



THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024
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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Cortado at 6:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Shannon Lawrence (entered 6:42 PM), Secretary Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Kisa Hilliard, Edwina Hunter, Oscar Ramos, Jo Jacqueline Johnson

Excused: Chair Jesus Alex Cainglet, Walter Gonzalez, DeAnthony Langston, Rudolfo Brillantes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hilliard.

PRESENTATIONS

Action: It was moved to bring up Item No. 3 to the top of the agenda on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Ramos and unanimously carried by a vote of 6-0.

1 2024-007-PRCAC

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARK MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT MODESTO BOLANOS

Parks, Recreation, and Park Maintenance Director Michael Whittiker introduced the new Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos. Bolanos gave a presentation to the commissioners regarding his background with the City of Carson and goals as a new superintendent. He discussed his employment and educational history. Bolanos spent some time as a sports official and recreation assistant for the city. He worked in the Landscaping Division of Public Works before becoming a supervisor. He received his undergrad degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills and his graduate degree from California State University, Long Beach. Commissioner Ramos welcomed him and stated that he has been getting less complaints from residents. Secretary Cortado applauded him for his great past work. Vice-Chair Lawrence welcomed him to his new position and wondered whether he would be charge of buildings or solely turf. Superintendent Bolanos replied that while his focus is landscaping, he does work closely with the Building Superintendent and Recreation Superintendent so that they don't interrupt any sport programs. Mayor Davis-Holmes stopped by to say hello to the commissioners and stated she would like to be invited to the next Sport Champions Awards.

2 2024-006-PRCAC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/RECREATION/PARK MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Director Michael Whittiker gave a brief introduction to the department's Employee of the Month program. He introduced the first winner, Michael Boyer from the Park Maintenance. Director Whittiker shared remarks about is continuous hard work as an employee and volunteer coach. The commissioners thanked him for his dedication and acknowledged they have personally witnessed him working hard. The next winner, Starla Jordan was unable to attend the meeting, but Director Whittiker read the nomination form that explained why she deserved the award. Director Whittiker introduced Nick Reyes from Dominguez Park and shared some of his personal experiences with him and read the nomination form. Reyes described his history with the city: He grew up in Carson and his mother still lives here. He aspired to one day become a director for the department and even the Mayor. The commissioners expressed their gratitude for his dedication to the city. Lastly, Director Whittiker introduced Janny and read the nomination form. He thanked her for her dedication and for always willing to go the extra mile. Janny, who has been with the city for over 25 years, enjoys her job because she is able to help the

community. She wishes to teach everything she knows to the upcoming generation. Commissioners thanked her for her work and mentioned they have seen her out leading successful events.

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PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF 2023 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Director Whittiker introduced Program Manager Scott Griffie and Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson. Griffie provided stats about the season and compared it to the previous years; there were more participants and games held this year. Each championship team had a chance to come to the front, receive their certificate, and take pictures with their teammates. AJ Johnson introduced his teams from Stevenson Park. Janny Noa introduced her team from Foisia. Although Senior Recreation Supervisor Christina Herrera was unable to attend, she sent a representative in her absence to announce the champions from her park. Lastly, Nick Reyes from Dominguez Park introduced his soccer champions of the season. All champions were awarded a certificate and posed for photos with their teammates and coaches.

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

4 2024-001-PRCAC

NOVEMBER 30, 2023, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: [November 30, 2023, PRCAC Minutes](#)

5 2024-002-PRCAC

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

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

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE/THE SPOTLIGHT/PARK ASSIGNMENTS

Attachments: [January 2024 Programs At-A-Glance-The Spotlight-Park](#)

Action: It was moved to approve the Consent Calendar on a motion of Vice-Chair Lawrence, seconded by Secretary Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

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'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Ramos/Carson & Reflection Mini: Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated his park is looking great and the grass is green. He wondered if it is possible to add a swing for the children or somewhere to sit. He hasn't seen any unhoused individuals recently. He would like to be updated on the service request submitted to repair the white fence.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin & Friendship Mini: Stated that the majority of the light boxes in the field are not working. A service request has already been submitted.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez: Asked if another Active Shooter training could be provided due to a recent event where children appeared unprepared. She stated the field lights are dull and suggested replacing them with brighter ones.

Commissioner Hilliard/Hemingway & Walnut Mini: Asked if roller skating allowed is allowed at the parks. She urged for better communication regarding the pickleball event. She stated the day and time was missing and the event was rescheduled due to the rain. However, no one was notified.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson: Commended Groundworker Hugo for his excellent work in landscaping; the park looks great. The park is attempting to rally up enough kids for a T-Ball team this year.

Commissioner Cortado/Calas & Perry St. Mini: Congratulated Angel Zamora for new position at Anderson Park. She asked if it was possible to invite him to the next meeting to congratulate him. She also congratulated Modesto

Bolanos for his new position as Park Maintenance Superintendent and is looking forward to the improvements he will make at the parks. Seniors have given her ideas of other programs they would like to see being offered. She asked if we offer any one-time self-defense classes. The Martin Luther King Jr. event was great this year; it was different in a good way.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson: Inquired whether scoreboards can be moved. She reminded staff that the plumbing issue in the snack bar has not been resolved. He suggested fixing the plumbing before baseball season, as it brings in a lot of profit. He thanked the staff for all their hard work as one of the best Parks and Recreation departments in the South Bay.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal

- The polos and business cards have been ordered and are expected to be ready by the next meeting.

Division Secretary Mikala Mulitauaopele

- Nothing to report.

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson

- Fence repair: Reached out to vendor and has provided a quote for the windscreens and dugouts.
- Field lighting: Will follow up with Public Works and the iWork request.
- Resurfacing tennis courts: Requested in the budget for next fiscal year.
- Dominguez Park lights: working on upgrading, already on the radar.
- Roller skating: Not allowed at the park due to Municipal Code. Staff is only there to inform, not enforce code.
- Scoreboards: Have already been installed at all the parks.
- Plumbing Issues at snack bar: Recently hired a new plumber; he already has a list of projects to work on.
- Updates: Working on contract for new bleachers at Foisia. Floors are being repaired at Hemingway Park. Public Works is working on electronic marquees for all parks and will be used to advertise events and public safety. There are currently several CIP projects with grants: Mills, Foisia, Carriage crest. Hoping to start construction in the middle of the year. Working on a high-level concepts to renovate the skatepark.

Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos

- Looking forward to having more aesthetically pleasing, clean, and safe parks. He noted all the commissioners concerns and will be addressing them soon.

Director Michael Whittiker

- Reflections Park: Agreed to needing more benches and chairs; will begin working on this project soon. Superintendent Bolanos has already put together a plan to improve the park.
- Carson Park: Police report has been filed regarding aggressive unhoused individual. A restraining order has been issued.
- Dominguez Park shooting: Will discuss with supervisors so that all staff can be on the same page and eliminate the fabrication on false news. Staff have been through multiple active shooter trainings.
- Lighting: There are grants to upgrade lights; the project will begin in the near future.

- Inviting Angel to the Next Meeting: Kimberly Madrigal will reach out to him.
- Self-defense Senior Class: Will discuss with Bobby
- SeniorComputer Class: Instructor has already been recruited and classes will start soon.
- Plumbing: Issue will be addressed by the end of the week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM on a motion of Commissioner Hunter, seconded by Commissioner Dahilig, and unanimously carried by a vote of 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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.