



THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024
701 East Carson Street

East Wing Activity Room
6:30 PM

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioners

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

Alternates

Kelvin Brown (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 |
Kimberly Madrigal, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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- 1. Email: You can email comments to p&rcommission@carsonca.gov 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.*
- 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 at 6:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Shannon Lawrence (entered 6:41 PM), Secretary Kim Cortado, Commissioners: Cesar Dahilig, Walter Gonzalez, Kisa Hilliard, Edwina Hunter, DeAnthony Langston, Oscar Ramos, Kelvin Brown, Rudolfo Brillantes

Absent: Commissioner Jo Jacqueline Johnson

Chair Jesus Alex Cainglet was excused on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, and unanimously carried by a vote of 9-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brown.

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2024-024-PRCAC

**PARK PROJECT UPDATES WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DR.
ARLINGTON RODGERS**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

Public Works Director, Dr. Arlington Rodgers was unable to attend and has rescheduled for next month's meeting on May 30, 2024.

2. 2024-021-PRCAC

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/ RECREATION/ PARK
MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD**

Community Center Superintendent Bobby Grove introduced the department's February Employee of the Month, Dani Cook. He read the nomination form, which included highlights about her time as a Human Services Program Manager. She possesses very important qualities that help her succeed and create a positive environment for her staff and residents. Dani thanked Mr. Grove for acknowledging that her empathetic nature is actually a strength, not a weakness as many may assume. The commissioners thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the residents.

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

3. 2024-020-PRCAC

MARCH 28, 2024, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: [March 28, 2024, PRCAC Minutes.pdf](#)

4. 2024-022-PRCAC

MARCH 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

Attachments: March 2024 Monthly Report

5. 2024-023-PRCAC

MAY PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE/THE SPOTLIGHT/PARK ASSIGNMENTS

Attachments: [May 2024 Programs At-A-Glance-The Spotlight-Park Assignments.pdf](#)

It was moved to approve the Consent Calendar on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried by a vote of 9-0, 1 abstained.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Hilliard/Hemingway: The pancake breakfast at Hemingway was successful. It was great to see the pickleball courts being used and residents taking part in the tournament.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans: Nothing to report on the parks. He asked who oversees maintenance of the trash cans along Carson Blvd. The trash cans are not being emptied regularly enough.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez: Wondered if Recreation Center Supervisor Nick Reyes switched parks, since she didn't see him there. Parents complained about some lights being on and others not. She added that this is a hazard because there are gopher holes that you can't see in the darker areas. This can cause children to step in the holes and possibly sprain their ankles. Commissioner Hunter asked when the playground sandboxes would be refilled.

Commissioner Brown/Mills: Nothing to report for Mills Park.

Commissioner Brillantes/Carriage Crest: Inquired when the security lights and holes in the slide landing will be repaired. He was happy to report that there are currently no issues with homelessness.

Commissioner Ramos/Carson: Veterans remain visible at the park which helps discourage youth from participating in activities they shouldn't. Commissioner Ramos enjoys the senior programming at this park. He asked if the rubber mat in the playground can be fixed. He thanked Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos for his diligent work; he has seen a great improvement. The restrooms are clean and open in the morning.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin: He asked the staff at Dolphin Park if there were any issues; there was none aside from filling vacancies for those staff that is on leave or retired. He asked when these positions will be filled. He gave credit to the Parks and Recreation staff for the Earth Day event as it was very successful.

Commissioner Langston/Del Amo: He explained his concern that although Del Amo Park is adjacent to the mall and easily visible to visitors, it is not as aesthetic as it can be. For one, the basketball courts are missing nets. He is working on getting the Dodgers to come out to the park and help with beautification.

Commissioner Cortado/Calas/Community Center: In the past, uniforms were ordered from one single vendor. Currently, we purchase uniform pieces like the pants and shirts from different vendors. Why has this changed? He stated that the LED lights look very nice.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson: There is a great deal of activity at Stevenson Park, including at the pickleball courts. He thanked the City for investing resources and time into repairing the plumbing issue here. He believes the emergency lights should be brighter than the field lights and hopes we can resolve this in the near future. He has noticed an influx of youth that don't participate in sports but do seem to just be hanging around the park. He would like to know if we can make the Sheriffs aware so they can keep an eye on the parks.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community Center Superintendent, Bobby Grove

- Bus stops: Being serviced multiple times a week.
- The Community Center is heading into a busy season filled with weddings, graduations, etc.
- Long Beach Transit: Contract ends in September, and we are looking to extend it for another 2 years. We may possibly add a Sunday service.

Park Maintenance Superintendent, Modesto Bolanos:

- Refilling Playground Sand: Del Amo Park playground has been refilled: Dominguez Park is next.
- Del Amo: Will talk to Recreation Center Supervisor about adding more color and beautifying the area. Will

have to research which plants are appropriate since that area uses drought tolerant plants.

Recreation Superintendent, Tim Grierson

- Hemingway Park: Public Works finished the contract for the doors. They are now searching for a vendor to start tile repairs in the kitchen and other areas.
- Dominguez Park: Nick Reyes is acting at Carson Park for this month until the Cinco de Mayo event. Nick Reyes has already entered a requisition to fix the PA system. Public Works is looking to upgrade all sports field lighting next fiscal year.
- Water Fountains: Recreation Program Manager Scott Griffie is looking to upgrade water fountains in areas that need it. He will fill enter requisitions soon.
- Vacancies: Two plumbers have been hired in the City.

*Commissioner Lawrence: Do we have a plan to maintain the filters upcoming years? We must ensure we have the equipment and personnel to do so. *Superintendent Grierson: We will relay this information to Public Works.

- Del Amo: This park is below sea level, so we have to treat it differently than our other parks. The new park director Angel Zamora is making plans to improve the park. This will become a future CIP.
- Uniforms: There were supply issues during COVID and the department didn't like the ideas of holding all our "eggs in one basket." Additionally, not all vendors do all services (like sublimation), so we utilize a variety of vendors.
- Stevenson: Scoreboards are up and running. Mr. Grierson will talk to Public Works about the lights. He is aware that the parks are getting an increase of graffiti. They will attempt to combat it with increased Sheriff presence and the use of the newly installed cameras.

Updates:

- Basketball Scoreboards and Shot Clocks: Have been approved by City Council. Some parks, including Veterans, are scheduled to receive them soon.
- Foisia Park: There is a contract to replace the bleachers; they have been ordered. We are currently working on windscreens.
- ShareFest: Is an organization that wants to give back to the community. They will beautify Veterans Park on May 31, 2024.
- Currently working on high-level concepts for the skatepark at Veterans. We are collecting feedback from the community.
- Anderson Park: We mailed a letter to residents near the park. It will be closed starting the May 29. Signage will be posted. The parking lot will become ADA complaint. If there are no delays, this project will be completed in July.
- Electronic Marquee at Veterans: We will be able to use this marquee to electronically promote special events.

ADJOURNMENT

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Secretary Cortado, and carried by a vote of 10-0.