

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
DR. THOMAS J. CLARK COMMUNITY CENTER
BRIDGE ROOM
2800 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, 9:00 AM**

Robert Livingstone, Chair
Christopher Chavez, Commissioner
Sharleen Higa, Commissioner



Susan Redfield, 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 9:05 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, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez,

Present: Robert Livingstone and Susan Redfield

Commissioners Kasey Schoen

Absent:

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

Jenny Roberts, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

Walter Castilla, Maintenance Supervisor, Facility Maintenance

Facility Maintenance Team

GUESTS PRESENT

Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks

Randy Zarn, Administration, Partners of Parks

Joan Greenwood, WANA

Nancy Risch, WANA

Kathryn Miles, Executive Director, Tichenor Clinic

Stelet Kim, Tichenor Clinic

Carol Gibson, Founder of Compassionate Artists

Laura Vena, Executive Director, Blockhead Brigade

Anna Christensen, Long Beach Area Peace Network

Jessica Quintana, Executive Director, Cento CHA

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Livingstone announced that Commissioner Schoen has resigned as Vice Chair for the Parks and Recreation Commission, therefore an election for Vice Chair will be held this meeting. As such, Chair Livingstone called for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Higa nominated Commissioner Redfield for the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Redfield accepted.

The nomination was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Susan Redfield and Robert Livingstone

PRESENTATIONS

Walter Castilla from the Maintenance Operations Bureau, was awarded Employee of the Month for June and was celebrated at today's Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

Hurley Owens spoke.

Walker Castilla spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [22-036PR](#) Recommendation to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2022.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Sharleen Higa, Christopher Chavez and Robert Livingstone

Abstain: 2 - Silissa Uriarte Smith and Susan Redfield

Absent: 1 - Kasey Schoen

COMMISSION ITEMS

2. [22-037PR](#) 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.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Kathryn Miles spoke.

Carol Gibson spoke.

Jessica Quintana spoke.

Laura Vena spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Robert Livingstone and Susan Redfield

Absent: 1 - Kasey Schoen

3. [22-038PR](#)

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 November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2024, with two (2) two-year renewal periods at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 7)

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Nancy Villasenor spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Joan Greenwood spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Robert Livingstone and Susan Redfield

Absent: 1 - Kasey Schoen

DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

4. [22-039PR](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report, "We Create Community" and "Director's Highlights" for September 2022.

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

Commissioner Higa spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Redfield, seconded by Commissioner Uriarte Smith, to approve recommendation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Sharleen Higa, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Christopher Chavez, Robert Livingstone and Susan Redfield

Absent: 1 - Kasey Schoen

NEW BUSINESS

Stephen Scott spoke.

Chair Livingstone spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Gibson spoke.

Joan Greenwood spoke.

Trinka Rowsell spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Livingstone spoke.

Vice Chair Redfield spoke.

Commissioner Uriarte Smith spoke.

Commissioner Chavez spoke.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Brent Dennis spoke.

Gladys Kaiser spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Livingstone adjourned the meeting at 10:41 AM.

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