



THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023
801 East 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 | Edwina Hunter | DeAnthony Langston (entered at 7:25
PM) | 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 | Kimberly Madrigal, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Gonzalez at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Walter Gonzalez, Secretary Kisa Hilliard, Commissioners Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Edwina Hunter, DeAnthony Langston (entered at 7:25 PM), Oscar Ramos, Shannon Lawrence, Jaqueline Johnson, Rudolfo Brillantes

Excused: Chair Alex Cainglet was excused on a motion of Commissioner Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, and unanimously carried by a vote of 9-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Gonzalez.

PRESENTATIONS

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PRESENTATION BY ARTIST ALEXEY STEELE REGARDING A PROPOSED ART INSTALLATION AT DOLPHIN PARK

Recommendation: CONSIDER, DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

Attachments: [Dolphin Park Proposed Rendering No. 1.jpg](#)
[Dolphin Park Proposed Rendering No. 2.jpg](#)

Artist Alexey Steele introduced his proposal of an art installation at Dolphin Park by detailing the importance and need for murals in the community. Although art is necessary, traditional murals are high maintenance - they peel, fade, and perish. The solution to these issues is the ArtScreen Panel. The material is baked in a kiln at high temperatures, making it low maintenance and fade resistant. Stelle proposed this technology to be used in the center of an existing mural at Dolphin Park which was started on Earth Day. The central part of the mural would honor an unknown, local Carson hero. Steele explained that this would help bring the community together, as it is said by LA vs Hate, that “over 90% of hate incidents are neighbor-to-neighbor related.” This project would give Carson the opportunity to be a source of public art innovation. Mr. Steele brought a tile sample for the commission and staff.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez thanked Mr. Steele for his presentation and time.

Commissioner Lawrence thanked him for his presentation and asked about the completion time. Mr. Steele replied that the project would take about 4 months to complete. Commissioner Lawrence then inquired about the space needed and the impact it would have on the sports activities at the park. Mr. Steele responded that there would be no significant impact since the mural is already at the park. He would only be completing the central portion of the mural and the “love my neighbor” wording.

Commissioner Ramos asked Mr. Steele if Dolphin was the best park for this mural and if the mural was portable. Mr. Steele replied that the site of the current mural was chosen by the City of Carson. Commissioner Ramos also asked how the local hero would be found. To this, Mr. Steele responded that the City would find its hero through outreach to the community and with the help of the Commission.

Commissioner Cortado thanked Mr. Steele for his presentation and for his work on the mural, as her family attended Kids’ Fest and was able to participate in the creation of the existing mural. She felt this park is a great area since Kids’ Fest and Earth Day will be held there next year.

Commissioner Hunter thanked Mr. Steele for coming to the meeting and inquired if the outreach program would become public. Steele responded that it holds great potential for it to become a news subject.

Commissioner Brillantes thanked Mr. Steele for an impressive presentation. He was concerned with groups of people becoming upset if their ethnicity was not chosen to represent the City as the local hero. Mr. Steele emphasized that the handprints on both sides of the mural represent entire city and its diversity.

Action: It was moved to receive and file the presentation on a motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hilliard, and unanimously carried by a vote of 9-0.

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

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**MAY 24, 2023, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Attachments: [May 24, 2023, PRCAC Minutes.pdf](#)

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MAY 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

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

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

Attachments: [July Programs At-A-Glance - The Spotlight - Parks Assignments.pdf](#)

Commissioner Ramos requested to pull Item No. 4 on the Consent Calendar.

Action: It was moved to approve Item Nos. 2 and 3 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence carried by a vote of 9-0.

Regarding Item No. 4, Commissioner Ramos raised concerns about not having staff contact information for the Community Services Division, as it is listed on Park Assignments/page 35 of the agenda. Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove agreed to include this information on the next report.

Action: It was moved to receive and file the report on a motion of Secretary Hilliard, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 9-0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

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CITY OF CARSON'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE report.

Street Fair

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove reported that the Street Fair is scheduled to take place on July 29, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The SOS Band will headline the program while the Hooligans will close out the event. The carnival is being canceled as the company would participate only if the event would take place for longer than one day. Instead, there will be a free Kids' Area with activities for young children and teenagers. There will also be a car show, food booths, and a parade beginning at 3:30 PM. The parade will include championship teams from Carson High and all Carson parks. There will be a walking man to deliver flyers to every resident and business very soon. Other methods of marketing will be implemented, include social media and marquee displays.

Tour de Carson

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson reported that the Tour de Carson is scheduled to take place on August 12, 2023, at CSUDH, in Lot 3. The Family Bike Ride will be 9 miles, while the Park Explorer Ride will run 25 miles. CSUDH will allow participants to ride inside the Velodrome. There will also be a Safety Ride for children too young to participate in the other rides. CSUDH's Teddy the Toro has been requested to attend. Vendors are currently being finalized. Food will be available for participants. All interested may sign up on ActiveNet.

Commissioner Hunter inquired about the sign-up link. Superintendent Grierson responded that Secretary Madrigal will send the link to all commissioners.

Commissioner Hilliard asked about the event start time. Superintendent Grierson replied that it will depend on how many signups they receive; however, they expect the event to start at approximately 8:00 AM.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the department reached out to groups that ride bicycles. Superintendent Grierson responded that they have contacted several groups on social media and ActiveNet.

Commissioner Cortado inquired about an option for participants that do not own bicycles. Superintendent Grierson replied that he is looking into vendors from Long Beach and Torrance that participants can rent from directly. He also clarified that there is an opportunity to volunteer if one does not wish to ride.

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

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 Cortado reported that two members of the public contacted the Commission/staff via the Commission's posted email address. Principal Administrative Analyst Magante and Secretary Madrigal reported they do not have access to that email but will reach out to IT. Superintendent Grove added that staff will present the public's comments at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Brillantes/Foisia Park: Reported that everything at the park looks good.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: Was pleased with the condition of the park. It was clean and repainted, with working irrigation. He thanked the Department for listening to the public's concerns and keeping the park clean.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson Park: Detailed plumbing issues in the concession room – the sink backs up when used. Commissioner Lawrence requested sheriffs to be present at all kids' sports games. He described a recent incident at the park, and believed having a Sheriff's presence would deter unruly behavior. He raised concerns about Youth Sports having missing players for games as the season ran longer this year, and families are taking vacation during this time. He is requesting a master calendar to be available for parents.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Announced that the Jazz Festival will be held on October 7, 2023. She enjoyed the Juneteenth event and is expecting the same turnout for the Jazz Festival.

Commissioner Cortado/Carriage Crest Park & Calas Park: Detailed issues at the refillable water bottle stations. She wondered why traditional drinking fountains were not placed next to the water bottle stations. She has seen youth putting their mouths under the station to drink water. Commissioner Cortado was happy to see that the Samoan Heritage event was well-attended. She asked why the parks are unable to hold fundraisers for the youth. She will volunteer at the Street Fair. She would like to see Groundskeepers receive more work hours to maintain the parks in good shape. Commissioner Cortado also requested an update on the pickle ball courts.

Commissioner Hilliard/Hemingway Park: Congratulated the Community Services staff for all the events in June. She attended Juneteenth and was pleased to see a great turnout. She requested a construction timeline for the pickle ball courts and is excited for it to begin. Commissioner Hilliard commented that she is frustrated with the lack of sheriff presence at the youth games.

Commissioner Langston/Veterans Park: The park will be implementing a week-long basketball camp. He commented that the gym floor and scoreboard lights look great, but the shot clock needs to be serviced. He believes the wood bleacher steps are hazardous and need repairs.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: Revealed that one of the lights on the basketball court is covered by leaves and provides low visibility at night. He requested an update for the worn-out tennis court fence.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: Did not have a chance to visit, but she did speak to staff. They are excited to host the Country and Western Fair in September, and Movies in the Park on July 14, 2023. She inquired about the possibility of laser leveling. She proposed a program to award Park Supervisors with a certificate for Parks and Recreation Month, as they are the ones who put in the hard work.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez/Veterans SportsComplex: Raised concerns about the Stroke Center being relocated to a different facility. He inquired about who made the decision and where it will be moved to. He would like the dates for the Cesar Chavez murals. He is requesting a notification of PRCAC meeting changes far in advance, not the month of the meeting. He asked when new officers are being elected.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: Expressed his desire to dedicate the meeting to Joe Merton, a pillar of Carson who recently passed away.

Commissioner Cortado commented that she is concerned about the Stoke Center survivors and believes it will cause a burden on them, especially as Veterans Park does not have elevators. She asked for transparency on the issue.

Commissioner Hilliard asked about the rescheduling process for the PRCAC meeting. She would like to know when it is required to vote on the matter in the current meeting versus when staff is allowed to change it via a telephone call notification.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Principle Administrative Analyst Luchie Magante

Nothing to report.

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal

Nothing to report.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove

- Street Fair: Looking forward to this event.
- Stroke Center: He has no information regarding the Stroke Center, but he will relay the Commissions concerns to Community Services Director Whittiker.

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson

- Parks Maintenance: He is aware that the parks need care, and with the Commissioners' assistance, issues will be resolved. He thanked the Commission for providing valuable information.

Commissioner Cortado exited the meeting at 7:51 PM and reentered at 7:53 PM.

- Youth Sports Games: He will ask the Captain and Lieutenant to conduct more park patrols during these games.

- Refillable water bottle stations: He stated that his team worked with park supervisors to decide what was best for the parks; they are also trying to be more environmentally friendly. He will explore the recommendation to add signage to the stations.
- Fundraisers: He explained that fundraisers are required to be co-sponsored through other city events.
- Hemingway Pickleball Courts: Staff is working to address the Hemingway pickleball courts this fiscal year. A timeline for the fencing and court resurfacing will be provided at a future meeting.
- Superintendent Grierson stated that he will notify the tree crew to trim the overgrowth at Dolphin Park, so no lights are obstructed.
- The chain-link fence repair will need a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be handled; he will ask Public Works for assistance, if necessary.
- The laser-leveling request has been received for Dominguez Park.
- The evening before, the City Council approved a new Division for the Department called Landscape and Park Maintenance. The Division will bring a new superintendent and oversee 38 staff members.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting in the memory of Joe Merton, prior-Commissioner and active community member, at 8:22 PM, seconded by Commissioner Hilliard, and unanimous carried by a vote of 9-0.

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

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