



THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
Carson Community Center
801 E. Carson Street
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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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, Secretary Kisa Hilliard, Commissioners Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Edwina Hunter, DeAnthony Langston, Oscar Ramos, Shannon Lawrence (entered at 6:43 PM), Jacqueline Johnson.

Excused: Commissioners Rudolfo Brillantes and Clarence Dunning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cortado.

PRESENTATIONS

1 **2023-009-PRCAC** **PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION RECOGNITION** **OF 2021 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

Community Services Superintendent Grove thanked the audience for joining the Commission and staff to recognize the 2021 championship teams. He introduced Nancy Rusas, Youth Sports Coordinator, who detailed the team sports that were going to be honored. She introduced Community Services Director Michael Whittiker, who provided opening comments. He stated that due to Covid this recognition could not be held. This meeting is for the 2021 champions and 2022 will be next.

Each championship team was brought up, players introduced and received their certificate, and pictures were taken with 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 **2023-010-PRCAC** **MARCH 2, 2023, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION** **MEETING MINUTES**

Attachments: [March 2, 2023, Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

3 **2023-011-PRCAC** **FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY REPORT**

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

4 2023-012-PRCAC
MARCH PROGRAMS-AT-A-GLANCE/THE SPOTLIGHT/PARKS ASSIGNMENTS

Attachments: [April 2023 PAAG-The Spotlight.pdf](#)

Action: It was moved to approve the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Vice-Chair Gonzalez, and unanimously carried by a vote of 10-0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5 2023-014-PRCAC
CITY OF CARSON 55TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE report.

Community Services Superintendent Grove provided an update regarding the Street Fair and the Golf Tournament. He invited anyone interested participating in the Golf Tournament to create a foursome to join.

Commissioner Hunter inquired as to how to submit a vehicle for the car show portion of the Street Fair. Community Services Director Whittiker responded that she can provide the name of the person to Community Services Superintendent Grove so that he can contact that individual directly, and provide him/her with the information he/she needs.

Commissioner Hilliard asked how to sign up for the Golf Tournament. Community Services Director Whittiker responded that Adult Sports Coordinator Matt Jordan has the flyer with that information, and it will be sent to the Commission.

Commissioner Hunter asked about volunteering for the Golf Tournament. Community Services Director Whittiker stated that the City will need as many volunteers as possible. Members wishing to volunteer can provide their name to him.

Community Services Director Whittiker discussed the 5K walk: The event will be held on May 6, 2023, and will coincide with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. The route will incorporate Carson High school, as 2023 also its 60th Anniversary. He will be providing additional information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ramos requested a program schedule for the Street Fair. Community Services Director Whittiker stated that this and other information will be provided at the next meeting. Commissioner Ramos suggested that groups from each district should participate in the event so that the public will be aware of each district. Community Services Director Whittiker stated at the will speak to the Mayor and City Council regarding his recommendation.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if bikes can be rented at the Tour de Carson. Community Services Director Whittiker responded that Recreation Superintendent Grierson and Ray Alridge are locating a company that will rent out bicycles at the event. Participants can also use a scooter or an electric bike.

Action: It was moved to receive and file the report on a motion of Vice-Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 10-0.

DISCUSSION

6 2023-016-PRCAC

CONSIDER A PROPOSED CESAR CHAVEZ MURAL AT DOMINGUEZ PARK

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

Attachments: [Potential Project Pictures](#)

Community Services Director Whittiker introduced Mr. Pedro Murillo, Muralist, who described the project and stated that he came to respond to any questions the members may have.

Commissioner Langston commented that he was concerned about vandalism of the mural. Mr. Murillo assured the Commission that he is committed to taking care of the piece.

Commissioner Lawrence inquired if there is a sample he could view. Mr. Murillo responded that he installed a mural at a Catholic school in Rancho Dominguez, and described the work. Commissioner Lawrence asked if Mr. Murillo had a team to assist him or if children can help with the project. Mr. Murillo stated that he is considering these options. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he supports this endeavor.

Commissioner Hilliard stated that she had viewed Mr. Murillo's Dodger mural and that it was beautiful. When someone did graffiti that mural, Mr. Murillo took care of this matter quickly. She liked his proposal.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she thought his pieces were beautiful. She suggested that he place a coating to protect the mural and make it easier to clean. Mr. Murillo stated that he clear coats the mural to protect it.

Commissioner Hunter suggested that the mural be placed indoors. Mr. Murillo stated that he preferred that it be painted outside to show what can be achieved, especially as he grew up in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Ramos thanked Mr. Murillo for his proposal and asked how much this project would cost. Mr. Murillo stated that the total cost would be approximately \$3,000. Commissioner Ramos asked if he would consider placing a mural at Veterans Park. Mr. Murillo responded that he would be open to this endeavor.

Commissioner Cortado stated that she was excited about this project. With the coming installation of cameras and better lighting, they will deter any vandalism. She suggested that perhaps he could do another mural inside the facility.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez suggested that Dominguez Volunteer Association could assist with this project.

Chair Cainglet inquired if Mr. Murillo received feedback regarding his proposal. Mr. Murillo responded that he is involved and has spoken to the community. He has also distributed toys and provided haircuts. Chair Cainglet asked if Mr. Murillo retains ownership of his work. Mr. Murillo stated that he maintains copyright of his murals. He is also open to making adjustments to his work.

Community Services Director Whittiker commented that the mural is an amazing project for the community, especially as the City feels a lot of pride for Cesar Chavez. He will speak to Nick Reyes, Dominguez Park Center Supervisor, about this matter. He will be directed to conduct a survey in a timely manner to determine how residents feel about this project. If 80% of the respondents support this

project, it will be move forward. Hopefully, an item with the Commission's recommendation and survey details can be send to the City Council at its April 18, 2023, meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence inquired if when an artist donates a piece of art to the City is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required. Community Services Director Whittiker responded that, yes, an MOU is required. Commissioner Lawrence asked if the City has obtained public approval in the past. Community Services Director Whittiker stated that, no, this has not been done in the past; however, as this is a political issue, he will obtain the public's sentiment, especially as if one person objects, the project will not move forward.

Action: It was moved to recommend to the City Council that a Cesar Chavez mural be installed on the exterior west wall of the Dominguez Park Snack Bar on a motion of Vice-Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 10-0.

7 2023-015-PRCAC

CONSIDER A DATE CHANGE FOR THE MAY 2023 PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

Action: It was moved to change the May PRCAC meeting date from May 25, 2023, to May 24, 2023, on a motion of Vice-Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously carried by a vote of 10-0.

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 Johnson/Anderson Park: Apologized for being late because she was attending the basketball banquet at the park. The space looked beautiful; staff did a great job. She noted that two (2) trees had fallen and were cut down, but the stumps needed to be removed. Something needs to be done with standing water as they lead to mosquitos.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: Graffiti can be seen when inside the park building; the window has been fixed; the paint on the west side of the facility has been chipping off; and the gophers are still an issue.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: The park looks beautiful, though there is stagnant water in the walkway. Asked if the Commission was invited to attend the Volunteer Banquet.

Commissioner Cortado/Carriage Crest Park & Calas Park: Visited both parks. Noted that new lights will be installed at Calas Park. Saw on social media that the City received a through the support of Nanette Barragan, but didn't see any members there. They should have been notified. Requested an update on pickleball. Gave kudos to staff for their work on the Gala ball and the Cesar Chavez Celebration.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez/Veterans SportsComplex: Requested that the championship recognitions return to City Hall, and the Commissioners give the certificates to the players. Also, would like to have a photographer present. He requested an update on the gopher wall at Dominguez Park. Asked for a Commission table at the Volunteer Banquet. Wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Langston/Veterans Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park & Friendship Mini Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson Park: Noted that music is important at youth games so that coaches can coach; however, care must be given to the music that is chosen. Will work on a list of appropriate songs to play.

Secretary Hilliard/Hemingway Park & Walnut Mini Park: Requested an update on pickleball and the pools. Requested to be excused from the next meeting as she has a work event.

Chair Cainglet/Carson Park & Reflections Mini Park: Concurred with Vice-Chair Gonzalez that the championship recognitions take place at City Hall; it would feel like the City itself was awarding the certificates. Suggested that the members should introduce the teams, or stand next to the coach. Would like for the Commission to go dark on one of its regular meetings so that the members can visit the parks. Recommended that if staff does a survey that it be done like a Town Hall Meeting, so that both sides can be heard.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove

- Regarding the Carson Event Center, the West Wing and the Carson-Dominguez restroom renovations will be completed next week.

Community Services Director Whittiker

- Anderson Park: Fred Sykes has been doing a great job; another employee will be acting next week; a new permanent supervisor will be hired soon.
- Trees: With the rain, trees have been falling; the City's Arborist will be asked to look at the condition of the park trees.
- Standing Water: Matter will be discussed with the Center Supervisors at their weekly meeting.
- Dominguez Park: Will have staff look at the graffiti and the window. The work to eradicate the gophers is approximately 40% complete, but they multiply quickly. The gopher wall may be used in the future, but utilizing an alternative method now. Will have the Center Supervisor, Nick Reyes, handle.
- Mills Park: Has half-court basketball which limits the number of teams due to limited space.
- Carriage Crest Park: Currently undergoing Phase 2 of environmental study which will determine if the ground is contaminated. Maintenance is trying to figure out why the grass is not growing as well as before. It will take a few months until a report is available. He would like to thank Assemblyman Mike Gipson for his ongoing efforts to assist the City: An additional \$7 million has been allocated to

improve Carriage Crest Park. The funds will be used to install artificial turf for baseball and soccer, and construct the City's first dog park.

- Veterans Park: The City did receive \$2 million from the efforts of Nanette Barragan to install solar panels at the park. This project will reduce the cost of electricity at a facility that is charged the most for this utility.
- Volunteer Banquet: Those individuals who have truly volunteered for the City have been invited to the event. If any members feel that they have given enough hours to a park, please let him know so that he/she can receive an invitation.
- Will work to bring the championship recognitions back to City Hall.
- Music at youth games: Agrees that only appropriate music should be played during games, and an approved list would be helpful.
- Aquatics: Foisia Pool and Carson Pool area almost ready to open. Lifeguards were given raises to assist at the facilities.
- Will schedule a date when the Commission can make a trip to all the parks. Transportation will be provided. An item will be placed on the agenda in the future to discuss this matter.
- He has met with the new Public Works Director, and will invite him to a future meeting.
- Scoreboards: As of this meeting, four (4) have been looked at and will need to be replaced. Parts will be stripped from them to be used for other scoreboards. If the new scoreboards are not ready for baseball, new ones on wheels will be purchased. Volunteers are needed to operate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM on a motion of Secretary Hilliard, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, and unanimously carried by a vote of 10-0.

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.