

**PARKS, RECREATION  
AND CULTURAL ARTS  
COMMISSION AGENDA**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022  
701 East Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90745**

**6:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

Commissioners:	Chair Walter Gonzalez Cesar Dahilig Edwina Hunter	Vice-Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet Clarence Dunning DeAnthony Langston	Secretary Kimberly Cortado Kisa Hilliard Oscar Ramos
Alternates:	Shannon Lawrence Alternate 1	Jo Jacqueline Johnson Alternate 2	Rudolfo Brillantes Alternate 3
Staff:	Mike Whittiker Director  Luchie Magante Principal Administrative Analyst	Tim Grierson Recreation Superintendent  Evelyn Castaneda Administrative Secretary	Bobby Grove Community Services Superintendent

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS**

- MARCH Employee of the Month Award**

**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**

- 2. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2022**
- 3. Community Services Department Monthly Report, MARCH 2022**
- 4. MAY 2022 Programs-At-A-Glance / The Spotlight / Park Assignments**
- 5. LAUSD Joint Use Agreement Update**
- 6. Apple Developer Agreement**

Chair W. Gonzalez requests a motion to RECEIVE and FILE items listed under Consent Calendar.

Secretary K. Cortado pulls item 3, 5, and 6 for further discussion.

Commissioner K. Hilliard (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 2 and 4, Secretary Cortado 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion ensued on item 3, Community Services Department Monthly Report for MARCH 2022.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 3, Commissioner O. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion ensued on item 5, LAUSD Joint Use Agreement Update.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 5, Commissioner D. Langston 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion ensued on item 6, Apple Developer Agreement.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 6, Commissioner E. Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **7. Master Plan Update**

Principal Administrative Analyst L. Magante gave an oral presentation on this item.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 6, Commissioner O. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

#### **8. Community Services FY 2022/23 Budget Review**

Principal Administrative Analyst L. Magante gave an oral presentation on this item.

Commissioner D. Langston (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 8, Secretary K. Cortado 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

#### **9. Water Bottle Refill Stations**

Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson gave an oral presentation on this item.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 6, Commissioner O. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

#### **10. Scoreboards**

Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson gave an oral presentation on this item.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 6, Commissioner O. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

#### **11. May Commission Meeting Date Change**

Director M. Whittiker gave an oral presentation on this item.

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to RECEIVE and FILE item 6, Commissioner O. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passes unanimously.

## **PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

*The public may at this time address the members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the 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.*

## **COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PARK REPORTS**

Commissioner C. Dahilig welcomed newly appointed Commissioner R. Brillantes (Alternate 3) to the commission. Nothing to report on the parks.

Commissioner E. Hunter introduced a few concerns regarding Carriage Crest Park. She said there is concerns regarding the lack of lights, bent tether ball pole, scoreboards. Commissioner E. Hunter is requesting on behalf of residents, a digital marquee for Carriage Crest Park on the corner of Figueroa & Sepulveda.

Commissioner S. Lawrence notified the commissioners that there will be a big event at Stevenson Park on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May – Faith, Family, and Friends event. He acknowledged staff for the recently repaired sidewalk at Stevenson Park.

Commissioner D. Langston reported that the lights at Veterans Park have not been replaced and it's very dangerous in the evenings. Also asked for an update on the issue with the rotting doors.

Commissioner J. Johnson was happy to report that Earth Day at Anderson Park was a huge success.

Commissioner K. Hilliard informed that she had the opportunity to go to the Aqua Aerobics at Hemingway Aquatic Center. She also stated that Pickleball is still going strong at Hemingway Park. Extra play days have been added throughout the week to accommodate players. Commissioner K. Hilliard inquired on the *Gang Prevention Program* that was previously available at Mills Park. She would like to see that brought back to Mills Park.

Commissioner O. Ramos visited Foisia Park last week. The park is clean however the issue that was brought to his attention is the operating hours of the tennis courts as they were closed last week and he wanted to understand why they were closed. Commissioner O. Ramos notified that he had a chance to attend the Philippine Independence Day event meeting last week and suggested a demonstration of Pickleball during the actual event if possible.

Commissioner R. Brillantes introduced himself.

Secretary K. Cortado inquired about park assignment for newly appointed Commissioner R. Brillantes.

Commissioner R. Brillantes was assigned Foisia Park.

Secretary K. Cortado notified that there are 25 lights that are not working at Dominguez Park. Was informed by Park Supervisor J. Pina that he has put in a service request for the lights. Secretary K. Cortado asked if it is necessary to put in another service request for the lights. Secretary K. Cortado stated that she attended the Basketball Banquet at Calas Park and Carson Park as well as the Basketball Playoffs at Stevenson Park. Secretary K. Cortado was pleasantly surprised at the attendance for the Cesar Chavez event at Dominguez Park, it was well attended. She also attended Earth Day at Stevenson Park and the Boxing Expo at Foisia Park.

Commissioner J. Johnson interjected to add that Anderson Park had their Basketball Banquet along with the Spring Eggtavaganza and it was well attended.

Commissioner E. Hunter wanted to mention that the sand in the sandbox at Carriage Crest has animal feces in it.

Chair W. Gonzalez recommends putting a track and field at Carriage Crest Park.

## **STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson addressed Commissioner E. Hunter's comment regarding the sandbox at Carriage Crest Park. Staff will address this issue with the Grounds Supervisor first thing Monday. In answer to Secretary K. Cortado's question regarding service requests, there is no need to turn in multiple service requests for

one item, that being the non-operating lights at Dominguez Park. Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson will follow-up with the Park Supervisor and Public Works regarding replacing the lights especially with baseball season right around the corner. He thanked all the commissioners that were able to attend the Nate Riddick Volunteer Banquet and hopes to see everyone at the Cinco de Mayo event on Sunday. Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson informed commissioner that the baseball uniforms have been ordered and if they arrive on time there may be opening days real soon. Carson Park is planning on May 7<sup>th</sup> and some of the other parks have theirs scheduled on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Day event is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> at Veterans SportsComplex from 6-8pm. Youth Conference is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Community Services Superintendent B. Grove informed that the Mental Health Forum is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> online. He jumped in to addressed Secretary K. Cortado's concerns regarding the lights at Dominguez Park. Those particular lights have been out of stock since probably before January and that is why they have not been replaced yet.

Administrative Secretary E. Castaneda asked for clarification on park assignments since she noticed that Secretary K. Cortado is assigned three (3) parks, Commissioner K. Hilliard is assigned two (2) parks and the other commissioners are assigned to one (1) park with Veterans Park now having three (3) commissioners assigned to it.

It was decided that Commissioner O. Ramos will now be assigned to Dominguez Park relieving one of the assignments from Secretary K. Cortado.

Commissioner O. Ramos volunteered to take Mills Park relieving one of the parks assignments from Commissioner K. Hilliard and returning Dominguez Park to Secretary K. Cortado.

Newly appointed Commissioner R. Brillantes is assigned to Foisia Park.

Director M. Whittiker thanked Commissioner D. Langston for his assistance with the Real-Run program. Staff is working on a football camp for this summer with Frank Clark, Linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs. Mr. Clark would like to do a two (2) day camp at the City of Carson in the month of July. Director M. Whittiker stated that an update with more information will be provided at the next meeting. He and Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson have been working together with LA Galaxy. LA Galaxy is going to provide coaches and players Football Clinic in the month of August. There are two (2) dates that are being considered; August 20<sup>th</sup> or August 27<sup>th</sup>. The date will be finalized soon and an update will be provided. LA Galaxy is also doing a *Galaxy Day* at all the parks which includes their Mascot and Street Team at opening day at the park facilities. Director M. Whittiker wanted to again thank Commissioner D. Langston for assisting in providing tickets for an LA Clippers Playoff. He welcomed newly appointed Commissioner R. Brillantes. Director M. Whittiker addressed Commissioner E. Hunter's concern regarding the lights at Carriage Crest Park. As Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson stated earlier, staff will follow-up with Public Works regarding those lights as well. He also addressed the rotting doors at Veterans Park and added that the same issue is happening at Foisia Park. Staff is working on implementing some options that may help deter individuals from urinating at those doors. Director M. Whittiker added that the planter at Anderson Park has finally been fixed. In reference to Commissioner K. Hilliard's request for a Gang Prevention program, he stated that he ran the Hands Without Guns program for 20 years up until 5 years ago, due to his promotions. Director M. Whittiker has been unable to find a replacement to run this program however he will reach out to the Captain of the Sheriffs Department, Captain Damon Jones, to have more visibility at Mills Park. Director M. Whittiker addressed Chair W. Gonzalez regarding adding track and field to Carriage Crest Park. He stated that the best forum to address that concern would be at the Parks Master Plan scheduled for May 19 at the Community Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Secretary K. Cortado (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner D. Langston 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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