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

November 15, 2022
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Rickards called the special Parks Tour meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 5:00 P.M.

Present: William Rickards, Chair
Scott Zeidman, Vice Chair
Khary Cuffe, Commissioner*
Palvi Mohammed, Commissioner

*Commissioner Cuffe joined the meeting at 7:19 P.M. and exited the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Absent: Jane Leonard, Commissioner

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Pledge of Allegiance

Leah Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members/Staff

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director, invited Commissioners to attend the Annual Tree Lighting Event on December 1st and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Rickards invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Commission:

Leah Ross expressed concerns with safety related to the erosion of bare slopes in Fox Hills, and she received clarification that people stepping on tree roots in the walking paths would not harm the trees.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, discussed staff efforts to deal with water drainage issues; dying plants; and plans to move the walking path.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Conduct a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Weeknight Tour of Veterans Memorial Park, Syd Kronenthal Park, and Fox Hills Park

At 6:25 P.M, staff and Commissioners toured Syd Kronenthal Park.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, discussed use of the park by AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) and MLS (Major League Softball); scheduling; plans to maximize the space for Fiesta La Ballona; and assigned space.

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed park upgrades; LED (Light Emitting Diodes), security, and walking path lighting; agreement by MLS to prep the softball fields; netting to protect from fly balls; issues and limitations of The Plunge; challenges to renting

spaces at the tennis courts; difficulties when people set up makeshift tennis courts at other parts of the park; the bleachers; safety; accessibility; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements; challenges faced by the Public Works Department in handling the Facility projects; updates to the basketball court; challenges of painting on top of the court instead of coloring the concrete; kickball league rental agreements; better the use of the basketball court after the upgrade; challenges of the tree placements at Vets park; the Boy Scout Hut and the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Boy Scouts; quality of the restrooms; use of public transportation to link all the park sites; parking at Vets Park; and the Racket Court survey at Vets Park.

Commissioner Cuffe joined the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

At 7:19 P.M. staff and Commissioners toured Fox Hills Park.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the open area; use of portable lighting; parking; slopes mentioned at the start of the meeting by Leah Ross; including issues in the Master Plan; the importance of the beach volleyball court, the basketball court, and the racket court survey; increasing efficiency in the use of the space among the walking trail; picnic areas; public transportation from the parking lots at Vets Park to Fox Hills; lighting on the running trail; replacement of the fitness equipment; providing better experiences to people at all parks; increasing community awareness of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible path; creating a designated bike path for Fox Hills; building community engagement within the park; high participation at the park; hours; the Municipal Code; whether to return the basketball court to a full court; offering volleyball courts at other parks; an observation that usage of the Park was especially slow during the tour; usage of soccer facilities by younger divisions; popularity of the playground; shade structures; playground maintenance; repair and replacement of the basketball court; heavy usage of the picnic shelters at all of the parks; the need for security lighting; lighting along the running path; replacement of the halogen lamps with LED; the difficulty of fighting the fear parents have of sending their children off to a park by themselves; programs being offered versus parents allowing their children to walk to a park for activities; and staffing issues.

Commissioner Cuffe left the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding staff encouragement for Commissioners to act as the eyes and ears of the community, and when they hear something, to let the staff know; determining whether Culver City is a kid friendly city; how decisions and changes at the School District effect the City and the PRCS programs; and the crossing guard contract.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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Items from Commissioners/Staff

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:08 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

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Adam Ferguson
SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and
Community Services Commission

APPROVED _____

William Rickards
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.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date