends of Bixby Park, with a mission to preserve and restore the integrity of the park. One of the proposed improvements includes a succulent plant garden instead of a fountain. This would be an improvement to the area. There is no funding available from the Department. The Friends of Bixby Park is working in conjunction with Partners of Parks to raise funds for this project.

Commissioner Antonette asked why not have a fountain?

Mr. Arevalo responded that in the past residents have complained of people bathing, washing their clothes, and urinating in the fountain, and residents are fed up with its misuse.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said we have been hoping for neighborhoods to take ownership of our parks and we need to support this.

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

- D. Recommendation to approve proposed improvements to Ernest S. McBride Park through the creation of a Skate Plaza, which, as proposed, meets a recreational need in the city through an appropriately designed site.

Ms. Gonzalez explained the item and said that the Department is looking at opening this summer. She asked for comments from the Commissioners and approval of the concept for the design of the skate plaza. The skate plaza will be 8,500 square feet, with an eight-foot tall concrete block wall next to the homes to help with sound.

Mr. Mike Donelon spoke to the issue.

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

- E. Recommendation to approve the Cambodian Coordinating Council's request for a waiver of facility usage fees for exclusive use of El Dorado East Regional Park, Area III, to hold the Cambodian New Year Celebration on April 9, 2011.

Ms. Kaiser reported that each year the Department partners with the Cambodian community to host their event. In 2010, this event brought in 230 cars, with revenue of \$14,210, and is well attended.

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

IX. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

President Waterfield asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

B. STAFF

President Waterfield asked for comments from staff.

Ms. Kaiser stated that this Saturday is Snow Day at Whaley Park; however, rain is in the forecast. She said that March 26, is the Admiral Kid Park Opening. This Saturday, the Senior Center on 4th Street will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast.

Mr. Livingstone stated that the Adopt a Park Program started at Veterans Park and Bixby Park about a month ago. In November of 2009, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved a Tree Trimming Policy and a Lake Maintenance Policy. Staff will come back before the Commission with a request approval of revisions to the policies.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that yesterday the Department hosted a grant workshop for Prop. 84. This is the last round of funding. Last year there were over 500 applications and 62 were awarded. Two were awarded to the Department. The Department will be submitting several applications.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that the CIP Plan is due to Financial Management and Public Works this week. They are requesting a five-year plan (2012 – 2016). There are a lot of infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked about the status of the James Johnson great park.

Mr. Chapjian responded that he is holding another meeting and the Department is looking to apply for grant fund monies. Mr. Johnson understands that there are no funds for this project. He is looking to build a passive hill top park.

President Waterfield said that one of the concerns for this area was the hazards.

Ms. Gonzalez said that the area is the southern/eastern portion, a small four-acre area that has a nice knoll on it. It really is a beautiful site with views of the port, downtown Long Beach, and downtown Los Angeles. She talked about parking, ADA access, native gardens, dirt trails, and said that it will be fenced off so that people would not wander from that point.

Mr. Arevalo reported that graffiti is down.

Mr. Chapjian announced that Gladys Kaiser has been made permanent in her position and that he is pleased with the appointment.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Waterfield asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Satariano talked about the plane crash that occurred yesterday and mentioned Mark Bixby who died in that crash and acknowledged him and the others as big Long Beach supporters.

Commissioner Saltzgaver felt that the meeting should adjourn in honor of Mark Bixby, Tom Dean, Jeff Berger, Mark Krall and Mike Jenson who is in the hospital.

President Waterfield acknowledged the great job that Anna Mendiola and Sandra Gonzalez did at the public meeting last night.

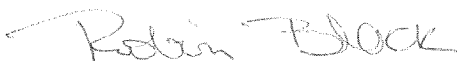
X. NEXT MEETING

President Waterfield stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the Aquarium of the Pacific, in the Watershed Classroom, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, California.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Waterfield adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. in honor of Mark Bixby, Tom Dean, Jeff Berger, Mark Krall and Mike Jenson who is in the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Charles Durnin, Chair
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner
Alan Fox, Commissioner
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner
Phil Saumur, Commissioner
Melani Smith, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:14 PM)

see media

At 5:14 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:14 PM)

see media

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Jorge Ramirez, Planner; Steve Gerhardt, Planner; Jamilla Vollmann, Redevelopment Project Manager; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:14 PM)

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Commissioner Blair led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:14 PM)

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11-010PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of March 3, 2011.

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

Yes: 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 3 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:15 PM)

see media

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:17 PM)

see media

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:19 PM)

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1. 11-008PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20 License) at an existing Walgreen's located at 5400 Cherry Avenue within the Light Industrial (IL) zone. (District 8) (Application No. 1002-12)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Cuentin Jackson responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Matt Dzurek, representing the applicant, spoke.

Matt Dzurek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Matt Dzurek responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Song To provided public comment.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation. The motion failed 3-1.

Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Michael Mais spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to deny the request. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith and Donita Van Horik

No: 1 - Becky Blair

Absent: 3 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

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2. 11-009PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to upgrade an existing Type 20 alcohol license (beer and wine) to a Type 21 alcohol license (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) at an existing convenience store located at 2221 Palo Verde Avenue, Suite 1G within the Community Commercial Automobile-Oriented (CCA) zone. (District 4) (Application No. 1012-06A)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Jorge Ramirez responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Sherry Olson, representing the applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 3 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

STUDY SESSION (5:55 PM)

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see media

11-011PL

Recommendation to conduct a study session regarding the Downtown

Plan.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik swore in late arriving members of the public who wished to provide public comment.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

Jamilla Vollmann, Redevelopment Project Manager, introduced the study session.

Gary Wood, consultant with AECOM, presented the study session.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Derek Burnham.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Smith responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, responded to comments made by Commissioner Smith.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Amy Bodek.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Jamilla Vollmann responded to queries from Vice Chair Van Horik

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to comments made by Vice Chair Van Horik.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Vice Chair Van Horik.

Ben Rockwell provided public comment.

Emily Tanaka provided public comment.

Kathleen Irvine, Willmore City Heritage Association, provided public comment.

Maureen Neely provided public comment on behalf of Long Beach Heritage.

Derek Burnham responded to comments provided by Maureen Neely.

Bob Ladd provided public comment.

Eric Carr, Vice President of the Downtown Residential Council, provided public comment.

Ester Del Valia provided public comment.

Susanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation, provided public comment.

Ahara Washington, Legal Aid Foundation, provided public comment.

Frances Dawson Harris provided public comment.

Cindy Soto provided public comment.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Christina Burford provided public comment.

Karen Reseid provided public comment.

Don Darnauer provided public comment.

Carrie Jaureau provided public comment.

Joe Gannon provided public comment.

Dianne McNinch provided public comment.

Alan McDaniels provided public comment.

Vince Zurahi provided public comment.

Nenche Callivoso provided public comment.

Jose La Deno provided public comment.

Cela Castetta provided public comment.

Tom Crow, representing St. Luke's Episcopal Church, provided public comment.

Andres (no last name given) provided public comment.

Celia Soriano provided public comment.

Lisa Vasquez and Joanne Esparza provided public comment.

Elda Verdugo provided public comment.

Michael Mucelli provided public comment.

Kristopher Larson, Vice President of Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Wendy Ortiz provided public comment.

Laura Catagona provided public comment.

Malcolm Carson, Legal Aid Foundation, provided public comment.

Andrew Cushman provided public comment.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:25 PM)

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There was no public comment given at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:25 PM)

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There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (8:25 PM)

At 8:25 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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