



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
701 East Carson Street

Carson-Dominguez 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

Vacant (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

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cainglet at 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet, Vice-Chair Shannon Lawrence, Secretary Kim Cortado, Commissioners Cesar Dahilig, Walter Gonzalez (entered at 6:49 PM), DeAnthony Langston (entered at 6:35 PM), Oscar Ramos, Jo Jaqueline Johnson

Absent: Commissioners Kisa Hilliard, Rudolfo Brillantes

Excused: Commissioner Edwina Hunter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

PRESENTATIONS

1 2023-050-PRCAC DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/RECREATION/PARK MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD: AUGUST 2023

Community Services Director Michael Whittiker explained that this item will be pushed to next month. In October's meeting, the August and September Employee of the Month winners will be announced.

2 2023-049-PRCAC CIP AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ARLINGTON RODGERS Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

Community Services Director Whittiker introduced the Public Works Director, Arlington Rodgers and thanked him for being present today.

Director Rodgers included several projects in his presentation. Amongst the projects were Mills Park, Carriage Crest Park, Foisia Park, and Carson Event Center. Upcoming projects at Mills Park include a splash pad, concrete walk path, and a monument sign. The estimated start date for these improvements is Summer 2024. Design plans for Carriage Crest are in progress with an estimated completion date of January 2024. Residents and visitors will be pleased to see a dog park, three new baseball fields, pickleball courts, an open turf volleyball area, and new restrooms. Foisia Park is currently in the design stage which will be completed by January 2024. Construction is expected to start Summer 2024 and will include renovations like a new playground, outdoor

exercise area, and shaded picnic areas. Construction at the Carson Event Center will begin Summer 2024 and will include a new stage, two new event areas, and a shade sail in the child education area.

All outdoor scoreboards at the parks have been ordered and will be delivered in November. Once those have been replaced, the department will begin working to replace the indoor scoreboards.

The Public Works Director opened the floor for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Cortado exited the meeting at 7:15 PM and reentered at 7:23 PM.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concern for summer sports and programs and how they will be impacted with construction. Community Services Director Whittiker reassured him that there would be minimal impact as the team is putting together a plan to ensure programming isn't disrupted.

Commissioner Langston suggested we partner with CSUDH as they have ample space for sports. Director Whittiker stated that parking fees will be costly for parents that have a multiple practices or games in one week, since parking is \$10 per day. He will reach out to CSUDH to ask if they would be willing to waive the parking fees. Commissioner Ramos asked if there will be a public meeting to discuss the changes Director Rodgers presented. Director Whittiker stated that there has already been a meeting for every construction site; commissioners were invited to attend last year.

Commissioner Cortado wondered why Carson Park has an outdoor shower. Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson stated that all parks with splash pads are required to have an outdoor shower.

Commissioner Cainglet asked how far the team is into the design process. Superintendent Grierson stated that the team is approximately 60% completed with all designs.

3 2023-051-PRCAC PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF 2023 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

It was moved to bring up item 3 up to 2 on a motion of Commissioner Cortado, seconded by Vice-Chair Lawrence, and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0.

Director Whittiker introduced Program Manager Scott Griffie. Griffie began his presentation with a brief overview of the season, pleased to see that enrollments had increased. His presentation included a slide show of the team's photo. Scott then introduced each park supervisor as they came up to introduce the champion team in their respective parks. Park supervisors congratulated their teams and allowed the coaches to call out the children's names.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4 2023-046-PRCAC

**AUGUST 31, 2023, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Attachments: [August 31, 2023 PRCAC Minutes.pdf](#)

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AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

Attachments: [August 2023 Monthly Report.pdf](#)

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

Attachments: [October 2023 Programs-At-A-Glance-The Spotlight-Park Assignments.pdf](#)

Secretary Cortado requested to pull Item No. 6 on the Consent Calendar.

Action: It was moved to approve Item Nos. 4 and 5 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Cainglet, and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Regarding Item No. 6, the document states the Larry Itliong celebration is taking place on the 21st, when in fact it should say October 28 from 9 am to 12 noon. It was also suggested to add the Larry Itliong basketball tournament, which will be taking place October 21 from 8am-2pm.

Action: It was moved to Receive and File Item No. 6 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Secretary Cortado, and carried by a vote of 7-0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Langston/Veterans Park: Praised the Director for continuous improvements at the park. He is looking forward to new scoreboards inside the gym. The bleachers have been repaired.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Was please to find that most of the items discussed with Simy have been corrected: broken marquee, overgrown roots, cracked concrete bench. The concrete bench had to be removed as they could not repair it properly. New nets have been ordered for the basketball court. The Jazz Festival will take place October 7 and include numerous vendors. Commissioner Johnson is concerned about the exposed pole in the playground.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans Sports Complex: Nothing to report.

Secretary Cortado/Calas Park and Carriage Crest: Visited the Calas Park car show. She would like an update about the Hemingway pickleball courts. She would like us to add the Women's Conference to the PAAG which is being held on October 20. Cortado urged all the commissioner to purchase a ticket to the Fabela boxing event since it is a fundraiser. She requested that we add each commissioner to their designated parks on the PAAG and that we assign someone to the Carson Event Center. She thanked the Community Services department the events they put on this year. Cortado stated that the agenda forgot to be e-mailed and posted on the website. She wonders if we are able to change the address on the agenda, as it reads 701 E Carson St.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: The park is quiet, and the grass is green and healthy. Residents time with their families through picnics at the park.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: Stated that everything is well at the park.

Vice-Chair Lawrence/Stevenson Park: Is excited for soccer and football season. There will be a taco fundraiser at Stevenson Park tomorrow; each plate will cost \$12, and the event begins at 6 pm. He would like an update about the drainage issue at the snack bar. He would like us to figure out a way to update parents sooner about the schedule for games. He does not think it is reasonable to notify parents the week of the games; he would like notifications at least 2 weeks in advance. Vice-Chair Lawrence would like to see increased police presence at evening games and practices. He believes it would make a great difference for public safety.

Chair Cainglet: Stated that the basketball tournament is taking place on October 21. He expressed his gratitude for the commissioners' new name plates. He requested for an item on the next agenda regarding adult sports programming.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal:

- Agenda issues: A note has been added in the preparation checklist so that the agenda is emailed and posted to the website each month.

Division Secretary Mikala Mulitauaoepele:

- Introduced herself to the commission.
- She is happy to be working alongside great leaders and is here to shadow the Administrative Secretary today, in case she requires coverage in the future.

Principal Administrative Analyst Luchie Magante:

- Agenda: The location cannot be changed. She and IT have tried many times to no avail.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove:

- Women's Health Conference: It is scheduled for October 20, and he is hoping to see everyone there.

Recreation Superintendent Grierson:

- Upcoming events: October is a busy month with the following events: Jazz festival, Phil AHM, Phil Expo Pageant, Red Ribbon Week, Larry Itliong Celebration, Halloween Carnival.
- Pickleball: Additional concrete work is needed. This item will go to council soon and the grand opening is set to the in November.
- Snack bar drainage: The department is still looking for a plumber and may need to go through Public Works to contract a plumber.
- Youth game schedules: Will connect Vice-Chair Lawrence and Program Manager Scott Griffie to discuss the issue in more detail.
- Tennis courts: Several courts are due for resurfacing and will be done soon.
- Set up for private events: Staff are not required to assist visitors to help set up for private events. However, if they are not busy, they will be able to help.

Director Community Services Whittiker:

- Scoreboards: A meeting with the Assistant City Manager confirmed that it would be more efficient to replace all the scoreboard on the outside first. Attempting to install all the boards simultaneously would prolong the project. Many moving parts so they had to focus on one. The indoor boards have an approximation completion date of September 2024.
- Anderson Park/exposed pole: the playground area is now a part of park maintenance. Director Whittiker will look himself tomorrow,
- All parks: The Park Maintenance division has taken these tasks to increase efficiency.
- Volunteerism: He thanked Secretary Cortado for volunteering at many of our events. Her work is greatly noticed and appreciated.
- Tennis Courts: He will go to the park and look at the issue himself.
- Police/park presence: There are only two officers in the North Carson and another two in South Carson. If any of them focused on parks, the city would be unable to quickly respond to life-threatening events. Officers meet with park staff weekly to discuss current issues. He understands that some parks require

more attention and will discuss this with Captain Jones.

- Agenda: Adult Sports Programs will be added to the agenda in the next meeting.
- Business cards: He is hoping to have them next month.

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Secretary Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.