



MINUTES
Recreation and Community Services Commission
Adjourned Regular Meeting
August 11, 2021

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Kirk Real.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Chairperson Dave Allen.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE: The Commission Secretary, Michelle Williams, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Veronica Lucio.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Chairperson Kirk Real
 Vice Chairperson Dave Allen
 Commissioner Veronica Lucio
 Commissioner Ted Spaseff
 Commissioner Stacy Valdez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting of July 14, 2021. A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Allen and seconded by Commissioner Stacy Valdez to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 14, 2021. The motion was carried with Commissioners Ted Spaseff and Veronica Lucio abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Frost began her announcements by informing the commission that Elizabeth Santillan had replaced Jessy Rubio as the administrative clerk for the Environmental Resources Division. Next, Ms. Frost announced that on Thursday, August 12, the last summer concert of the series would be held at Del Valle Park at 6:30 p.m. and would feature the popular 80s cover band Knyght Ryder. Additionally, it was said that the Burns Community Center Activity Room would be used as a vote center for the recall gubernatorial election from Saturday, September 11 through Tuesday, September 14. Lastly, Ms. Frost asked the commission to mark their calendars for the Patriot Day Flag-Lowering Ceremony that was said to be taking place on September 11 at 6 p.m. in The Centre plaza. The commission was asked to rsvp with their secretary if interested in attending.

Commissioner Spaseff stated that the summer concert series was a success and was very well attended. He also commended staff for a job well done at the LYS Closing Day Ceremony. He said it was neat to see all the children and it was an overall great event.

Vice Chairperson Allen shared that he recently attending the Hawaiian Hula Handout at the Weingart Senior Center. He stated that he enjoyed the event and it was very successful. He commended staff on a job well done.

Chairperson Real echoed Commissioner Spaseff comments regarding the LYS Closing Day Ceremony. He shared that the event drew a large crowd and a great time was had by all. He thanked staff for their hard work.

REPORTS:

1. RCS Annual Commission Tour

The commission toured the Lakewood Equestrian Center, Palms Park and San Martin Park.

At the Lakewood Equestrian Center, there were several key improvements to the facility which were noted for the commission. Staff detailed demolition of the residential home, the old equestrian office, the old hay barn, the outhouse, and the miniature golf course. Staff then directed the attention of the commission to the newly constructed features including the new hay barn—built as a collaboration between the city and the Conservation Corps of Long Beach—a newly installed office for the Pony Time Petting Zoo and other general improvements around the facility.

The commission then toured Palms Park, where the commission received a full description of the anticipated project to revive the building. It was stated that the Palms Park activity building was dedicated in 1979 and has undergone several programmatic changes from the original design, the most dramatic is the conversion of the once library to a gymnastics facility. These changes and the marks of age have deemed necessary a renovation to the facility as a whole. Among the upgrades in the master plan include fully accessible ADA restrooms, HVAC improvements to match the facility's use and a significant overhaul to weathered wood fascia and other structural and cosmetic upgrades.

The commission was then driven around the perimeter of San Martin Park, where the scope of the San Martin Park Project was described. It was stated that the project, funded by a combination of grant monies and the general fund, will demolish and reinstall two picnic shelters, while relocating one of the shelters nearer to park amenities such as the playgrounds and wading pool. Both shelters will also be upgraded to comply with ADA standards. It was further noted that the project will replace the tot lot playground, replacing a dated play structure with an exciting and accessible playground design. Finally, two curb cutouts will provide compliant ADA accessible parking spots on both the east and west sides of the facility.

2. Activities and Maintenance Report No. 2

A written report and discussion of the Recreation and Community Services Department Programs, Services and Maintenance Activities for the month July 2021 and a listing of upcoming activities for September 2021.

The commission received and filed the report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter to Natalie Ruiz and Carlos Countee, Part-Time Co-Employees of the Month for June 2021.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Recreation and Community Services Commission, Chairperson Kirk Real adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. to September 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Michelle Williams, Administrative Secretary
Recreation and Community Services Commission