

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 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 9:02 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 Kasey Schoen, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez,

Present: Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

Commissioners Sharleen Higa

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT

Brent Dennis, Director

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Nancy Villasenor, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Todd Leland, Acting Bureau Manager, Marine Bureau

Lori Craig, Interim Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Raul Martinez Jr., Superintendent, Grounds Maintenance

Eric Woodson, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Joy Warren, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Olivia Robertson, Intern, Park Planning & Partnerships

Karina Sepulveda, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

April Monjaras, Admin. Aide, Community Recreation Services

Cindy Graber, Admin Analyst, Community Recreation Services

Brittany Howe, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Veronica Guillen-Craft, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Stephanie Perez, Bureau Secretary, Community Recreation Services

Rhiannan Wilson, RA, Community Recreation Services

Yeselin Martinez, RL, Community Recreation Services

Carmen Viveros, Custodial Supervisor, Marine Bureau

Marine Bureau Custodial Staff

GUESTS PRESENT

Karen Reside, Long Beach Gray Panthers

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners Of Parks

Randy Zarn, Administration, Partners of Parks

Steve Pruitt, Friends of Recreation Park Bandshell

Hans Hellsuny, Friends of Recreation Park Bandshell

Anna Christensen, Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

Elvira Hallinan, Resident

Jon Vesely, Long Beach Beekeepers

Annie Laskey, Pasadena Senior Games

Michael Baker, Grace Memorial Baptist Church

PRESENTATIONS

Carmen Viveros from the Marine Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for February.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Joy Warren spoke.

Ashleigh Griset spoke.

Eric Woodson spoke.

Carmen Viveros spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-012PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [23-013PR](#) 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.

Michael Baker spoke.

Steve Pruitt spoke.

Annie Laskey spoke.

Karen Reside spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez, 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

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

3. [23-014PR](#) Recommendation to excuse Commissioners absent from the meeting of the Parks and Recreation on March 16, 2023.

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

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

4. [23-015PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for March 2023.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Sharleen Higa

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS DISCUSSION

Chair Livingstone spoke.

COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS

Deputy Director Stephen Scott spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Reside spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Jon Vesely spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Schoen spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 10:07 AM.

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