



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jesus Alex Cainglet, Secretary Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Walter Gonzalez, Edwina Hunter, Oscar Ramos, Jo Jacqueline Johnson, Rudolfo Brillantes

Absent: Kisa Hilliard

Excused: Vice Chair Shannon Lawrence, DeAnthony Langston

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gonzalez.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Agenda Item Number 1 will be moved to January 2024. The Department will acknowledge all winners for the past months. Employee of the Month winners will invited to attend the meeting.

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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**OCTOBER 26, 2023, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Attachments: [October 26, 2023, PRCAC Minutes](#)

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OCTOBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

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

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

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

Action: It was moved to approve Calendar Item No. 3 and pull Item Nos. 2 and 4 for further discussion, on a motion of Secretary Cortado and seconded by Commissioner Hunter. It was unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

Regarding Item No. 2, Commissioner Gonzalez clarified that he will not be able to attend the meeting in January 2024 and would like to be excused from it.

Regarding Item No. 4, it was noted that Carson Park is not listed on the Programs-At-A-Glance document. On page 26 of the agenda packet, there is a misspelling in the word *salas*, which should read *sa/sa*. The Commissioners would like descriptions (event details and ages allowed) added to the events as they believe it would help the community determine which programs are relevant and interesting to them.

Action: It was moved to Receive and File Item Nos. 2 and 4 on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

Programs-At-A-Glance

CONTINUED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

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PARKS/FACILITIES ASSIGNMENTS

Recommendation: ASSIGN each Commissioner a park/facility to visit and provide a report at each Commission meeting.

Attachments: [Current Park Assignments](#)

Community Center Superintendent Bobby Grove kicked off the discussion by reading the report. The Commissioners discussed different possibilities amongst themselves. Superintendent Grove advised the Commissioners to remove Enrichment from the list since the programs are housed at different parks now. Secretary Cortado recommended said to leave Enrichment as is. She attends most events so it would make sense for her to continue with Enrichment and the Community Center. Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal will email a copy of the updated document to all commissioners.

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PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION DECEMBER MEETING

Recommendation: PROVIDE direction to staff.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove read the report and opened the floor for discussion.

Action: It was moved for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission to go dark in December and resume on January 25, 2024 on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Chair Cainglet, 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 Dahilig/Dolphin Park: Nothing to report. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Brillantes/Foisia Park: Reported that there are some wet patches mixed with leaves, which can be dangerous for visitors. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Ramos/Mills Park: Reported that after 2 years of being assigned to Mills Park, he applauds the department for keeping the park clean. The grass is always green, and the parking lot is clean. He believes that there should be a reduction in events. The staff is being worked very hard to maintain numerous events.

Commissioner Cainglet/Carson Park: Mentioned that reducing the number of events the department produces is up to City Council. He thanked and congratulated Commissioner Ramos for obtaining perfect attendance for the past 7 years.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans SportsComplex: Would like to be excused from the January 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: Expressed concern over the issues she has raised several times. Overgrown trees cover the lights in the parking lot and playground, which is dangerous for children. She asked about the large device in the parking lot and it possibly being a security camera. Commissioner Hunter asked how long the device will be left there.

Secretary Cortado agreed with Commissioner Ramos in that the department does have many events on their docket but doesn't believe that Council will reduce many. They have already combined certain events together to increase turnout. The Tree Lighting ceremony is next Thursday at the Community Center. She mentioned that all the parks she has visited recently have cameras in the parking lots; residents have complained about safety. She asked if the cameras will stay or if they will be replaced with hardwired ones.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: Stressed the importance of business cards. He mentioned there was an incident at Dolphin Park where he tried to get staff's attention but lacked proper identification.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal

- Business cards: Requisition has been turned in for all commissioners and is waiting for cards to arrive.
- Commissioner polos: Every commissioner must fill out a form including their desired size; will follow up on status next meeting. Commissioners may select women's sizing.
- Commissioner Ramos asked if they are allowed to select the color.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove

- Event Reduction: The City Council might decide to reduce events. Commissioners are allowed to suggest ideas to Council. In fact, there may be a council report on this topic in January.
- Dominguez Park: He will relay the message about the overgrown trees to the Director. The increase in vandalism has prompted security cameras to be installed. The large cameras in the parking lot are temporary and will be replaced with smaller, fixed ones.
- Commissioner Ramos asked if there has really been vandalism issues at the parks to which Superintendent responded that most issues occur at night, rarely in the mornings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM on a motion of Secretary Cortado, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, and unanimously carried by a vote of 8-0.

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