



THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024
701 East Carson Street

East Wing Activity 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

Kelvin Brown (Alternate 1) | Jo Jacqueline Johnson (Alternate 2) | Rudolfo Brillantes
(Alternate 3)

Staff

Michael Whittiker, Director | Tim Grierson, Recreation Superintendent | Bobby Grove,
Community Services Superintendent | Modesto Bolanos, Park Maintenance
Superintendent | Kimberly Madrigal, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair Cainglet at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jesus Alex Cainglet, Vice Chair Shannon Lawrence (entered at 7:02 PM), Secretary Kim Cortado, Walter Gonzalez (entered 6:43 PM), Edwina Hunter (entered 6:34 PM), DeAnthony Langston, Kelvin Brown, Jo Jacqueline Johnson

Excused: Cesar Dahilig, Kisa Hilliard, Oscar Ramos, Rudolfo Brillantes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

PRESENTATIONS

2024-026-PRCAC

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF 2024 SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Community Services/Recreation/Park Maintenance Director, Michael Whittiker introduced Enrichment Program Coordinator, Karen Ruan. He thanked her for putting the spelling bee together for the youth and congratulated all winners and participants. Ms. Ruan thanked everyone for partaking in the event and stated that although this was a successful program, they will continue to improve and refine it. This was the second year of the spelling bee, and they still have a lot to learn. Dennis, this year's judge, read out the names of the winners by grade level. Each winner came up to the front of the room, received their certificate, and took pictures with the commission.

2024-025-PRCAC

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

Community Services/Recreation/Park Maintenance Director, Michael Whittiker read the nomination to the commission, which described her as being knowledge and willing to offer guidance to any staff member that needs it. The winner for April was Principal Administrative Analyst, Luchie Magante. Ms. Magante was unable attend today's meeting due to a prior engagement.

2024-027-PRCAC

PARK PROJECT UPDATES WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DR. ARLINGTON RODGERS

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

Although the Public Works Director Arlington Rodgers was unable to attend tonight's meeting, Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos had several updates to share with the commissioners. The commissioners thanked Mr. Bolanos for his dedication in improving the parks and stated that there is a notable difference. Tomorrow, a volunteer team from ShareFest will spend the morning beautifying different areas in Veterans Park.

The Park Maintenance staff has spent the week preparing the park for this event. In another park, the second round of aeration has been completed and the third round will resume in fall.

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson shared that most park CIP projects are still in the design phase. Anderson Park is closed for upgrades, but the tennis courts are still open for visitors. It is important to note, however, that they may close at any time if necessary. Foisia Park is almost complete with the design phase; pending no delays, they will break ground in November 2024.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove: Regarding the outdoor patio project at the Carson Event Center, the drawings are nearly complete. The next step will be the bid process, then breaking ground around October. The goal is for this area to be ready for weddings and concerts next summer.

Secretary Cortado: Stated that she is aware of the picnic shelter being replaced at Mills but is wondering about the one removed from Calas Park.

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson: Yes, the Calas Park picnic shelter will be replaced; it is on the list along with Stevenson. We recognize that all the parks can use upgrading.

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

2024-028-PRCAC

APRIL 25, 2024, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: [April 25, 2024, PRCAC Minutes](#)

2024-030-PRCAC

JUNE 2024 PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE- THE SPOTLIGHT- PARK ASSIGNMENTS

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

2024-029-PRCAC

APRIL 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

Attachments: [April 2024 Monthly Report](#)

Action: It was moved to approve items 1 and 3 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Secretary Cortado, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

Regarding Item 2, 2024-030, Commissioner Gonzalez would like the Dominguez Aquatic Center to be fully spelled out, not abbreviated to DAC. He believes this will be helpful to visitors.

Action: It was moved receive and file Item 2, 2024-030 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, 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 Brown: Attended the Juneteenth meeting. There will be another meeting this weekend to finalize the details.

Commissioner Langston/Del Amo: Is aware we are working to improve Del Amo Park, however, the park needs a marquee and scoreboard. He wondered if it is possible to purchase a portable homerun fence. He also inquired if commissioners are allowed to get a city email address.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans: Nothing to report, but he is looking forward to Philippine Independence Day event.

Secretary Cortado/Calas, Perry, Carson Event Center: The Calas Park baseball banquet will take place on July 6. The popcorn fundraiser raised enough funds to cover the entire cost of the banquet and a few extras for the youth. The Stroke Center celebrated its 20-year anniversary. Half of the restrooms at the Carson Event Center are out of service although they are relatively new, and the center is very busy with large parties. She thanked Enrichment Coordinator Karen Ruan for coordinating the spelling bee.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson: Anderson Park is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion

at the end of July/beginning of August.

Commissioner Gonzalez exited the meeting at 7:20 pm and returned at 7:22 pm.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez: Inquired if there are extra bulbs for the lights as the ones on the field are out. She also reported that the security cameras in the back are not working. She noticed graffiti at the park, but the staff said it would be taken care of. There is a tree that releases cotton-like debris- is it possible to have the debris blown away?

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson: Thanked the department for the working scoreboards. He stated that sports officials who take child developmental needs into consideration and care for children who may have difficulties should receive special recognition.

Chair Cainglet/Foisia: Reported that the senior basketball group was told to leave the premises due to a gas leak, even though the hula hoop group was allowed to stay. The City of Long Beach adopted a resolution that states that adults are not allowed on the playground without a child, "Kids Zone Resolution". He requested for a discussion to be agendaized on the next meeting? After reviewing, it should be taken up with City Council. The PID event is on June 8; everyone is welcome to attend this event. He inquired about the time allocated for the recognition of the commissioners.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal: Nothing to report.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove:

- Restrooms: Working with contractors and the Public Works Department to fix all issues.
- June: This month will be very busy due to graduations; in turn the parking lot will be very busy every day.
- Carson Park Gas Leak: Everyone was evacuated, and no one was allowed back in until the gas company came and cleared the area.

Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos:

- Del Amo: Working with the park supervisor Angel Zamora to beautify the park. He is looking to put in new plants this upcoming Wednesday. West Coast Arbor will trim the trees this weekend.
- Dominguez: The pest control contract has gone out to bid. This will help alleviate some of the issues with gophers. The playground has been revamped with wood chips, not sand. Regarding the Silk Floss Tree, the staff will try their best to keep it clean, but unfortunately it just the nature of the tree. Superintendent Freddy Loza is working on a contract with Musco lighting to resolve lighting issues at this park.
- Carson Park: The team was notified there was a gas smell, and the gym was evacuated.

Director Michael Whittiker:

- Dodgers Foundation: Mr. Grierson and I have met with the Dodgers foundation multiple times; the last time

was about 3 years ago. There is a meeting in place with the foundation very soon, we will report back to the commission in the next meeting.

- Restrooms: Since the stalls are very narrow, it doesn't trigger the toilet to flush until the person leaves. We have been talking with vendor to try to fix it.
- Charging Stations at Anderson Park: This project will be finished before the Jazz Festival.
- Summer Kick-Off: Every park hosts one in their facility. The park provides activities and food for the kids.
- Travel Ball Teams: We are attempting to come up with different ways to make it fairer. Currently, it is indeed unfair, as travel teams are different in caliber. We are always open to suggestions and ideas.
- Camping Trips: The parks hosted them for over 40 years. This was initially put on hold due to COVID, but Los Angeles County now requires a nurse at all times, which can get very expensive. We are looking to host them for next summer.
- Kids Zone: Although this is a great idea, there is currently no municipal code that states this because we have open parks. The department will conduct research and put it on the agenda for the next month. We will reach out to Long Beach and ask how it is working for them.
- Juneteenth Event: Will be held on June 15.
- Samoan Heritage: Will be held on the last week of June and will be last event of the fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Vice-Chair Lawrence, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

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