

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021  
TELECONFERENCE, 9:00 AM**

David Zanatta, Chair  
Mariela Salgado, Vice Chair



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

Brent Dennis, Director  
Valerie Davis, Executive Assistant

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Zanatta at 9:05 AM, via Teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners** Robert Livingstone, Susan Redfield, Kasey Schoen, Ron

**Present:** Sievers, Mariela Salgado and David Zanatta

**Commissioners** Sharleen Higa

**Excused:**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brent Dennis, Director

Gladys Kaiser, Bureau Manager, Community Recreation Services

Hurley Owens, Bureau Manager, Maintenance Operations

Nancy Villasenor, Bureau Manager, Park Planning & Partnerships

Janiece McMullin, Financial Services Officer, Business Ops.

Ashleigh Griset, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Joy Warren, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services

Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance, Marine Bureau

Alma Castro, Park Partnerships Officer, Park Planning & Partnerships

Lori Craig, Admin Analyst, Park Planning & Partnerships

Leah Salgado, Admin Analyst, Business Operations

Jenny Roberts, Admin Aide, Executive Office

Brittany Howe, Clerk Typist, Community Recreation Services

Kelly Armstrong, Supervisor, Marine Bureau

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Meredith Reynolds, Special Deputy City Manager for Recovery

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Celeste Sanchez, Legislative Assistant, Council District 1 Office

Bill Grisolia, Long Beach Blues Society

Rahsaan Bahati, Bahati Foundation

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Kelly Armstrong from the Marine Bureau was awarded Employee of the Month for May.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Ashleigh Griset spoke.

Cory Forrester spoke.

Kelly Armstrong spoke.

Chair Zannatta spoke.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-028PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021.

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

## COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [21-029PR](#) 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.

Joy Warren spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

Rahsaan Bahati spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, to approve permits for ASK Foundation, Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association & The Exceptional Day of Play. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

**A motion was made by Commissioner Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Livingstone, to approve the permit for Bahati Foundation from June 29th - July 20th and to request that a representative from the Bahati Foundation attend our next P&R Commission Meeting on July 15th before the Commission grants the additional fees waived moving forward. Commissioner Livingston amended the request by also requesting that the Bahati Foundation submit justification on the waiver for the Community benefit. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

**3. [21-030PR](#)**

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Draft Parks, Recreation and Marine Department Strategic Plan. (Citywide)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Meredith Reynolds spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Redfield spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, 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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

4. [21-031PR](#)

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a park amenity improvement at Stearns Champions Park, at Huntly and Buckle Fields and to issue all documents necessary for a right-of-entry permit to Long Beach Little League, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 with the option to extend for one (1) additional year at the discretion of the Director. (District 4)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Redfield 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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

5. [21-033PR](#)

Recommendation to 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 for the City of Long

Beach, dba Arts Council for Long Beach, a nonprofit corporation, for the maintenance of the "Alta Regalado" mural at Pan American Park, for a period of six years, from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2027, with two, two-year options to renew through June 30, 2031. (District 5)

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Salgado, 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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

6. [21-034PR](#)

Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #21-050 from Bill Grisolia, dba the Long Beach Blues Society, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to host a series of community concerts, including the sale of food and merchandise at the Chavez Amphitheater on June 26, July 31, and on August 28, 2021, with parameters determined by the Office of Special Events and Filming and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and pay applicable fees. (District 1)

Or

Determine the proposed activity does not provide a sufficient overall public benefit and deny Special Event Permit Application #21-050 of Bill Grisolia, dba the Long Beach Blues Society, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to host a series of community concerts, including the sale of food and merchandise at Chavez Amphitheater. (District 1)

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Alma Castro spoke.

Chair Zanatta spoke.

Vice Chair Salgado spoke.

Commissioner Livingstone spoke.

Commissioner Sievers spoke.

Celeste Sanchez spoke.

Bill Grisolia spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Salgado, seconded by Commissioner Livingstone, to approve the recommendation to approve Special Event Permit Application #21-050. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

7. [21-032PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for June 2021.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Zanatta 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

**Excused:** 1 - Sharleen Higa

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair Zanatta spoke and is hopeful to have the Committee Assignments assigned by July.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Zanatta spoke and reported none at this time.

## **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met and that it was a robust meeting. They went over the Strategic Plan and many items. He suggested that an Annual State of the Park be sent to the City Council. Vice Chair Salgado spoke and expressed the importance of monitoring the Strategic Plan.

### **FINANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Chair Zanatta spoke and confirmed that the Committee met and the meeting went well and that we are tracking along. Janiece McMullen spoke and reported that we are 2/3 completed as of May 31st through our fiscal year that ends on September 30th. We are right on track and heading into our busiest time of the year.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A public comment was received via email from Michelle Baker on June 17, 2021. We also received public comment during the teleconference for items # 2 & 6.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Salgado spoke and thanked the Parks Department and Director Brent Dennis for making summer programming accessible to families over the summer. With lowering the costs of summer programming, this is important for economic recovery for the City. The summer camps filled up quickly, so she is hoping to have more opportunities for those who are wait listed. Thank you for our summer camps.

Commissioner Sievers spoke and was pleased by Vice Chair Salgado's comment regarding summer programs. The plan was very well done, everyone deserves a shout out. Happy summer everybody, go out there and enjoy it.

Chair Zanatta spoke and said he thought the Strategic Plan was a great first step to a



Commissioner orientation. He concurred with Vice Chair Salgado and is pleased that we made some of these programs affordable and he appreciates staff. He mentioned that we need to look at revenue in the future and is sure that Janiece will keep us on it.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

There were no staff comments at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zanatta adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.

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