



WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022  
701 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745  
Via Zoom  
6:30 PM

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

### Commissioners

Chair Walter Gonzalez | Vice-Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet | Secretary Kimberly Cortado | Cesar Dahilig | Clarence Dunning | Kisa Hilliard | Edwina Hunter | DeAnthony Langston | Oscar Ramos

### Alternates

Shannon Lawrence (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 | Evelyn Castaneda, Administrative Secretary

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by Chair W. Gonzalez via Zoom teleconference.

### **ROLL CALL**

Administrative Secretary Evelyn Castaneda noted the roll:

### **Commissioners Present via Zoom teleconference:**

Chair Walter Gonzalez, Commissioner Cesar Dahilig, Commissioner Clarence Dunning, Commissioner Edwina Hunter, Commissioner DeAnthony Langston, Commissioner Jo Jacqueline Johnson

Commissioner Oscar Ramos – 6:33 P.M.

Commissioner Shannon Lawrence – 6:35 P.M.

Secretary Kimberly Cortado – 6:36 P.M.

Vice-Chair Alex-Jesus Cainglet – 6:45 P.M.

Commissioner Rudolfo Brillantes – 6:49 P.M.

Commissioner Kisa Hilliard – 7:06 P.M.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Walter Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **1. APRIL Employee of the Month Award**

Community Services Superintendent B. Grove introduced the April Employee of the Month, Amanda Valorosi who offered words of gratitude.

### **PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **2. 2022-028-PRCAC**

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES,  
APRIL 28, 2022**

#### **3. 2022-029-PRCAC**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES / PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MONTHLY  
REPORT, APRIL 2022**

#### **4. 2022-030-PRCAC**

**JUNE 2022 PROGRAMS-AT-A-GLANCE / THE SPOTLIGHT / PARK ASSIGNMENTS**

It was moved to RECEIVE and FILE all items under the Consent Calendar on motion of Chair W. Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner E. Hunter.

Commissioner O. Ramos requested to remove Item No. 4 for discussion.

Ayes: Chair W. Gonzalez, Vice-Chair A. Cainglet, Secretary K. Cortado, Commissioner C. Dahilig, Commissioner C. Dunning, Commissioner E. Hunter, Commissioner D. Langston, Commissioner O. Ramos, Commissioner S. Lawrence, Commissioner J. Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner R. Brillantes, Commissioner K. Hilliard

#### **4. 2022-030-PRCAC**

##### **JUNE 2022 PROGRAMS-AT-A-GLANCE / THE SPOTLIGHT / PARK ASSIGNMENTS**

Item No. 4. was heard after approval of Consent Items.

Secretary K. Cortado moved to RECEIVE and FILE Item No. 4, seconded by Commissioner O. Ramos. Motion was unanimously carried by the following vote.

Ayes: Chair W. Gonzalez, Vice-Chair A. Cainglet, Secretary K. Cortado, Commissioner C. Dahilig, Commissioner C. Dunning, Commissioner E. Hunter, Commissioner D. Langston, Commissioner O. Ramos, Commissioner S. Lawrence, Commissioner J. Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner R. Brillantes, Commissioner K. Hilliard

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **5. 2022-032-PRCAC**

##### **FY 2022-2023 PUBLIC WORKS 5-YEAR CIP PLAN**

Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson gave a staff report.

Secretary K. Cortado moved to RECEIVE and FILE Item No. 5, seconded by Commissioner O. Ramos. Motion was unanimously carried by the following vote.

Ayes: Chair W. Gonzalez, Vice-Chair A. Cainglet, Secretary K. Cortado, Commissioner C. Dahilig, Commissioner C. Dunning, Commissioner E. Hunter, Commissioner D. Langston, Commissioner O. Ramos, Commissioner S. Lawrence, Commissioner J. Johnson, Commissioner R. Brillantes

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner K. Hilliard

## **6. 2022-027-PRCAC REAL RUN**

Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson gave a staff report.

Vice-Chair A. Cainglet moved to have the cost of \$1,440, required to be paid by Real Run, waived, seconded by Secretary K. Cortado. Motion was carried by the following vote.

Ayes: Chair W. Gonzalez, Vice-Chair A. Cainglet, Secretary K. Cortado, Commissioner C. Dahilig, Commissioner C. Dunning, Commissioner K. Hilliard, Commissioner E. Hunter, Commissioner O. Ramos, Commissioner S. Lawrence, Commissioner J. Johnson, Commissioner R. Brillantes

Noes: None  
Abstain: Commissioner D. Langston  
Absent: None

Commissioner S. Lawrence moved to RECEIVE and FILE Item No. 6, seconded by Secretary K. Cortado. Motion was unanimously carried by the following vote.

Ayes: Chair W. Gonzalez, Vice-Chair A. Cainglet, Secretary K. Cortado, Commissioner C. Dahilig, Commissioner C. Dunning, Commissioner K. Hilliard, Commissioner E. Hunter, Commissioner D. Langston, Commissioner O. Ramos, Commissioner S. Lawrence, Commissioner J. Johnson, Commissioner R. Brillantes

Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

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

None

## **COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT**

Commissioner O. Ramos reported on his first visit to Mills Park. He stated that the rubberized floor of the playground needs immediate replacement. Commissioner O. Ramos suggested that the City of Carson apply the "No Adult in Playground" regulation like the City of Long Beach has established.

Commissioner J. Johnson reported on Anderson Park. She had a chance to meet new Park Supervisor AJ at Anderson Park. Commissioner J. Johnson stated that the air conditioner in the Activity Room is still out, therefore the room has not been allowed for use. Due to the non-functioning air conditioner, the main concern is the Summer Camp. Commissioner J. Johnson informed that Pickle Ball will soon be available at Anderson Park and is really excited to hear about that. Tiny Tots will begin June 15<sup>th</sup>. Overall the park looks great, however the playground could use a little attention, perhaps sanding down the rust and adding new paint.

Commissioner K. Hilliard did not have anything to report at this time.

Commissioner S. Lawrence spoke on Commissioner O. Ramos recommendation to apply the "No Adult in Playground" regulation. He stated that the idea is novel and on the surface level sounds good but could be dangerous. Commissioner S. Lawrence feels it could expose the City in ways not anticipated especially regarding discrimination. He would like to see how Long Beach implements and the actual

implications of this rule. Commissioner S. Lawrence reported on the Faith, Family, and Friends event at Stevenson Park with headliner Bishop Murphy. He stated that it was a great event, atmosphere was invigorating and encouraging, an event not to be missed. Commissioner S. Lawrence recommended that everyone attend next year. Commissioner S. Lawrence stated that the scoreboards are not working. While he was at Carriage Crest attending his children's game the scoreboard was not working and staff relayed to him that the scoreboard was indeed not working. Is asking for feedback on the scoreboards at all parks. Commissioner S. Lawrence shared that he received an email via ActiveNet regarding cancellation of all events at all parks for the next two (2) days, today Wednesday and tomorrow Thursday, due to the shooting this past weekend at Foisia Park. About four (4) months ago he reported about the shooting at Stevenson Park. Commissioner S. Lawrence asks why Foisia Park is being shut-down for two (2) days because of the shooting and Stevenson Park was not. He would like to see consistency in protocol for all parks. He still has not received a report regarding his inquiry on the slow response from the Police Department at Stevenson Park.

Commissioner C. Dahilig reported on his visit to Dolphin Park. He stated that there is an urgent request for the trimming of trees that affect the baseball field.

Commissioner C. Dunning commented on Commissioner D. Langston's Real Run Program. He is happy to see that come back to the City and commended Commissioner D. Langston. Commissioner C. Dunning shared that baseball season started about two (2) weeks ago at Del Amo Park and it's going very well however they are still waiting on the brick dirt that was supposed to come in for the baseball field. He stated that he would like to see the basketball courts resurfaced now that the new goals have been installed.

Commissioner E. Hunter agreed with Commissioner S. Lawrence's report regarding the scoreboards. She stated that they are still not working. Commissioner E. Hunter is concerned with the tether ball pole as it's broken and poses a safety hazard; she suggested having it removed.

Commissioner D. Langston thanked everyone for their support of the Real Run. He shared that he has been in touch with the Dodgers regarding the Dodgers Dream Field project and would like to offer a park for their consideration. Commissioner D. Langston reported that there is leakage in the roof at Veterans SportsComplex that is going down the ramp and into the small gym. Also, the air conditioning is not working in the small gym.

Vice-Chair A. Cainglet asked that a couple points brought up by Commissioner S. Lawrence and Commissioner D. Langston be agendized. He asked Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson to add items to the next agenda for further discussion regarding safety issue, disparity, policy consistency and another issue he would like to discuss further is adult fees specifically for basketball. He invited all commissioners to Philippine Independence Day celebration on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Also welcomed new commissioner R. Brillantes.

Secretary K. Cortado shared the events she has recently attended. She noticed during her visits to several parks that the flags are not up and when she asked staff she was told that the flag poles are not working. Secretary K. Cortado would like to discuss if there is a way to make it easier financially for parents to make payments on ActiveNet especially when it comes to sports uniforms. She discussed the lights at Dominguez Park, they are still out but are supposed to be replaced today. Calas Park needs windscreens. Pickleball at Hemingway Park is thriving. Secretary K. Cortado announced that former staff member Pep Barajas passed away a few weeks ago.

Chair W. Gonzalez asks that the service request list be added to the Consent Calendar moving forward. Asked if the Sheriff's Department can be invited to a commission meeting to hear from their department on the contingency regarding shootings at the parks. Chair W. Gonzalez noted that Hemingway Park has ongoing Pickleball however the Programs-At-A-Glance does not reflect that. Also Carson Park and Stevenson Park is not showing any programs or events other than Summer Kick-Off.

## **STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Community Services Superintendent B. Grove shared that the Carson Event Center is fully booked and fully preparing for next year's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball.

Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson is hearing all the commissioners concerns and have noted everything down. Recreation is working with Public Works regarding the scoreboards. He is still waiting for the three (3) quotes that are needed. Also, there is a supply chain issue happening that is causing a delay of six (6) to seven (7) weeks. Recreation Superintendent T. Grierson stated that the department will work on a consistent protocol regarding the shootings at all the parks. There will be a townhall meeting at Veterans Sports at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday. The captain and lieutenant will be in attendance as well as the City Councilmembers. Notice will be sent to all Carson residents. Memorial Day event is scheduled for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Veterans SportsComplex. There is many events in the upcoming month of June; Philippine Independence Day on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Park; Juneteenth on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Mills Park; Samoan Heritage Day Celebration at Foisia Park on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Youth Sports will re-start next Tuesday. The Safety-Active Shooter has been covered at the Summer-In-Service that is mandatory for all department staff. It will be covered again this June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the annual Summer-In-Service.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Secretary K. Cortado made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner D. Langston. Motion is unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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