

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 3, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Stuart called the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:03 P.M.

Present: Chair Laura Stuart
Vice Chair Scott Zeidman
Commissioner Scott Garland
Commissioner Kay Heineman
Commissioner Kelly Kent Marin

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Noller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Stuart invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2015

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015.

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Item C-2

**Upcoming Agenda Items to be Considered by the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission and its
Subcommittees**

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARIN
AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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Action Items

Item A-1

**(1) Invitation to the Parks, Recreation and Community
Services (PRCS) Commission from the City Council to Provide
Comment during the City's Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget
Process; and (2) (If Desired) Comment on the PRCS Department
Budget and Work Plans**

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Director, provided an overview of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding
the Senior Center Loan; Auto Allowance; Deferred
Compensation; Employee Compensation; Overtime; Retired
Insurance; Other Contractual Services; Administrative Costs;
a request for a breakdown of expenses; reducing costs; costs
for part time staff; Small Tools and Equipment; shifting
unspent money; concern with not knowing how much money was
actually spent; prioritization of projects; areas to be
expanded upon; savings that goes back into the General Fund;
the process; discretionary programs; shifting funds for an
operational budget; the unfunded/underfunded list; time
available to complete the process; the request that the
Commission present a wish list of ideas and priorities that
they would like to see funded; frustration that the
Commission did not know that they could have made requests
for specific items for the coming year in advance of the
meeting; an observation that programs requested over the last
year were not included in the budget; a suggestion to add
expanding youth sports activities, setting aside additional

General Funds for the patio expansion project and exploring the feasibility of land acquisition or lease for community gardens; grants; undeveloped land owned by the Los Angeles Community College; accelerating the process; agreement to hold a special meeting before the April Commission meeting to allow time to formulate recommendations and ideas; and possible dates.

The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting on March 18, 2015 and Patricia Mooney, Senior Administrative Analyst, requested that ideas be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 11th for inclusion in the agenda packets for that meeting.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the importance of proper vetting; contract classes; a suggestion to submit questions to staff in advance for the next meeting; Commission purview; the need for more time for consideration of the budget; items discussed over the past year that are not reflected in the budget; Community Conversations; previous direction that the Commission can not add programs; making recommendations to the City Council; Commission-driven programs and projects; utilizing the RSVP program; money and resources; and the importance of communication.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARLAND AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVITATION TO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS) COMMISSION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE COMMENTS DURING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET PROCESS;
2. CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION TO MARCH 18, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

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Item A-2

(Standing Item) Updates from Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Respective Appointees to Various Associations and City Committees

Commissioner Garland reported that the Youth Sports Advisory Subcommittee had met with Dan Hernandez and determined that

an outside contractor would be beneficial; he discussed funding for the program; park space; recent unfortunate events at the Culver High School League Championship game; and the need for Community Conversation #6.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding speakers for Community Conversation #6 and the importance of not sugarcoating the issue.

Chair Stuart asked that it be made clear that girls could participate in the League.

Chair Stuart reported that the Sponsorship/Financial Support ad hoc subcommittee had met.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the fundraising concept; additional information on the amenity inventory; and funding.

Chair Stuart invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Kelly Beale inquired about the Youth Sports Advisory ad hoc subcommittee; expressed support for Youth Sports; concern that adding another youth program would take away spots on practice fields and game fields from existing youth sports that she felt are already impacted; she discussed field lighting; and she encouraged the Commission to consider existing programs in the City, to not displace current programs but to add more field time at existing parks and schools.

Barry Moser expressed concern with field space; discussed lighting at Lindbergh Field; expanding the amount of land the City has; the need for soccer fields in the City; and he asked that land be acquired to provide more soccer fields noting that money could be raised.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Stuart invited public input.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Staff

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, reported on moving forward with Prop A funds to make improvements at Syd Kronenthal Park; reported on the Anti-Bullying workshop at the Teen Center; he discussed attendance and posting of anti-bullying signage; he reported on a meeting with the School District; discussed grant funding and major improvements at Linn Howe and El Marino; closure of fields to make the improvements; School District responsibility for operational maintenance of those fields; effects of the Affordable Care Act; his attendance of the upcoming California Parks and Recreation Conference in Sacramento; and he announced that Culver City would be receiving the State award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation for the Marketing of Fiesta La Ballona.

Commissioner Heineman received clarification that the anti-bullying signage had been donated by the Exchange Club and she felt that signs should be posted in the Pool Room.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Heineman invited everyone to attend a celebration at the Senior Center for St. Patrick's Day on March 17.

Chair Stuart asked that the Commission be notified as to where they should be for the opening ceremonies of Fiesta La Ballona.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:29 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to the next special meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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Eugene Paulish
SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Commission

APPROVED _____

Laura Stuart
CHAIR of the PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
State of California that, on the date below written, these
minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver
City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said
meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date