

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
JUNE 8, 2011**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts, Charles Hicks Jr., Gerald Good

MEMBER EXCUSED: F. Phil Infelise

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
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

Vice President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 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.

Electrical Engineer – 10 Applied, 2 Qualified
Electrician – 126 Applied, 42 Qualified

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RETIREMENTS:

Request to receive and file retirements.

Jamie Murphy/License Inspector I/Financial Management
Sheila Cowger/Public Safety Dispatcher IV/Fire

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RESIGNATION:

Request to receive and file resignation.

Edward Villanueva/Capital Projects Coordinator I/Public Works

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

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

Request to approve hearing schedule.

Suspension Hearing 09-S-1011, August 19, 2011
Suspension Hearing 20-S-1011, August 24, 2011
Suspension Hearing 18-S-1011, August 26, 2011
Suspension Hearing 13-S-1011, August 31, 2011
Suspension Hearing 23-S-1011, September 16, 2011
Reduction Hearing 19-R-1011, September 28, 2011
Dismissal Hearing 22-D-1011, October 5 & 12, 2011
Reduction Hearing 21-R-1011, October 7, 2011
Suspension Hearing 26-S-1011, October 14, 2011

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

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

Request to approve reschedule for hearings.

Suspension Hearing 35-S-910, July 28, 2011
Suspension Hearing 11-S-910, August 12, 2011

The motion was made to approve the reschedule for hearings.

**REQUEST FOR PERMANENT
ASSIGNMENT AFTER
REHABILITATION AND TRANSFER:**

**ADAM MEIROVITZ, SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER
PUBLIC WORKS TO CLERK TYPIST II/CIVIL
SERVICE**

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by him, requesting Commission authorization to permanently reassign and transfer Adam Meirovitz, Special Services

Officer, Public Works to the classification of Clerk Typist, Civil Service, after completion of rehabilitation. Commission requested that this item be considered in closed session at the end of the agenda.

REVISED CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION:

ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

The Secretary presented a communication from Deborah Mills, Director of Human Resources, requesting Commission approval of the revised classification specification for Administrative Analyst. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald and Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analysts. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried to approve the revised classification specification for Administrative Analyst, pursuant to Section 1101(d) of the City Charter. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROTEST OF EXAMINATION ITEMS: MARINE SAFETY OFFICER

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst, regarding the disposition of protested questions from the Marine Safety Officer examination, administered on May 26, 2011. Mr. Ambriz briefed the Commission regarding the protests. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the recommended disposition of the protested questions be approved and the affected persons be so notified. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BULLETIN:

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

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

CONSIDERATION OF HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT:

DISABILITY RETIREMENT HEARING 19-R-910

The Secretary presented a report prepared by Administrative Law Judge Daniel Juarez to the Commission, regarding the subject hearing which was conducted on February 17, 2011. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by

Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the administrative law judge's report be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

The Secretary informed the Commission that Melinda George, Deputy Director, was conducting Selection Interview Training classes for the Long Beach Supervisory Leadership Academy. He informed the Commission that next Wednesday's meeting at the Harbor Department would begin at 8:30 a.m., and provided them with updated hearing activity. He also informed the Commission that he will be meeting with Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources and Ken Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations, Human Resources, on Monday, June 13, 2011, regarding proposed revisions to Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried effective July 1, 2011, Civil Service business meetings will be conducted on the first and third Wednesday of the month, and that appeal hearings begin at 8:00 a.m. when there is no regular business meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Stacey Lewis, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Harbor, questioned the process when there is an emergency item to be considered by the Commission. The Commission stated that if necessary, a 72-hour notification for an emergency meeting would be posted.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Ken Campbell, Superintendent, Personnel & Training, Parks, Recreation and Marine, thanked Melinda George and Rob Pflingsthorh for the excellent job on the posting of the Community Service Supervisor job bulletin.

**REQUEST FOR PERMANENT
ASSIGNMENT AFTER
REHABILITATION AND TRANSFER:**

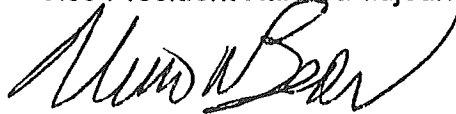
**ADAM MEIROVITZ, SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER
PUBLIC WORKS TO CLERK TYPIST II/CIVIL
SERVICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts to recess the hearing to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code 54957.8. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the

request for permanent assignment after rehabilitation be approved, pursuant to Sections 64 and 67(3) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried to reconvene to the regular meeting and announce the Commission's decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
JUNE 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Charles Hicks Jr., Gerald Good

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, 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: The minutes of June 8, 2011, were held over for one week due to lack of a quorum of Commissioners present at the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2-4): It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, 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.

Electrical Engineer – 5 Applied, 2 Qualified

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RESIGNATION: Request to receive and file resignation.

Jaimee Costere/Clerk Typist II/Harbor

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

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

Request to approve hearing schedule.

Dismissal Hearing 05-D-1011, July 27, 2011
Reduction Hearing 09-R-910, October 27, 2011

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

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Secretary presented a communication from Alan Patalano, Fire Chief, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Cameron Abel, Mitchell Garrison, Jeff Gillott, Gonzalo Medina, Patrick Morrison, Omar Naranjo, Tyler Wawrzynski and Ian Wenger to the classification of Marine Safety Sergeant on a provisional basis. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu 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 TO EXTEND PROBATION:

RAY ALEXANDER/POLICE SERGEANT/POLICE

The Secretary presented a communication from Patrick H. West, City Manager, requesting Commission approval to extend the probationary period of Ray Alexander, Police Sergeant, for three months (522 hours). After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the request to extend probation be approved in accordance with Section 41(2) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and Section 1.01 of the Civil Service Commission Policies and Procedures. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

CREATE NEW CLASS AND ADOPT CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION:

MAINTENANCE PLANNER III

The Secretary presented a communication from Margaret Huebner, Director of Human Resources, Harbor, requesting Commission approval for the creation of the classification of Maintenance Planner and adoption of the new classification specification. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Rob Pfungsthorn, Personnel Analyst. Mr. Pfungsthorn briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner

Karatsu and carried to approve the creation and new classification specification for Maintenance Planner pursuant to Section 1101(d) of the City Charter. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR ORDER OF LAYOFF: The Secretary presented a communication from Patrick H. West, City Manager, requesting an Order of Layoff. The Secretary informed the Commission that staff has already begun working on the request, however, requested the Commission direct staff to prepare the order of layoff. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to refer the Order of Layoff to staff to prepare the Order of Layoff. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO FILE LATE APPEAL: The Secretary presented a communication from Mr. Holmes requesting that he be allowed to file a late appeal in the matter of his dismissal. Cynthia Stafford, Personnel Services Officer, Public Works, was present and stated that the Public Works Department is opposed to Mr. Holmes being allowed to file a late appeal. Mr. Holmes was not present to address the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commission Karatsu and carried to deny the request to file late appeal. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BULLETINS: It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Forensic Specialist
Maintenance Planner

MANAGERS' REPORT: Melinda George, Deputy Director, informed the Commission that she would be representing Civil Service at a meeting regarding layoffs tomorrow, making sure impacted employees are aware of what Civil Service offers and what assistance and advice we can provide to them. She also thanked the Harbor Department and Civil Service Staff for their efforts on the Maintenance Planner classification and bulletin.

The Secretary thanked the Harbor Department for hosting the Civil Service Commission meeting. He also informed

the Commission that the Civil Service Budget would be on next week's meeting agenda and provided them with a draft of the proposed budget. He also provided the Commission with a summary of objectives the Commission requested to be on one page, as well as a list of reports regarding the SIGMA and NeoGov Systems. He also informed the Commission that he met with the Human Resources Department regarding the Civil Service rules and regulations revisions on Monday, June 13, which was a very productive meeting. He stated there were a few more sections to review, after which he would like for Human Resources and Civil Service to sit down with the Commission to provide some perspectives on the rules. He informed the Commission that he and Ms. George met with newly appointed Commissioner Drummond and provided an overview of the Civil Service Commission and Civil Service Department operation.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

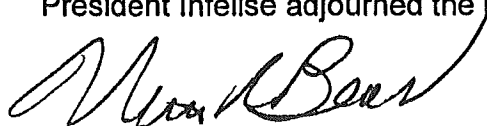
Margaret Huebner, Director of Human Resources, Harbor, thanked the Commission for having their meeting at the Harbor Department and thanked Stacey Lewis, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, for organizing the meeting and tours.

President Infelise thanked the Harbor Department staff for their hospitality and allowing the Commission to conduct its business meeting at the Harbor Department.

Karen Owens, Administrator, Police Personnel, thanked Civil Service for the work they have done on examinations for the Police Department and invited them to attend the Police Department promotions on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

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



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

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:35 PM)

At 5:35 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:35 PM)

[see media](#)

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

Also present: Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director of Development; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:35 PM)

[see media](#)

Chair Highberger led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:35 PM)

[see media](#)

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11-008CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of March 14, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, 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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:36 PM)

see media

There was no Director's Report given.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:36 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 (5:37 PM)

see media

see media

11-009CH

Recommendation to receive and file documents related to the Conservation Management Plan for the Royal Mail Ship Queen Mary.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Margarita Wuellner, Consultant with PCR, who presented the Queen Mary Conservation Management Plan.

Commissioner Brasser spoke.

Margarita Wuellner spoke.

Margarita Wuellner responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Margarita Wuellner responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Victor Grgas, Asset Management Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

John Thomas, Consultant, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

STUDY SESSION: Window replacement at 140 Linden Avenue (The Lafayette)

see media

Commissioner Powers recused himself from the item.

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the study session.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Ryan Black, resident of the Lafayette, responded to queries from Commissioner Ivers.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Ryan Black.

Ryan Black and Sharon Hayes, resident of the Lafayette, responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Ryan Black.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Ryan Black.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Hernandez.

Ryan Black responded to queries from Commissioner Carmack.

Ryan Black responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Ryan Black spoke.

Richard Blackshire, resident of the Lafayette, spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

TRAINING SESSION: How to apply Secretary of the Interior's Standards (presented by Galvin & Associates)

see media

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Andrea Galvin, Consultant, who presented the training session.

Andrea Galvin responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Andrea Galvin responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to comments made by Commissioner Ivers.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Andrea Galvin responded to queries from Commissioner Brasser.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:40 PM)

see media

There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (7:40 PM)

see media

There were no comments from the Cultural Heritage Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (7:40 PM)

see media

At 7:40 p.m., Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 19, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President
Ron Antonette
Simon George
Albert Guerra
Harry Saltzgaver
Drew Satariano

Absent: Brett Waterfield, President (excused)

Staff: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services
Ken Campbell, Superintendent, Personnel and Training
Hurley Owens, Superintendent of Marine Maintenance
Cory Forrester, Interim Superintendent of Facility Maintenance
Theresa Maceyka, Superintendent of Grounds Maintenance
Anna Mendiola, Park Development Officer
Alan Kosoff, Contract Management
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Joe Stilinovich, LBPD
David Sabunas, Studio 111
Mike Bohn, Studio 111
Brian Ulaszewski, community
Daniel Timtim, Ask Long Beach
Mark Soto, Wheel Fun Rentals
Jeanette Scheliu, EBM Japanese Garden, CSULB
Steve Elicker, community
Annie Greenfeld, Peace Garden at MLK
Marcus Gray, West LBLL
Christine Lee, Korean Culture Center
Jim Lee, Gene's Korean
Laura Soto, Parent Center, Stevenson Elementary School
Esther del Valle, CLI Alumni
Ana Del Valle, CLI Alumni

Yasemin Pltunez, Izmir Grove Project
Brenna Barrett, Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum
Rafael Palomo, Ask Long Beach
Dennis Aytakin, Sister Cities
Richard Madiera, Sister Cities
Mike Donelon

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to excuse President Waterfield. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 21, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the April 21, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#11-0501

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.

Vice President Sangmeister stated there were no Personal Services and Instruction Agreements this month.

IV. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

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

Vice President Sangmeister reported that she and Mr. Chapjian met to discuss the agenda. The Retreat will take place on June 3rd.

1) Selection of Nomination Committee for 2011-2012 Officers

Commissioners Satariano and Saltzgaver volunteered to serve on the Nomination Committee.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano reported that the Committee met earlier this month. The balance sheet for the month of April was included in the packet. We are getting into vandalism and water usage and will go back to the full Commission with findings.

Ms. Tara Yeats stated we are right where we need to be for this time of year. Rain has been an issue, but revenue is holding.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver reported that the Committee would meet next month. He said the Park Ranger Statistics were included in the package. We are trying to partner with the Finance and Appeals Committee with doing more on vandalism and graffiti. We will be working more on reporting.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra reported that the Committee did not meet. On your desk is information about recreation programs and kicking off the 100 Days of Summer.

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

Vice President Sangmeister reported that the Committee did not meet. We did our tour the day after the Commission meeting last month. It was great to go out and see how large our park system really is.

Ms. Sandra Gonzalez stated that the park tour hopefully was informative and she hoped everyone enjoyed it. You will see a lot of park openings in June. This Saturday there are two openings: Rosa Parks Park at 10:00 a.m., and Wrigley Heights Dog Park at 11:00 a.m.

1) Briefing on Baker Park – Anna Mendiola

Ms. Anna Mendiola distributed some information and said she will give a quick briefing on naming of Baker Park. We have not heard anything from the City Council office though. She said we have a long history of people at various

community meetings regarding the naming of this park. We have a couple of long-term families that have come forward and recommended that one of the parks by Wardlow Road and Golden Avenue be named after a family member. One was the Encinas family who wanted the park named after their father and grandfather who worked for the Bixby family in the 1800s. They would like it named either Gregorio Encinas Park or Encinas Park. A request was received from the Valenzuela family who requested a naming of a park in that area after Alfred Valenzuela who worked for the Bixby family and also had dairy farms in that area. Another request was a letter received from the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Association in 2008, talking about several namings, one of which was previously approved as Cressa Park. There is also a request to name the 21st to Hill Mini-Park, but that has not been sorted out yet. The Wrigley Heights area recommended the Valenzuela name. There has not been an official request yet, but she wanted to update the Commission.

F. **SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said this Committee has been on hold until they get to discuss it during the retreat. He gave an update on Sea Festival. He publicly thanked Vice President Sangmeister's firm, Keesal, Young & Logan, for using their firm as the kick-off location for the Sea Festival meeting. This is the Sea Festival's seventh year and it looks like a large schedule. We are looking forward to this and 100 Days of Summer.

Ms. Kaiser said every year we encourage families to participate in the Sea Festival beyond what the Department offers. This is going to be a very busy summer.

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

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

Vice President Sangmeister said that she loves the new format.

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Vice President Sangmeister said there was no correspondence.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Sangmeister said there was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to approve a Recreational Bicycle Rental Pilot Program and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit and any related documents with Freetime, Inc., dba Wheel Fun Rentals, for the operation of an equipment rental concession in El Dorado East Regional Park, Area II, for one year.

Ms. Kaiser said in our efforts to enhance El Dorado Park East Regional Park, we are offering this rental. She distributed a photo of the rental. It would be a nice thing to offer in the park.

Mr. Mark Soto introduced himself as the Director of Operations of Wheel Fun Rentals. He said they would have a sign that says El Dorado Park. He said they have 100 locations throughout the country, including Shoreline Village, Queen Mary, Whittier Narrows and Santa Fe Dam. He thanked the Commission for this consideration. You can have the whole family on the bike together and enjoy the park.

Vice President Sangmeister asked how many the bikes were they planning to have in El Dorado?

Mr. Soto responded that they would have nine of the double surrey bikes, seven single surrey bikes, from six to eight two-wheel bicycles, and some four-wheel and three wheel bikes.

Commissioner Guerra asked about the barn-like building in the pictures, will there just be two containers? Also, will the material go all around the containers?

Mr. Soto responded that they would have just two containers and the materials would go all the way around.

Commissioner Guerra said it also shows on the illustration that there is parking in front of that, but I don't see that on the site plan.

Mr. Marc Gutfeld said there is lane parking and a parking lot in Area II.

Commissioner Guerra said what the option premises is for?

Mr. Soto responded that if it is wildly successful, they would like to have the option to bring in other storage.

Commissioner Guerra asked if it could end up being two additional containers?

Mr. Soto responded yes.

Commissioner Guerra asked if the containers are 40 feet long?

Mr. Soto responded yes.

Commissioner Guerra said it looks like power is needed there. How would they get power to this location?

Mr. Soto responded that no power is available, so they would rig the containers for solar power for the cash register and credit card machine. That is how they operate at other locations.

Commissioner Guerra what is the mechanism if you need to get two more containers there? He is concerned about having big block buildings.

Mr. Soto responded that is a concern in a lot of parks. They would blend them in as much as possible. In Mile Square Park the containers have been there for 10 to 15 years, in addition to Ventura State Beach, and they have blended them into the surroundings.

Ms. Yeats stated that one of the conditions, if they do need additional space, is it is up to the Director's discretion.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked how does this jib with the horses we approved last month?

Mr. Gutfeld responded that this is for Area II and the horses are in Area III. There is no bike path in Area III.

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

B. Recommendation to waive the participant fee for West Long Beach Little League for the Spring season only.

Ms. Kaiser said they are under a new director, Mr. Gray, and have struggled in the past to hold their attendance for the kids in the west Long Beach area. When Mr. Gray took over there was very little money left. They had to start it up from scratch. With no uniforms they have worked hard to establish the teams. They knew the participation fee existed and asked if the fee could be waived for this season. Staff has gone through their financial information and we recommend a waiver of those fees.

Mr. Gray said he would like to thank Michael Clements, James Johnson's Chief of Staff, Ted Stevens and Jay Lopez who were very helpful. He said it was never their intent not to pay the fees; we just could not afford them. These kids have nowhere else to play. There is no league in north or central Long Beach. There was mismanagement and misappropriation of funds. We took over and did some fundraising. I don't get any participation from the parents. There are probably ten percent of the parents who help out. Four parents showed up to a car wash fundraiser out of 200 kids in the league. It is hard to keep them going. They stress education and the league's previous kids were in the Poly Pace program. Mr. Gray stated that it was never his intent not to pay. They just don't have the money. Fundraising is difficult because of the economy and because he just can't get the parents to understand that it is for their children in the park. The past Council office helped us with putting in portable restrooms close to the fields at Silverado Park.

Commissioner Satariano said Mr. Gray built a good case. We would want to support this.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if Mr. Gray could look to the businesses up there to help sponsor? This brings up an issue of the change of management. We were in the process of preparing a procedure for the waiver of fees that would have involved the Finance and Appeals Committee with the former Business Operations Bureau Manager. That has been held in abeyance. I would like to see that a priority again to put the process in place so we don't have to slow things down for when something like this comes up.

Mr. Chapjian said we understand and will help the little league.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stressed this needs to be a one-time waiver, otherwise you sent a precedent.

Commissioner Guerra asked if this league is in arrears with fees?

Mr. Gray responded no, we are caught up with the charter and insurance, we just don't have the money right now to pay for the fees and equipment.

Commissioner Guerra reiterated that they should look for sponsorships. This needs to be a one-time fee waiver.

Mr. Gray responded that their non-profit number is now updated and he will look for sponsorships.

Ms. Kaiser said the Department has made a commitment to this little league. We made repairs to this field and it is a welcoming and safe field

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

- C. Recommendation to approve proposed improvements to Recreation Park through the creation of a garden area, located adjacent to other Long Beach Sister City sites; and, recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the full City Council, that the area be named Izmir Grove Peace Garden.

Mr. Chapjian stated that we met with the group yesterday and they are here today also.

Ms. Sandra Gonzalez said we have representatives here from the Sister Cities Organization. Long Beach has a very active sister cities group and we have eight different countries that participate. Today, three of these groups have looked at areas within Recreation Park where we would like to have all of the Sister Cities represented. They would like to present a concept for your approval and we would work with them to implement this. Also Studio 111 is here and they are working with this group.

Mr. Dennis Aytakin stated that Izmir and Long Beach have been sister cities since 2005. The two cities signed an agreement during the reign of Mayor Beverly O'Neill. It took us about five to eight years to complete the process. Izmir is a Turkish port city, like Long Beach. It is approximately in the same latitude and has about the same climate. It is located on the western coast of Turkey. The cityscape looks like Long Beach. It is similar to Long Beach in that we have industrial sites, a small port, a modern airport, about seven universities, beaches, and museums. Izmir has a strong historical

background. It is about 2,000-3,000 years old and in ancient times it was called Smyrna. Ephesus is nearby. We are trying to create a peace garden in Recreation Park to symbolically connect Izmir to Long Beach. They would like to eventually build a twin park in Izmir in one or two years. He introduced Mike Bohn, chief architect from Studio 111. He also introduced local artist Steve Elicker, who is looking into the public art portion.

Mr. Bohn introduced David Sabunas, their licensed landscape architect. He said they are looking at the corner of 7th Street and Park Avenue. He discussed the nearby band shell, large eucalyptus tree, and restrooms and that they wanted to have the minimum amount of impact on the existing trees and use natural light. They are interested in providing drought tolerant landscaping. Izmir and Long Beach have similar weather. He said they would have a grove of nine olive trees, which represent peace, wisdom and purity. They will be importing Turkish limestone, and have someone in Long Beach who would be willing to provide them at cost. He said they are interested in the idea of a nautilus shell, which has meaning with both cities being seaside towns. The nine olive trees would be planted around the shell. The center item is a star, which is fiberglass. Our intent is to have an artist decorate it with stones and shells. They would remove a few eucalyptus trees and elm trees. Mediterranean landscaping would surround the shell. In the evening we would like to up-light each of these trees. There are bench walls on the edge of the shell with an educational component discussing similarities. In Phase II there would be shade structures, but that would be in another presentation.

Mr. Richard Madiera said the bench would under Sochi jurisdiction. This would make it look more interesting. Being with the Sister Cities Association, Izmir gave a lot to this project. This is a great opportunity and hopefully will go further.

Mr. Aytekin said Izmir released \$10,000 in funds to hire Studio 111 to create the plans and groundwork. We want to take this to the next level and build the foundations of this bridge for the two communities. This concept was the most popular when presented to several community organizations. We have researched a number of funding sources, some in New York and Washington, and the Turkish Ambassador has committed to raise money for this project. We will work with neighborhood associations and community events to raise money. Izmir is standing by with \$20,000 should we need it.

Mr. Jeanette Schellu introduced herself as a member of the Yokkaichi Association. She said their association is in support of the general concept for all the sister cities to be in one location. Our association is preparing for their 60th anniversary.

Ms. Diane Sundstrum introduced herself as President of the Belmont Heights Community Association. She said we are very much in favor of this and think this will enhance that corner and provide a nice gateway to Belmont Heights.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said this is a great plan. This is the second month in a row we have had a group come to us with a great plan and a promise to raise money. I would like to see you come back to the Commission when the money is close to being completed.

Mr. Aytekin said we have approached a number of donors who have committed approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated I would like to know when construction is going to start. The second issue is maintenance after it is built. This is a fantastic thing and will take some attention. We will have maintenance issues. I had a constituent call to go into the Yokkaichi garden and provide volunteer maintenance. In the report it says that the \$175,000 would include money for maintenance for the first year. Could we find a way to maintain this past the first year? This would make a great addition to the corner. How can we help the Department maintain these projects?

Mr. Chapjian said it would be nice if they could raise ongoing money for maintenance. We would be involved in the design as well to help with the maintenance.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if research could be done on the legalities to facilitate volunteer labor?

Mr. Chapjian said that Bob Livingstone has prepared agreements with several community groups to volunteer to clean the parks.

Ms. Gonzalez said we have groups that go in monthly at several parks to do a full maintenance. We will research the legal side of what could be allowed for volunteers to do maintenance.

Commissioner Antonette said the fundraising report is thorough. There is some money allocated for naming opportunities. What is our policy currently for naming opportunities? Is that a resource available to us?

Mr. Chapjian said we discussed that with a dog park and sent a memo to the City Manager. We created a procedure and will be bringing that to the Commission.

Vice President Sangmeister said we can't say we can name things in the park by sponsorship yet. I appreciate the hard work that has gone into this. I am excited about this but we are cautious in our financial situation. One question is about lighting, how would we run power there? That should be in this. Also, with the trees, does there need to be different types of irrigation there, are these good trees for the area and can the infrastructure handle this? I don't want dead olive trees. I would like to see this come back. I am hesitant to name right this right now until we know what exactly will happen in this area.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated we could name it with the caveat that it be developed as such. It might be important to their fundraising.

Mr. Aytakin stated we are not sure about the name yet either.

Vice President Sangmeister stated maybe we should say we are willing to move forward with the plan but maybe not say what the name is, but for your fundraising abilities you could call it the Peace Garden. We don't like to rename things.

Mr. Chapjian stated we need to touch base with Long Beach State about their sign on the corner.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver to approve the proposed improvement plan to Recreation Park in concept through the creation of a garden area, located adjacent to other Long Beach Sister City sites and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Recommendation to authorize ongoing improvements and third party maintenance of Cressa Park, located at 19th Street and DeForest Avenue, as proposed by the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance, and recommend to the full City Council approval of a Right of Entry Permit and acceptance of all related non-monetary donations of planning, materials and labor for a period of five years, with one, five-year renewal period at the discretion of the City Manager or his designee.

Ms. Yeats stated that for the past 15 years the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance has maintained this parcel of land, Cressa Park. Volunteers have donated thousands of hours to remove invasive plants and trees, which they have replaced with native species that they have also been maintaining. They are requesting a long-term right of entry to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council. This would be a five-year deal with a five-year option.

Mr. Chapjian stated we think this is a good thing for them to take care of this park and take out the non-native plants and planting California vegetation.

Commissioner Guerra said that he wants to make sure that future improvements don't include structures or sheds; that they would do land improvements only.

Mr. Chapjian stated they would do landscaping only.

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

- E. Recommendation to approve proposed improvements to the 1.9-acre site located at the northwest corner of Wardlow Road and Golden Avenue for the creation of a dog park, which, as proposed, meets a recreational need in the city through an appropriately designed site; and, recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, and the full City Council, that the new dog park be named Wrigley Heights Dog Park.

Mr. Chapjian stated that apparently this was a project that was started in 2009, in meetings with the City Council office before Councilmember James Johnson was in office. This has been created at a minimal cost. Unfortunately it did not come before the Parks and Recreation Commission as a park project, so we are a little late and apologize for that.

Mr. Arevalo stated that when previous Councilwoman Reyes Uranga had meetings on that site, it was originally just dirt and weeds. Staff met with Council staff and the community and originally they wanted to build a community garden. The community did not want a garden and decided they wanted a dog park. We tore down the house. There was a grant that helped us with this. This was very inexpensive to make this land usable.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I am all in favor of using land productively but this is disingenuous. This park is built and signs have been made, the opening has been scheduled, and to say that the Commission is asked to review and recommend on suitability of the proposed improvements and design is simply not appropriate. I am not looking to lay blame on anyone. I don't care whose fault it was. It is important that people understand that park land use decisions are supposed to be vetted through this Commission as stated in the City Charter. That does not excuse a change in administration. The people involved should be aware and I want to make sure that this not happen again. I am in favor of creating parks in an efficient manner and using the resources we have.

Commissioner Satariano said the current feeling of the Commission on this was well stated by Commissioner Saltzgaver. I was trying to remember how all this fell into place and I cannot remember any discussion about this dog park. We have been caught off guard about several items and we will not be cutting a lot of slack when things come to us after the fact. We have some energetic Council members trying to do things for their district and we support that, but there is no excuse for ram roding through projects and that will not be tolerated. It has to go through the formal process.

Commissioner Guerra said he is in agreement with both the Commissioners. I was just as surprised and it really bothered me and it has been a pattern. This park has no funding but we are opening it. With most dog parks we have been approached with there is a neighborhood group to take care of it and there is no group working to maintain this one. This used to be the Police Department's horse stables and why aren't they being asked to participate and why isn't it being named after the police stables? Why aren't they offering to help with this? What bothers me the most is there is no afterthought once we open the site. Where are the funds going to come from and who is going to take care of this?

Commissioner Antonette thanked the two senior Commissioners for their remarks. The processes that have been coming to us have been very community focused and we are starting to take a position where we are looking to the community to become very involved with parks. I have not seen anything where that is the case here. With Long Beach historical sites and historical people, there is the opportunity to think about what used to be on this property and historical use and the ability to honor that historical part of Long Beach. We have several opportunities missed here.

Commissioner Guerra said if we asked Mr. Donelon about putting a skate park there, he would have way more opportunities through his connections to find sponsors to take care of the property. Right now we are putting a dog park there. My point is there are people in the community who can make things happen and for something to just pop up with no support from anyone to make happen, that really bothers me.

Ms. Annie Greenfeld introduced herself as a Wrigley resident. She said she remembers when the garden was proposed. They didn't want certain elements to come into Wrigley Heights. It is discriminatory. They didn't want anyone outside of that area to be there. I don't think people from outside the neighborhood would be allowed to go there, they might have issues. I agree with the maintenance issue. We put in a Peace Garden at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the community and the volunteers maintain it. I would recommend that. I can't see the residents of Wrigley Heights doing that.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he personally guarantees that anyone with a dog will be allowed to come to this dog park. I will be there with my dog if I have to. This is public land and it will remain so.

Vice President Sangmeister stated that this Commission meeting is indicative in what is so great about the Parks and Recreation Department. We have all of these different projects going on and it is difficult for the Commission to be out there assisting. This Commission takes a lot of pride in trying to be as helpful to this department as possible. Because we have so much land, there has to be the thought from staff – always – does this need to come to the Commission? We are always pulling people back and want to do the right thing for the City of Long Beach and for the residents, but it has got to come through the process. Otherwise we are going to end up with a situation that is going to be outside of our control.

Mr. Chapjian said everything will be vetted through this Commission. We do work with the Councilmembers a lot. There was no intent to be disingenuous at all. It was unfortunately done after the fact and was already built, so it had to come back. We apologize and we will make sure it doesn't happen again. We have a high degree of respect for the Commission.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he felt it was very important to raise the issue of the staff report simply because that is part of the public record and it is important for the public record to be correct.

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

- F. Recommend submission of grant applications to California State Parks through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008, for the 1) development of soccer fields at Drake/Chavez Greenbelt, at a total estimated cost of \$2,513,000; 2) development of a new park at 2755 Orange Avenue (Longview Park), at a total estimated cost of \$2,829,000; 3) development of a new park at 7th Street and Alamitos Avenue (Armory Park), at a total estimated cost of \$1,656,000; and 4) acquisition and development of a new park at 14th Street and Long Beach Boulevard (14th Street Gateway Park), at a total estimated cost of \$1,685,200.

Ms. Gonzalez said we want to make sure this is on your radar. Based on if any of these grants are received, we will then work on development. We are working on these four grants and if approved, we will go to City Council on June 14 to approve submitting these grants. The grants are due on June 30 and they are very labor intensive.

Ms. Mendiola said the site plans are in the packet. Prop 84 is one of our last chances right now for state funding. It is round two for this grant. There are 100 points in a grant application and 66% of those points are out of our control. One is how much park land there is within half a mile radius. The median income or poverty level is out of our control. Third is our ability to put together at least five community meetings.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if the five community meetings are required before you apply for the grant?

Ms. Mendiola responded yes.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if this meeting is being considered as a public meeting?

Ms. Mendiola responded yes, that all the meetings held since 2006 count as public meetings.

Vice President Sangmeister stated that it might be a good idea, at the end of each item, to ask for public comment. She asked if these have already been through round 1?

Ms. Mendiola responded no, these were not submitted in round one. For round one we submitted Orizaba, Craftsman, and Scherer and we got two of the three. We are not going back with Scherer because it does not meet the criteria. She described the Drake/Chavez Master Plan Phase 1 for soccer fields, which is an unmet need.

Vice President Sangmeister asked for any comments, and there were none

Ms. Mendiola described the second project, Longview Park. She explained that these names are working names only, which helps during the grant process. She said that the Councilmember held a lot of meetings.

Mr. Gonzalez said the cemetery is not included as park acreage.

Mr. Chapjian said we would come back to the Commission with a concept plan. If the grant does not work out we will come back with not as many amenities.

Commissioner Satariano said this is a perfect example of energy coming from the Council office. We have been talking about this site for the last ten years and I was convinced nothing good was ever going to happen. This Councilmember has dug in and made something happen.

Vice President Sangmeister asked for any comments.

Ms. Mary Parsell introduced herself as a member of the Long Beach Audubon. She said that they went on a tour of this site in December with the Councilmember. The Audubon group was really impressed with the wildlife and plan for the site. This has great potential. We saw two endangered species there. I am supportive of the Councilmember doing this.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that in the park design we want the best use of the site. This is so anti-sports park and the vision is there.

Ms. Parsell said there is great potential there.

Mr. Mike Donelon asked if there is any remediation required?

Ms. Gonzalez responded that there is not, because we are not digging into the ground. If we don't get the grant, the site would be just bare bones and the parking lot would be just gravel. With the grant we would put in a sustainable, permeable parking lot. There will not be any lighting, but it would allow us to do a great job.

Commissioner Antonette asked after you submit your Phase I design are you locked into that design?

Ms. Mendiola responded that you are locked into what you said you are going to do. The design can change but if you said trail, you have to put in a trail. It does not matter where it goes.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if there were any comments.

Ms. Greenfeld said the previous Councilmember has been working on this so long. The site is an eyesore and anything is an improvement. Thank you.

Ms. Mendiola described the third project, the Armory Park proposal. There are zero acres of park space within half a mile radius. This is at the most dangerous intersection in the city. This has been a long-term goal for the community to have a park here. Public Works received a grant to remove three of the five lanes of this intersection for traffic safety.

Mr. Chapjian said we were going to apply for a grant next year, but since they consolidated the grants it is now or never.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if the small parcel to the south is public parkland?

Ms. Mendiola responded that is the museum's property.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if is there any potential for getting that piece of property?

Ms. Mendiola responded not for this grant. You have to have a letter from a willing seller to do that.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he was concerned with the impression that the community is doing this on their own. I know Anna is working on this. That bothers me.

Ms. Mendiola responded that we have been at all the community meetings.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that further down Alamitos Avenue there was a green space with road all around it. About five years ago this came to the Commission with a design proposal. The Commission recommended strongly that one street be closed off to allow access. That green space has now been built and it looks like a park with streets running all around it with no access to it. I want to make sure that we continue to be a part of that. Lt. Joe Stillinovich wanted me to let everyone know that the Police Department is in favor of getting rid of this street.

Commissioner Guerra stated that maybe an aerial view of what is adjacent would help in the future.

Ms. Mendiola responded that she would label future aerials like that.

Mr. Brian Ulaszewski stated this has been a long process and the community has been fighting for this about six years. We have a lot of cultural institutions around this site that use this site. There is a lot of support for this project. Hopefully, we would like to see this move forward. Thank you for hearing this.

Laura Soto introduced herself as a representative of the deaf community. She would like to request to have in that park something for the deaf community, like a stage to feel the vibrations. The Museum of Latin American Art is very good with art. There is no other place to participate. She asked that the Commission consider that and a community center to find information to help with the deaf.

Mr. Kelly John (?) introduced himself as from St. Anthony's. He said that the parish and high school strongly support this and need it desperately.

Ms. Greenfeld introduced herself as the Chair of the Centro Project Area Committee. I can tell you CPAC has always been very supportive. There is a great need in this neighborhood. We don't have as much park land as other areas in Long Beach. The entire committee has been in support from day one. I invited Brian to speak at CPAC on June 2nd.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if CPAC has any money?

Ms. Greenfeld responded that Redevelopment could have money. We will get there.

Ester del Valle introduced herself as an alumni from Stevenson school, which is close to MoLAA and St. Anthony's Church. This project is amazing and good for the community. This is our opportunity to give ideas for what the community needs. We need this park.

Ms. Brenna Barrett introduced herself as the Director of the Pacific Museum. For all three organizations this park is very important.

Ms. Ana Del Valle introduced herself as a representative of La Luna and this is very important to have a community center. We need one center.

Vice President Sangmeister said she is impressed with the amount of public comment. She said that if this grant does not work out, she suggests that we continue to find funding to make this happen because of the need in the area.

Ms. Mendiola stated next is 14th Street Park. She said we have been making improvements to this park for a long time. We have the Michael K. Green Skate Park, we put the KaBOOM! playground in and are getting ready to make improvements to the existing basketball court. This piece is at the very east end by Long Beach Boulevard. This is the final link that would get us from Long Beach Boulevard all the way to Seaside Park. This is the only site we have acquisition in our grant application. It is contingent on if we can get the willing seller letter. This is more of a passive section of the park.

Mr. Mike Donelon asked if the basketball court is included?

Ms. Mendiola responded no, the basketball court is already funded.

Ms. Greenfeld said she is one of the founders of Better Balance for Long Beach and we started working on 14th Street Park as residents in 2004. We managed to get Councilmember Lowenthal to fence in the two areas of the park. This area is very underserved. If I had to choose I would choose Armory Park and 14th Street Park.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if there is a system of prioritization in these applications?

Mr. Chapjian responded that there is with the State. They give points of certain criteria. The grants do not compete against each other, it just depends on the criteria.

Commissioner Saltzgaver complemented Ms. Mendiola on her work on this.

Ms. Gonzalez complemented Ms. Mendiola for her exemplary work.

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

- G. Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit for the operation of a family-owned Oktoberfest with O Entertainment, Inc., in El Dorado Regional Park, Area III, from September 23, to October 2, 2011; and recommend the City Council approve a Resolution amending the Municipal Code to authorize a temporary waiver for the restriction of alcohol consumption in the El Dorado East Regional Park, Area III.

Ms. Yeats said last summer the Commission and City Council approved this event. Despite gloomy weather the event was a success. They worked with the Lakes, Ponds and Wetlands Taskforce to minimize impact to both bird and water habitat in Area III. O Entertainment paid us for the mitigation of the previous mitigation issues.

Mr. Chapjian said that the Councilwoman is not crazy about this event.

Commissioner Antonette said we had a long discussion wrapping up this event at the end of last year.

Mr. Chapjian stated we want to see what the revenue is this year. If you approve it and if it is not much more than \$20,000, we may want to think about it.

Commissioner Satariano said I know the Hassetts and am surprised they are not here. They are good operators and lost money on last year's Oktoberfest. This was one of the first events we were allowed to sell alcohol. The weather was pretty inclement. There were no alcohol related issues. I'd like to give the Hassetts an opportunity to come back and make some money under better conditions than last year. I don't want the alcohol to be an issue at all.

Vice President Sangmeister for public comments.

Ms. Mary Parsell said she did meet with Audubon, Marc Gutfeld and the operators a few days ahead of time. They are very nice people. We need to work more than three days before the event. There was some misunderstanding about the fencing. It is good to stay about 15 feet from the lake. There was a miscommunication and someone told them 5 feet, but they made it 10 feet. By this time the fencing was already put up and it was not practical to move it after putting it up. I went to their Lobster Fest event to see how it was run. They run a good event. They are not insensitive people. I noticed in the parking area on Glider Hill there was a great blue heron every day on that hill. The cars were going much too fast. When you use the area for parking you need to slow the traffic down. About three miles an hour is safe. The operator knew how to slow the traffic down. There is wildlife and we need to watch for them. People didn't realize the park was open and that they could come in for free.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that's the advantage of doing it the second year. Mary is very helpful and hopefully a lot of that stuff will be taken care of.

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

IX. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

Vice President Sangmeister asked for comments from the audience.

Mr. Mike Donelon said he was speaking on behalf of ASK Long Beach. He was invited to Jefferson Academy to talk on community involvement. He asked the 8th graders to write essays on what they felt the need of their community was. He told them the winner would get a Tony Hawk skate board. The teacher sent me 56 essays. I am going to read you a few comments and give you a copy of the book. Mr. Donelon read a few excerpts of the essays. He said on June 3rd at 2:00 p.m., we will give all 56 kids a skate board. By end of summer we should be a nonprofit. We will let you know the events we will do this summer.

Ms. Greenfeld stated that she is Co-Chair of the Peace Garden at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and is requesting to be on the agenda for June or July to give an update of what we have done and how many people we have fed with our produce from the park. I would like to advise the Commission that three adults and three youth are leaving on Tuesday for Anchorage, Alaska as one of the four finalists in Neighborhoods USA for Neighborhood of the Year. We could not have done this without all your help. I look forward to updating you in the future.

Ms. Parsell said the Audubon and Nature Center staff had a bird day last week to celebrate a migratory bird day. Next year she would like this expanded to other parts of the park. Areas II and III are full of wildlife. There is opportunity for revenue by bringing people in to view the wildlife. Bald eagles were there and people came to look at them. Councilwoman Schipske had the idea of a bird festival. I talked to the Audubon society to see what we could do.

B. STAFF

Vice President Sangmeister asked for comments from staff.

Ms. Kaiser said we are seven days from the start of 100 Days of Summer. When the new brochure came out, our reservation office was packed with people standing outside. There will be something to do every day this summer.

Ms. Yeats stated there would be an employee barbecue on June 8th in Area II and they will be showcasing each area of staff.

Ms. Gonzalez said we are looking forward to Saturday's events: 10:00 a.m. at Rosa Parks and 11:00 a.m. at Wrigley Heights Dog Park.

Mr. Arevalo said he is preparing to take care of the beautiful things coming to Long Beach.

C. COMMISSIONERS

Vice President Sangmeister asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said to be aware that next March, the Department would be hosting the CPRS Conference again. It is a big deal and hopefully we can be very involved.

Commissioner Guerra thanked staff for the park tour and the special accommodations.

Vice President Sangmeister said during our retreat we might want to discuss, and I remain a bit concerned about, this flurry with park naming and I see a huge rush. We went through this earlier this year. We need to keep working with Council to make sure they understand. We are unsure what will happen with the Redevelopment Agency. I don't see us having much money to add park space and we will quickly run out of things to name. We need to slow the process down and let us know. I appreciate the update on Baker and getting some information on that.

X. NEXT MEETING

Vice President Sangmeister stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the El Dorado Community Center in the Senior Center Library, 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, California.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Sangmeister adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
MAY 19, 2011

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on May 19, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Dallman.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Dallman	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager – Business
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Eric Leung	Director of Engineering
	Robert Verceles	Division Engineer
	Abelardo Rendon	Division Engineer
	Stephen Gay	Manager of Security & Emergency Preparedness
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Ken Bott	Administrative Officer
	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Joyce Barkley	Water Conservation Specialist
	Daniel Cordoza	Conservation Intern
	Evana Gendron	Business Systems Specialist III
ABSENT:	Frank Clarke	Commissioner (EXCUSED)
	John Allen	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paul Fujita led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Dallman opened the public comment period.

As there were no requests to address the Board on non-agenda items, the public comment period was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 5, 2011

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2011 were unanimously approved.

4. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2011

- **Suzanne Dallman, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of June 2011. The Board agreed to the following adjusted meeting schedule:

June 2, 2011	Regular Meeting – 9:00 A.M.
June 16, 2011	Meeting cancelled – rescheduled to June 23, 2011
June 23, 2011	Special Meeting – 9:00 A.M.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Suzanne Dallman, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

No report.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD) RATE INCREASE DECISION

Mr. Wattier reported that WRD had approved a 19% increase in their replenishment assessment rate that will be effective July 1, 2011.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM (CIS) DELAY

Mr. Falagan provided an update on the status of the implementation of the CIS project, a five year implementation and maintenance process valued at approximately \$15 million. He reported that the CIS steering committee had selected a vendor in April 2011. The steering committee had directed project staff to secure City Council approval for the project and related contracts before May 31, 2011. However, various City departments had concluded that the deadline would not be met. As a result, the City

would lose, at a minimum, \$300,000 offered by Oracle as discounts on licensing and maintenance fees if the May 31 deadline had been met.

Mr. Falagan anticipated that the City Council item requesting approval would now be moved to mid-July 2011.

Mr. Wattier expressed frustration with the delay and the approval process itself. He commented that the Water Department would need to seriously consider the option of securing an independent CIS for the Water Department, noting that the collection of water and sewer revenue was the main source of funding the LBWD budget.

There was general discussion regarding this issue.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR UPDATES

- **CITY STORM WATER PROGRAM TRANSFER**

Mr. Wattier advised that the Long Beach Water Department completed the transfer of the Storm Water Program to the City as of October 1, 2010.

- **PARKS & RECREATION MEDIAN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Wattier reported that the Board funded program to re-landscape medians with the Parks & Recreation Department was still pending. He noted that LBWD is still waiting for them to respond with project specific proposals. He advised that once the proposals were received they would be brought to the Board for review and approval.

- **ALLEY MAIN CONVERSION PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Wattier advised this update would be covered under the review of the Capital Improvement Program budget later in the meeting.

- **GREYWATER PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Wattier reported that LBWD is awaiting the City's Sustainability Group to respond with specific proposals under this Board funded program.

LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT WATER MAIN BREAK RECORD SET

Mr. Wattier reported that LBWD had set a record with no main breaks in the past 98 days. He advised this surpassed the previous longest record of 71 days without a main break that was set during the period of May 2010 through July 2010.

Mr. Wattier complimented the staff of the Engineering and Operations groups for their hard work which had contributed to this record being set.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Dallman asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the Consent Calendar items.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve Consent Calendar items 7a. through 7b.

Hearing no further questions or discussion, President Dallman called for the vote on Consent Items 7a. through 7b. These Consent Calendar items were unanimously approved.

7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated May 19, 2011

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

7b. Authorization to attend the Aquarium of the Pacific Conservation Awards Gala Benefiting Education, Conservation and Animal care Programs at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California, June 11, 2011

A communication was presented to the Board from Kevin Wattier, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

8. Adopt Resolution WD-1283 declaring an end to the Long Beach Imminent Water Supply Shortage

- **Matthew P. Lyons, Director of Planning & Conservation**

Mr. Lyons provided an overview of the requested action and reviewed a brief history regarding the Board's action in 2007 to declare an Imminent Water Supply Shortage. He noted that since the Board action in 2007 there had been a significant decline (17%) in gallons per capita per day (GPDC) usage in Long Beach; recent changes in water supply reliability such as: 1) Snow water content was 113% of normal as of May 16, 2011; 2) Reservoir storage levels as of May 17, 2011 were as follows: Lake Oroville 94% full; San Luis Reservoir 94% full and Diamond Valley Lake 97% full; 3) 2010-2011 rainfall in Long Beach was recorded as 144% of normal; 4)

March 30, 2011 Governor Brown had proclaimed an end to California's drought; 5) April 12, 2011 the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) had lifted mandatory water restrictions and allocations.

Mr. Lyons reviewed the water prohibitions that would cease after an end of the Imminent Water Supply Shortage: 1) Restaurants serving water to customers without customer requesting water; 2) Watering of landscapes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday; 3) Watering more than 20 minutes per watering day per station if using water efficient sprinklers, or 10 minutes if using traditional sprinklers; 4) Irrigating landscape with recycled water to the point of runoff.

Mr. Lyons also reviewed the prohibitions that would remain in place after an end of the Imminent Water Supply Shortage.

Commissioner Townsend inquired if perhaps we were rushing to implement the end of this declaration, and was there a possibility that we would have to revisit this issue next year.

Mr. Wattier responded noting recent actions taken by the State and the MWD regarding water supply reliability. He advised there was not a chance of a shortage in the next few years in the Colorado River watershed. He advised that all State Water supply storage is full, and that MWD is in fact having difficulty in storing water this year. He noted that MWD would not be in a shortage condition for the next several years, so advised there was no risk for at least two years of a water supply shortage.

Mr. Wattier advised that LBWD would continue the strong water conservation message and the need for not wasting water.

Commissioner Townsend and President Dallman expressed support for this type of approach.

President Dallman advised she would suggest keeping the restaurant water restriction in place.

Mr. Wattier noted that in order to keep that restriction in place, the Long Beach Water Supply Shortage Plan would need to be amended at a later Board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to adopt Resolution WD-1283 declaring an end to the Long Beach Imminent Water Supply Shortage.

President Dallman asked if there were any questions, comments, or public comment regarding this agenda item. Hearing none she called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
		<u>PAUL BLANCO; SUZANNE DALLMAN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>FRANK CLARKE; JOHN D. S. ALLEN</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

The item was passed unanimously.

9. Adopt policy position on SB 34 – Water Resources Investment Act of 2011, by Senator Simitian (D-Palo Alto)

- **Matthew R. Veeh, Director of Government & Public Affairs**

Mr. Veeh provided a briefing regarding this proposed legislation. He noted background information related to previous (and pending) state water project bonds related to funding to be used for water purposes. He reviewed the historical background on previous legislative attempts to enact a public goods charge on water suppliers. He noted these previous attempts to enact a mandatory public goods charge had failed.

Mr. Veeh noted this proposed legislation would enact the California Water Resources Investment Act of 2011; would impose annual assessments on each retail water supplier in the state based on: 1) The volume of water provided in each retail service area for nonagricultural uses; 2) Each acre of land within the retail service area that is irrigated for agricultural purposes; 3) Assessment would begin on July 1, 2012 and be collected by the State Board of Equalization.

Mr. Veeh reviewed potential fiscal impacts of this proposed legislation.

He reported that SB 34 is an inequitable, unnecessary and inefficient vehicle for funding water infrastructure programs and projects; would impose burdensome costs on retail water agencies and their customers; LBWD would be responsible for paying assessments that total over \$6 million annually. He noted in order for retail water agencies to absorb this new assessment, local water rates would need to be maintained at levels approximately 8 percent higher than normal, and for an indefinite period of time. He summarized by noting that retail water suppliers should not be held responsible for subsidizing various water related programs and projects of the state or other water agencies.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to adopt an opposed position on SB 34 (Simitian) and communicate this position to the California State Legislature.

President Dallman asked if there were any questions, comments, or public comment regarding this agenda item. Hearing none she called for a vote. The item was passed unanimously.

10. Review of Capital Improvement Program Budget

- **Eric Leung, Director of Engineering**

Mr. Leung reviewed various components of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for FY 2011-2012, and noted the major initiatives under each of these components.

Mr. Leung provided an update on the Alley Main Replacement Program which included: 1) Description of the program; 2) Noted that it takes twice as long, and is twice as expensive to complete this type of main replacement mainly due to obtaining the permission of each property owner for the LBWD to enter onto their property for installation of new main lines from the street to the main house customer connection. He advised the work can also be delayed due to individual conditions that exist at each property; 3) Once all of the conversions have been completed and connected the alley mains are abandoned.

Mr. Leung summarized the costs for each of the components of the CIP as it related to the proposed budget.

Commissioner Townsend inquired if all of the LBWD facilities were up to current earthquake code. Mr. Leung responded yes.

Commissioner Townsend asked if the recently approved Administration Building elevator upgrade was included in this CIP budget. Mr. Leung responded that the elevator project was part of the CIP.

11. Revenue, Rates and Budget Overview

- **B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager – Business**

Mr. Falagan provided a summary overview of the major budget components for Fiscal Year 2011-12, covering both the Water and Sewer funds, noting the budgets for Personal and Non-personal Services, and the CIP. He summarized detailed aspects of each of those budget components, identifying any significant changes to each, the trends of major cost components and their impact on the overall budget.

He provided recommendations for rates, estimating revenues for the fiscal year, and explained the impacts of revenues and expenditures on the reserve balances for each fund.

Commissioner Townsend inquired if proceeds from the recent asset sale could be used to purchase water rights. Mr. Wattier advised that Engineering staff continues to research and contact individuals with available water rights.

Commissioner Blanco inquired as to the differences between budget and actuals for the core cost of water analysis made in the presentation. Mr. Falagan responded that actuals for the core cost components are affected by the actual costs for items such as chemicals and power, in addition to the actual mix of imported and pumped water, when compared to the budget estimates made up to one year in advance.

12. Legislative/Public Affairs Issues

• Matthew R. Veeh, Director of Government & Public Affairs

Mr. Veeh provided the following legislative briefing:

STATE:

- Provided a presentation on the Governor's May budget revision
- Advised that AB 19 (Submetering) did not make it out of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
- Provided a briefing on SB 263 (Pavley) – Wells: reports – public availability. He noted this bill would require that: 1) Reports relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed on or after January 1, 2012 be made available to the public; 2) Reports relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed before January 1, 2012, be made available to the public unless the department receives notification by the well owner that the well owner desires to keep the report confidential.

Mr. Veeh advised this legislation had passed the Natural Resources & Water and Environmental Quality Committees. He reported this legislation could have an impact of up to \$1 million annually on the Department of Water Resources. He noted it had been placed on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File; and advised it must be passed out of Senate Appropriations to the Senate floor by May 27, 2011.

Mr. Veeh advised that the LBWD has severe security issues with this proposed legislation. He advised staff planned to bring a letter to the board at their June 2, 2011 board meeting regarding a policy position on this bill.

OTHER:

- Mr. Veeh announced that a team from Poly High School had competed in the 9th annual Metropolitan Water District Solar Cup races May 15 – May 16, 2011 at Lake Skinner, and had finished in second place in the overall competition. He advised staff would schedule recognition of the team at an upcoming board meeting.

13. Report of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Meeting on May 10, 2011

Mr. Wattier noted the following actions were taken at the MWD board meeting on May 10, 2011:

- Board voted to provide direction to the General Manager to turn on discounted replenishment program effective May 10, 2011. He noted this would have a positive effect on the in-lieu program with the Water Replenishment District that the Board had approved in April 2011.
- Took action to terminate the Groundwater Storage Conjunctive Use Program agreement between MWD and Calleguas. He noted this was the largest agreement, and had been in place since the 1990's. The program needed to be terminated when the start of operations revealed problems with water quality and impacts to other well operators in the region.
- Deferred action on agenda item related to consider City of Compton's request to withdraw their Purchase Order Agreement.
- Deferred action on terminating San Diego County Water Authority agreements per rate structure integrity clause.

14. NEW BUSINESS

President Dallman requested a motion be made to excuse Commissioner Clarke from the May 19, 2011 and June 2, 2011 board meetings.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Clarke from the May 19, 2011 and June 2, 2011 board meetings.

President Dallman requested to be excused from the June 2, 2011 board meeting.


It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, and unanimously approved to excuse President Dallman from the June 2, 2011 board meeting.

Commissioner Blanco inquired when the item he had requested on April 21st regarding increasing board meetings to a weekly schedule would be considered. President Dallman advised this item would be postponed to a future meeting when the full Board would be available for review and discussion of this item.

President Dallman requested that staff explore options for the Board to recommend to the City Council a possible change to the building ordinance that would implement the intent of AB-19 (submetering).

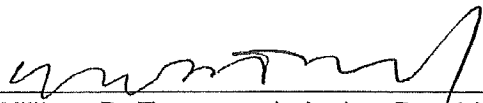
10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Dallman adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held June 2, 2011, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.



John D. S. Allen, Acting Secretary

Attest:



William B. Townsend, Acting President