



THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023
801 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
Carson Event Center, Carson-Dominguez Room
6:30 PM

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioners

Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet | Vice-Chair Walter Gonzalez | Secretary Kisa Hilliard | Kim Cortado | Cesar Dahilig | Clarence Dunning | Edwina Hunter | DeAnthony Langston | Oscar Ramos

Alternates

Shannon Lawrence (Alternate 1) | Jo Jacqueline Johnson (Alternate 2) | Rudolfo Brillantes (Alternate 3)

Staff

Michael Whittiker, Director | Tim Grierson, Recreation Superintendent | Bobby Grove, Community Services Superintendent | Luchie Magante, Principal Administrative Analyst

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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- 2. Telephone: You can record your comments at (310) 847-3581 no later than 3:00 p.m. before the meeting. Please identify the Agenda item you wish to address in your comments. Your comments will be read into the record.*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cainglet at 6:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Alex Cainglet, Vice-Chair Walter Gonzalez, Commissioners Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Edwina Hunter, DeAnthony Langston (entered at 8:05 PM), Oscar Ramos, Shannon Lawrence, Jaqueline Johnson

Absent: Commissioner Clarence Dunning

Excused: Commissioner Hilliard was excused on a motion of Commissioner Cortado, seconded by Vice-Chair Gonzalez, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0. Commissioner Brillantes was excused on a motion of Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elijah Lawrence & Aiden Clark.

PRESENTATIONS

1 2023-0299 PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson provided opening remarks, then introduced Recreation Program Manager Scott Griffiee. Recreation Program Manager Griffiee provided a brief history of the recognitions. Each Recreation Center Supervisor was introduced and called up the winning coach. The coach provided remarks, then introduced his players. Photographs were taken as a team, with parents, and the Commission.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The public may address the Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission or on any items on the agenda of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission, prior to any action taken on the agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes, speaking once. Oral communications will be limited to one (1) hour unless extended by order of the Chair with the approval of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission. Due to the threat of COVID-19 (aka the "Coronavirus"), you are urged to take all appropriate health safety precautions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2 2023-017-PRCAC MARCH 30, 2023, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: [March 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**3 2023-018-PRCAC
MARCH 2023 MONTHLY REPORT**

Attachments: [March 2023 MONTHLY REPORT.pdf](#)

**4 2023-019-PRCAC
MAY PROGRAMS-AT-A-GLANCE/THE SPOTLIGHT/PARK ASSIGNMENTS**

Attachments: [May PAAG-The Spotlight.pdf](#)

Action: It was moved to approve the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

**5 2023-020-PRCAC
CITY OF CARSON'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE report.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove reported the 5K Walk will take place on the same day as Cinco de Mayo, May 6, 2023. Anyone interested in participating can register via ActiveNet. The Golf Tournament will be held on May 19, 2023, at Lakewood Country Club. Extensive updates regarding the Street Fair.

Recreation Superintendent Grierson stated that the Tour de Carson will take place at Cal State University, Dominguez Hills, on August 12, 2023. There will be two (2) routes, a Family Route, and a Park Explorer Route.

Action: It was moved to receive and file the report on a motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The public may at this time address the members of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission. No action may be taken on non-agendized items except as authorized by law. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes each, speaking once.

COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: Visited THE park twice, and noted that staff fixed the Park's maintenance problems. The gophers are still an issue. The Easter Egg Hunt went well and was fun.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Met new Acting-Recreation Center Supervisor, Angel Zamora, who was very pleasant. Stated that the park looked fantastic; maintenance has been doing a great job. She reported that the stumps have been removed. Commissioner Johnson noted that the hinge is broken on the gate from University and closest to the office, so now the public cannot enter the park that way. Commissioner Johnson suggested that the park flag needs to be weather proofed so that it can stay up 24/7 or be lit. The reading program is continuing. A Nurturing Fathers program is starting next month, and will take place on Tuesdays, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. She attended the Volunteer Banquet, and is working with Adult Sports Coordinator Matt Jordan on the Golf Tournament, helping locate volunteers.

Commissioner Cortado/Carriage Crest Park and Calas Park: She attended the Volunteer Banquet and Earth Day Kids Fest. As always, staff went above and beyond. Earth Day was well attended, though parking was an issue. Perhaps staff can work with the school to alleviate the problem. She has not been able to visit her parks, though she saw irrigation work being done when she drove by. Commissioner Cortado hopes that this project will be completed before baseball season starts. She hoped everyone had a great Easter.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez/Veterans SportsComplex: He requested an update on the scoreboards. He thanked Commissioner Cortado for being the photographer during the presentation portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Langston/Veterans Park: He apologized for being late, as he has been very busy and out of the country. Veterans Park has been doing well. The facility will have professional teams playing at the park during the summer.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson Park: Stated that it was nice to see all the parks represented at recognition. The park is readying the gym for basketball.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: Visited Mills Park in the morning. The facility is clean, but noted that the outdoor handwashing station needs to be cleaned and sanitized.

Chair Cainglet/Carson Park & Reflections Mini Park: Thanked Community Services Superintendent Grove for facilitating the use of the gym for a senior's basketball team. He requested that a 1-page update on CIP projects be placed on the agenda. He did visit Carson Park and spoke to the Park Assistants. He stated that the facility's upkeep is up to par.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove

- Restroom renovations are almost complete.
- The Self-care Health Fair is scheduled for this Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson

- Special Events: Cinco de Mayo will be held on May 6, 2023, with the 55th Anniversary 5K taking place earlier in the day. The 55th Anniversary Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 19, 2023, starting at 7:00 Am. Lunch will be provided.

- Maintenance: Foisia Park and Carson Park gyms are being worked on, with Stevenson gym following. The City Council approved the purchase of benches for the park tennis courts. They will be installed by June/July. Regarding pickleball, an item to approve improvements to the tennis court fencing will go to the City Council on May 16, 2023. The purchase of new scoreboards will also go to the City Council on May 16, 2023. As they will take 12-15 weeks to produce, the scoreboards will be installed after baseball season. In the interim, temporary scoreboards will be used.

Community Services Director Michael Whittiker

- CIP: Invited the new Public Works Director, Arlington Rodgers, to the next meeting. Mr. Rodgers is working hard to complete projects.
- Autism 5K: Approximately 600 participants have signed up. The event will be at CSUDH, with the route allowing people to see the campus and its many new buildings.
- 55th Anniversary Golf Tournament: As of the meeting date, 65 participants have registered, with 79 spaces still needing to be filled in the next 3 ½ weeks. If members know anyone who would like to be a part of the Tournament, please encourage them to sign up. All funds raised will be used to support the 55th Anniversary Street Fair.
- Dominguez Park: Maintenance has done an incredible job eradicating gophers. A new contactor has been removing them and then the field will be repaired. This issue will be brought up with the Public Works Director at the next meeting.
- Anderson Park: A Work Order to repair the broken gate will be entered following the meeting. A follow-up report will be provided at an upcoming meeting.
- Windscreens: New windscreens will be purchased. The middle screen will be removed as it will make viewing the area easier for the Sheriff's Department.
- Flags: The flags used at the parks need to be identical to each other for continuity purposes, and staff is required to bring them down at dusk.
- Earth Day Kids Fest was held at Dolphin this year, and was a great event. The program will remain at Dolphin Park. Staff is working with LAUSD on a join-use agreement that will hopefully ease with parking issue. Staff anticipates that this task will be completed in the next 3-4 weeks.
- Renovations: The Carriage Crest expansion, Foisia improvements, Mills basketball courts, outside restroom and rooms are the focus now. Veterans Park, included the picnic shelters, will be handled next. Staff is trying to compete the contracts before the end of the year.
- Carson Event Center: The parking lot will be redone to include the removal of the medians/islands and the installation of additional lighting.

- On April 28, 2023, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, is Community Union Night at Union South Bay, directly on the corner of Avalon and Carson. There will be food trucks, entertainment, art displays in one of rooms located on the bottom floor, and vendors. Resident from surrounding apartments have been invited to the event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, May 24, 2023, on a motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 9-0 at 8:48 PM.

This Board/Commission/Committee is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Board/Commission/Committees agenda be posted at least 72 hours in advance of each meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Board/ Commission/ Committee and items not on the Board/Commission/Committee agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board/ Commission/ Committee. The Board/Commission/Committee may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.