

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023
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 & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Livingstone at 9:03 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,
Present: Christopher 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

Lori Craig, Interim Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Raul Martinez Jr., Superintendent, Grounds Park Maintenance

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Anne Hudson, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Stephanie Perez, Bureau Secretary, Community Recreation Services

Kendal Acosta, Intern, Park Planning & Partnerships

Clemente Cerrillos, Supervisor, Grounds Park Maintenance

Maintenance Operations Bureau Team

GUESTS PRESENT

Karen Reside, Long Beach Gray Panthers

Nancy Risch, WANA

Joan Greenwood, WANA

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners Of Parks

Randy Zarn, Administration, Partners of Parks

John McCoy, South Coast Orchid Society

John Reyes, South Coast Orchid Society

Lynette Ferenczy, Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance

Monica Parrilla, Semillas de Esperanza

Claudia Lopez, CSULB/LB Gray Panthers

PRESENTATIONS

Clemente Cerrillos from the Maintenance Operations Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for December.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Raul Martinez Jr. spoke.

Ashleigh Grisette spoke.

Clemente Cerrillos spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-001PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022.

Chair Livingstone 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

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [23-002PR](#) 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.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Monica Parrilla spoke.

Randy Zarn spoke.

John Reyes spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, 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

3. [23-003PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance (WANA), a nonprofit organization, to improve and maintain Cressa Park for a period of two years from February 1, 2023, to January 30, 2025, with two (2) two-year renewal period at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 7)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Joan Greenwood 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

4. [23-004PR](#) Recommendation to excuse Commissioners absent from the meeting of the Parks and Recreation on January 19, 2023.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

All Commissioners were present, therefore no vote was taken.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

5. [23-005PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for January 2023.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Claudia Lopez spoke.

Karen Reside spoke.

Joan Greenwood spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 10:31 AM.

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