

David Zanatta, Chair
Mariela Salgado, Vice Chair



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

Brent Dennis, Director
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Zanatta at 9:07 AM, via Teleconference.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Ron Sievers, Mariela

Present: Salgado and David Zanatta

Commissioners Kasey Schoen

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Meredith Reynolds, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Ted Stevens, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Alma Castro, Parks Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Leah Salgado, Admin Analyst, Business Operations

Lori Craig, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant to the Director

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Sofia Hodjat, Recreation Leader, Community Recreation Services

GUESTS PRESENT

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Dan Knapp, Executive Director & CEO, Conservation Corps of Long Beach

David Sall, Director of Operations, Conservation Corps of Long Beach

Sharleen Higa, Parks & Recreation Commissioner (yet to be confirmed)

Family and friends of Employee of the Month, Sofia Hodjat

PRESENTATIONS

Sofia Hodjat from Community Recreation Services Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for February.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Ted Stevens spoke.

Sofia Hodjat spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Schoen joined the meeting at 9:39 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 21-014PR Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Robert Livingstone, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

Abstain: 1 - Susan Redfield

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. 21-015PR Recommendation to consider approval, or denial, of the fee waiver requests outlined in Attachment "A" in accordance with the Fee Waiver Policy.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

3. 21-016PR Recommendation to recommend to the City Council to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary for a Master Lease with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) for the operation and maintenance of 1) Willow Springs Park Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program at 2750 Orange Avenue; 2) the building at 340 Nieto Avenue and 3) DeForest Park Environmental Stewardship

Center at 6255 DeForest from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2041 with one five-year option to renew. (District 3,7,9)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Dan Knapp spoke.

David Sall spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

4. 21-017PR Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Corner" for March 2021.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Zanatta reported none at this time.

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met and the topic of discussion was the need for a Commissioner retreat. He also asked that if the Commissioners have any interest in participating on the other P&R Committees, to please send their interest to Valerie or Jenny.

FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met and that the meeting overall went well and that we are also tracking the current budget well. Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke and concurred with Chair Zanatta and added that there will be a lot of changes on the horizon, but we will stay on track.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Dan Knapp and David Sall spoke during agenda item #3.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Sievers spoke and said that he has found it useful to visit parks and that everyone should visit Willow Springs.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke and gave kudos to Meredith Reynolds and Alma Castro and said a tour would be great. He also asked if we are still revisiting the P&R Committees.

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committees will meet on an as needed basis. Wished everyone a great day and thanked staff.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke and is interested in hosting a Commission meeting out in the parks once the current health orders allow that nature of gathering safely along with a tour for the Commissioners. He also mentioned that yesterday's meeting with Partners of Parks went great and thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM.

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