



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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 6:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet, Secretary Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Walter Gonzalez, Kisa Hilliard (entered 6:35 PM), Edwina Hunter, DeAnthony Langston (entered 6:47 PM), Oscar Ramos, Jo Jacqueline Johnson, Rudolfo Brillantes (entered 6:43 PM),

Excused: Vice-Chair Shannon Lawrence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

PRESENTATIONS

1 2023-052-PRCAC

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/RECREATION/PARK MAINTENANCE
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD- AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

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

2 2023-055-PRCAC

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Attachments: [September 28, 2023, PRCAC Minutes.pdf](#)

3 2023-056-PRCAC

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

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

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**NOVEMBER PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE/THE SPOTLIGHT/PARK
ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Commissioner Gonzalez requested to pull Item No. 3 on the Consent Calendar.

Action: It was moved to approve Item Nos. 2 and 4 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Secretary Cortado and carried by a vote of 8-0.

Regarding Item No. 3, Commissioner Gonzalez inquired the reason behind the City working with both Torrance Transit and Long Beach. Director Whittiker stated that the Torrance Transit is an additional service we use to provide another route to Carson residents. Commissioner Gonzalez then asked why the route times differ; Long Beach runs every 30 minutes while Carson runs every 40 minutes. Director Whittiker and Superintendent Grove explained that the Long Beach and Carson transit are two separate programs. Long Beach has conducted studies and found that 30 minutes in between routes is appropriate. Regarding the trash overflow in some stops, Grove stated that he will be in contact with the vendor to request more frequent pickups. Secretary Cortado added that she has seen residents throw their own trash in city bins, so some trash cans can be expected to fill up faster than others.

Action: It was moved to Receive and File Item No. 3 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Secretary Cortado and Commissioner Johnson and carried by a vote of 9-0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

5 2023-054-PRCAC

CITY OF CARSON ADULT SPORTS PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

Attachments: [Adult Sports Powerpoint 101723](#)

Director Michael Whittiker reminded the commission that this item was requested to be put on the agenda at the previous meeting. He introduced Program Manager Scott Griffee, who shared a PowerPoint presentation with the commissioners. He stated that Matt Jordan, Adult Sports Coordinator, is always looking to add new sports activities. The Hemingway Park pickleball courts will be open and ready for play next month, November 18.

Secretary Kim Cortado briefly exited the meeting from 6:51-6:52 PM.

Griffee discussed the yearly number of leagues for adult sports: basketball has three leagues; softball has four seasons. He explained that soccer athlete rather travel to other cities as there is more field availability there. However, Carriage Crest will have two synthetic fields within the next two years, which will bring in more people.

He explained the challenges of adult and youth sports running concurrently. Field availability is very

limited, as they must share them. In the last section of his presentation, Griffiee shared several upcoming projects and goals. He would like to see futsal being played on the tennis courts to allow for more games simultaneously. He envisions an increase of women sports leagues, like the women's softball league starting November. New scoreboards will be installed next month. Lighting issues will be addressed.

Chair Cainglet explained the reason why he requested this agenda item. Regarding basketball, it seems like some adult leagues are being ran by a third-party. He is concerned whether that is allowed and if this person is a resident of the City of Carson.

Secretary Kim Cortado briefly exited the meeting from 7:06-7:07 PM.

Commissioner Ramos stated that someone asked him why he did not receive a receipt from the City of Carson. He made a visit to Stevenson Park and validated the complaints.

Chair Cainglet suggested guidelines be created for situations like these. He asked about the rules in place for people who are not Carson residents yet create teams in Carson.

Director Whittiker stated that the Recreation team will present a new adult sports topic each month. Director Whittiker, Program Manager Griffiee, and others met at the Parks and Recreation Corporate Yard to discuss these concerns and found there was no discrimination taking place. From the meeting came a few changes that were indeed necessary. Community Services staff wrote a memo to Chair Cainglet to explain the issues and solution. He clarified that adult sports are different than youth sports. For youth sports, parents sign up the children. For adult sports, individuals pay the manager, and the manager pays the league. The only fee the city collects is the league fee of \$335. He clarified that 80% of the players are Carson residents and that each team must have 51% Carson residents or the team manager him/herself must be a Carson resident. Players are not required to buy a jersey; however, they must have a number on the back of their shirt. The city attorney is scheduled to draft a contract with rules.

Commissioner Brillantes asked if an adult league meant that it was a league for seniors. Director Whittiker explained that it was not solely for seniors, anyone 18 and over was welcome to join.

Commissioner Gonzalez suggested we separate leagues: one competitive and another recreational.

Director Whittiker stated that there was little need for it, as adult basketball is not very competitive.

Commissioner Cortado suggested that flyers be distributed to announce try outs, so no individual is left out or discriminated against, and everyone receives the chance to participate.

Commissioner Cortado asked if free play will be available for residents at the new pickleball courts. She is concerned that leagues will monopolize the space.

Director Whittiker assures her that there will be hours secured for free play. League tournaments usually begin late in the evening and on the weekends.

Action: It was moved to Receive and File the discussion on a motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Secretary Cortado, and carried by a vote of 10-0.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Hilliard/Hemingway Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans SportsComplex: Nothing to report. He would like to be excused for the November and January meeting as he will be out of the country.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Praised staff for the Jazz Festival and its success. There was a great turnout. She thanked maintenance for a job well done in cleaning the park so quickly. She expressed that the Women's Health Conference was amazing. Commissioner Johnson is honored to be a Carson resident as there is so many great events. She stated that the supervisor has once again changed from Simy to Angel.

Commissioner Cortado/Calas Park, Carriage Crest Park: Stated she has not had a chance to stop by at Carriage Crest, but she will soon. She attended the Jazz Festival and staff did a great job. She mentioned that the seniors truly enjoyed the Women's Health Conference and found it very informative. She believes the performer at the Philippine History Month Kickoff was not a good choice. She did more talking than performing and some of the things she said were inappropriate and do not represent Carson's diversity and beliefs.

Commissioner Langston/Veterans Park: Apologized for being late; he coaches high school. Nothing to report regarding his park.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: Apologized for missing last meeting as she has been having personal issues. She asked whether the park could turn on the security lights at night by the playground; it gets very dark. She was unable to go to the Country and Western Fair, but heard it was great.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: Thank Tim for immediately attending to the concerns and issues raise regarding this park.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: Nothing to report. His only concern is the restroom policy.

Commissioner Brillantes/Foisia Park: Thanked Community Services/Transportation for the affordable taxi service.

He has not been able to visit the park due to surgery but hopes to do so soon.

Chair Cainglet: Nothing to report.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal: Gave everyone a copy of the park assignments to review and discuss at next month's meeting.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove: The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 7, 2023, at the Carson Event Center. The Women's Health Conference was very successful; over 500 people attended the event.

Community Services Director Michael Whittiker: The Jazz Festival and Women's Health Conference were well attended. Regarding staffing changes at Anderson Park, the department recently found a qualified candidate. A selection will be made this week and the individual will start soon. The Recreation Department gives staff opportunities to act in supervisory positions when appropriate to expose them to new experiences and prepare them for future positions. Dominguez Park staff will be reminded to turn the security lights on sooner; now that the time is changing. Arlington will be contacted regarding the restrooms at Mills Park. However, restrooms will create fewer issues now, as the locks will become automated soon. Park staff will be able to lock and unlock restrooms remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously carried by a vote of 10-0.