

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

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022
DR. THOMAS J. CLARK COMMUNITY CENTER
BRIDGE ROOM
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Robert Livingstone, Chair
Susan Redfield, Vice Chair
Christopher Chavez, Commissioner



Sharleen Higa, Commissioner
Kasey Schoen, Commissioner
Silissa Uriarte Smith, Commissioner

Brent Dennis, Director
Jennifer Roberts, Executive Assistant

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Livingstone at 9:04 AM, at the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center located at El Dorado Park West.

ROLL CALL

Director Brent Dennis took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Commissioners Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher
Present: Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Nancy Villasenor, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Elvira Hallinan, Bureau Manager, Marine Bureau

Lori Craig, Acting Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Anne Hudson, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Stephanie Perez, Bureau Secretary, Community Recreation Services

Daveth Yoak, Park Supervisor, Community Recreation Services

Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, Marine Bureau

Kendal Acosta, Intern, Park Planning & Partnerships

GUESTS PRESENT

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Randy Zarn, Administration, Partners of Parks

Diane Palmer, Friends of Miracle on 4th St. Park

David Moore, Friends of Miracle on 4th St. Park

Arlene Symons, Friends of Miracle on 4th St. Park

Jennifer Kumiyama, Vice President, Willmore City Heritage Association

Ryan Romero, Long Beach Little League

James Christian, Teach1Reach1Foundation

Steve Pruitt, Friends of Rec Park Bandshell

Mauna Elchner, Friends of Willow Springs Park

Lee Fukui, Friends of Willow Springs Park

Audrena Redmond, Black Lives Matter

Corie Taft, Justice for Fred Taft

Barbara Chambers, Justice for Fred Taft

Cheryl Malonson, Justice for Fred Taft

Derrick Jefferson, Taft Family

Vicky Jefferson, Taft Family

Pamela Fields, Justice for Donte Jordan

Vicki Yomasha, Resident

Griselda Suarez, Arts Council for Long Beach

David Zanatta, Former Parks and Recreation Chair

Ron Sievers, Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner

PRESENTATIONS

Daveth Yoak from the Community Recreation Services Bureau, was awarded Employee of the Month for August and Kimarie Vestre from the Marine Bureau, was awarded Employee of the Month for September.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Elvira Hallinan spoke.

Daveth Yoak spoke.

Kimarie Vestre spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 22-040PR Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2022.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Redfield, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Absent: 1 - Sharleen Higa

Commissioner Higa arrived directly following Item #1, Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2022.

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. 22-041PR Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver policy.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

James Christian spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Jennifer Kumiyama spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

3. 22-042PR Recommendation to approve the placement location of memorial bench at Pan American Park, and

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with the Public Corporation for the Arts of the City of Long Beach, dba Arts Council for Long Beach, a California nonprofit corporation, to enter Pan American Park to produce a mural on the memorial or commemorative bench for a term of one year, from December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023, with three (3), three-year options to renew through November 30, 2032, for bench mural maintenance purposes, at the discretion of the Director. (District 5)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Corie Taft spoke.

Vickie Yomasha spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Higa, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

4. 22-043PR Recommendation to approve the placement location of memorial bench at Seaside Park, and

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with the Public Corporation for the Arts of the City of Long Beach, dba Arts Council for

Long Beach, a California nonprofit corporation, to enter Seaside Park to produce a mural on the memorial or commemorative bench for a term of one year, from December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023, with three (3), three-year options to renew through November 30, 2032, for bench mural maintenance purposes, at the discretion of the Director. (District 1)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Pamela Fields spoke.

Griselda Suarez spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Audrena Redmond spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

- 5. 22-044PR** Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve field improvements, at Huntley and Buckle Fields, at Stearns Champions Park, and to issue all documents necessary for a Right-of-Entry Permit to Long Beach Little League, a California nonprofit corporation, from November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2025, with the option to extend for one (1) additional year at the discretion of the Director. (District 4)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Lori Craig spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Ryan Romero spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

6. 22-045PR Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with Friends of Miracle on 4th Street Park, for a period of one year, from November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023, for the installation, planting, and maintenance of planter boxes to create a Western Monarch Butterfly Waystation. (District 2)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Lori Craig spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Kendal Acosta spoke.

David Moore spoke.

Diane Palmer spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

7. 22-046PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for October 2022.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Sharleen Higa, Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

8. 22-047PR Recommendation to excuse Commissioners absent from the meeting of the Parks and Recreation on October 20, 2022.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

City staff participated in a discussion regarding the "Great Shake Out" at 10:20 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Fukui spoke.

Mauna Elchner spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.

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