



THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023  
701 E. Carson Street  
Carson Event Center, East Wing Activity 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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- 1. Email: You can email comments to [p&rcommission@carsonca.gov](mailto: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 by Vice-Chair Gonzalez at 6:32 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Walter Gonzalez, Secretary Kisa Hillard, Commissioners Kim Cortado, Edwina Hunter, Oscar Ramos, Shannon Lawrence, Jaqueline Johnson, and Rudolfo Brillantes (entered at 6:45 PM)

Absent: DeAnthony Langston

Excused: Chair Alex Cainglet, Commissioner Clarence Dunning, and Commissioner Cesar Dahilig were excused by a motion of Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1      2023-003-PRCAC JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST COMMUNITY SERVICES EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

Recreation Superintendent Grierson reported that the June, July, and August Community Services Employees of the Month were the following:

- June – Howard Johnson (present)
- July – Victor Fernandez (could not attend at family event)
- August – Daniel Murillo (prior engagement)

He also introduced all the new FT employees:

- Jonathan Nery, Aquatics Supervisor
- Nick Reyes, Recreation Center Supervisor, Dominguez Park
- Isaac Gardner, Senior Recreation Center Supervisor, Veterans Park
- Karen Ruan, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, Enrichment
- Howard Johnson, Recreation Center Supervisor, Stevenson Park

Recreation Superintendent Grierson congratulated all the new FT hires, and stated that he looked forward to working with them. He reported that there are still two (2) recruitments in the process of being filled: Anderson Park Center Supervisor and Special Events Coordinator. Additionally, there were three (3) recent promotions:

- July Employee of the Month, Victor Fernandez, was promoted to Community Center Program Manager,
- Cindy Perez, Event Services Coordinator
- Amanda Valorosi, Human Services Supervisor

## **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      2022-069-PRCAC**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2022, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS MINUTES**

**Attachments:**      [October 27, 2022, Minutes.pdf](#)

- 3      2022-071-PRCAC**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES/PARKS & RECREATION DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT**

**Attachments:**      [December 2022 MONTHLY REPORT.pdf](#)

- 4      2022-070-PRCAC**  
**FEBRUARY 2023 PROGRAMS- AT-A-GLANCE/THE SPOTLIGHT/PARK ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- 5      2022-068-PRCAC**  
**2A DIVISION YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL BATTING RULE CHANGE**

**Recommendation:** RECEIVE and FILE report.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that Item #5 be pulled for discussion.

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

Commissioner Lawrence summarized his understanding of Item #5. He asked if this change was due to parent complaints. Recreation Superintendent responded that it was due to a mix of staff and parent complaints. He discussed what occurs at games, which led to the new rule. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was glad to know that the parents were being heard.

Commissioner Ramos asked about cost of participating in baseball and softball. Recreation Superintendent Grierson responded that parents do not pay the registration fee, but do fund

the cost of trophies and uniforms. He provided registration information, also stating that a scholarship was available to assist parents.

Action: It was moved to receive and file Item #5 on a motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **6      2023-002-PRCAC CITY OF CARSON 55TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

**Recommendation:** RECEIVE and FILE.

Principal Administrative Analyst Magante and CS Superintendent Grove provided an update on the planning of the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Events.

Commissioner Hillard asked how many tickets are for sale. CS Superintendent Grove responded that 400 tickets are for sale.

Commissioner Lawrence requested the date of the Golf Tournament. Recreation Superintendent Grierson responded that the tentative date is May 19, 2023. Staff has been working on securing a location, and tentatively selected a course the prior Friday. The anticipated cost of participating is \$150 per golfer, which includes the cost of the banquet. Commissioner Lawrence asked if volunteers will be needed. Recreation Superintendent Grierson stated yes. Additional information regarding the Golf Tournament will be provided at the next meeting.

Commissioner asked about volunteering at the Golf Tournament. Recreation Superintendent Grierson responded that the Subcommittee will discuss volunteering with those interested in the future.

Commissioner Lawrence noted that players will be registered in groups of four.

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

## **DISCUSSION**

### **7      2023-001-PRCAC CONSIDER A DATE CHANGE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2023 PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

**Recommendation:** DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

Principal Administrative Analyst Magante detailed that with the next meeting immediately before the Gala Ball, staff requested that it be moved to either one (1) week before or one (1) week after to allow employees to focus on preparations for the event.

Action: It was moved to change the meeting date of the February Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Commission from February 23, 2023, to March 2, 2023, on a motion of Vice-Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

## **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 Lawrence/Stevenson Park: Acknowledged that Center Supervisor Kenny Harris' move from Stevenson Park was bittersweet, as he did a lot of great work with a whole generation of children. He is excited to work with new Center Supervisor Johnson who has shown that he has progressive ideas and a desire to do things differently. His leadership will bring in new volunteers. Regarding baseball season, the score board was repaired but not used as often it should have been. He recommends that the Commission advocate for more training or more staffing to help put resources in place to allow for regular use.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Noted that she has gone through 2-4 Center Supervisors since being active at Anderson Park. She stated that she went to junior high school with Acting-Center Supervisor Fred Sykes. She reported that the park is flourishing under Center Supervisor Sykes' leadership, as he develops many new ideas. Commissioner Johnson's wish list for the park includes a senior walking trail, new signage, replacing broken equipment for safety reasons, resurface the basketball court, and new safety lights in the parking lot. The park is preparing for the Valentine's Day activity.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: The gopher issue is still a problem. Center Supervisor Reyes informed her that he will be having a meeting with Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes and Councilman Cedric Hicks to discuss this issue. She would like to know when it will occur so that she can attend. Commissioner Hunter reported that the tennis courts need to be resurfaced and replace ripped netting. She suggested that LED lighting is needed for the baseball field, as they are not bright enough. She was happy that the graffiti was taken care of. On February 4, 2023, the park will be hosting a baseball clinic for children ages 6-14. The cost to participate is a \$10 donation.

Secretary Hillard/Hemingway: Nothing to report

Commissioner Ramos/Mills: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Brillantes/Foisia: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Cortado/Carriage Crest: Attended Winterfest at Veterans Park and stated that the event was amazing. Many people attended, there was a toy giveaway, and staff went all out to present a great event. She distributed a flyer regarding Senior Nutrition, which will be having a grand opening on February 21, 2023. She invited all the Commissioners to attend. The suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; however, if they are not able to pay, they are not turned away. Anyone under 60 pays the mandatory \$4 fee. Anyone interested must make a reservation first.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez/Veterans SportsComplex: Concurred with Commissioner Lawrence's comments regarding the score boards. He requested a return of Commission recognition for when a team wins a championship.

## **STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Principal Administrative Analyst Magante: Discussed the reappointment process with members.

Recreation Superintendent Grierson for Community Services Superintendent Grove: The restrooms that were being renovated in the Community Center are now open. There are some punch items that still need to be completed. The West Wing and the Carson-Dominguez Room are slated to be renovated next.

Recreation Superintendent Grierson:

- Park scoreboards - He has been working with Public Works staff to repair them. Some do work, while others are old and need to be replaced. A new vendor will be brought in to troubleshoot and ultimately fix. With the start of baseball in May, he will try to have them repaired beforehand. He would like to have the home team manage the operation of the scoreboard.
- Broken equipment at Dominguez Park – Center Supervisor Reyes has been working on obtaining a quote to repair the outdoor exercise equipment. This work is funded by a grant. He will be providing updates in the future.
- Cameras: Cameras at the parks are the responsibility of Public Safety. An RFP for alarms and cameras is in the process of being completed. He anticipates that this matter will be going to the City Council in either February or March.
- Playground repairs: Nearly complete at Dominguez Park. The playground structures have come in. Replacing the sand is being considered.
- Gopher holes at Dominguez Park – This is a CIP project with Public Works. Staff hopes to receive a cost estimate soon, and will be requesting funding from the City Council. He is looking for grants to change the grass to artificial turf.
- He will providing other maintenance updates in future meetings.

Community Services Superintendent Grove: Human Services recently presented the Martin Luther King, Jr. event. It was a great program, with many people attending. Black History

Month will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the Carson-Dominguez Room at the Community Center. It is free for anyone who wishes to attend. The Gala Ball and the Street Fair are the next 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Events.

Recreation Superintendent Grierson: Thanked everyone for attending Winterfest. He is working on a join-use agreement with LAUSD on a pilot program. We just received the first permit for the use of Carson High School gym. LAUSD will start using the pools beginning in February. The Calas Park snack bar roof replacement project has been delayed due to the recent rain. The new Public Works Superintendent has been working on the maintenance projects. Rain has impacted regular park programming.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

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