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

September 1, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Zeidman called the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Salter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Zeidman invited public participation.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT MARIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015.

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Item C-2

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

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
GARLAND AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS,
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REVIEW
UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARKS,
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS) COMMISSION AND
ITS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES.

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Action Items

Item A-1

**Community Conversations - Topic #6: Character and Community
Building in Youth Athletics**

Commissioner Garland welcomed everyone to the Character and
Community Building in Youth Athletics Community Conversation;
thanked the panel for participating; discussed goals for the
evening; provided statistics regarding the correlation
between participation in youth athletics and career success;
discussed limited athletic space in the City; increasing
issues with poor sportsmanship over the past ten years; ways
to halt the trend; instances of poor sportsmanship; the
meeting format; and he introduced panelists.

Casey Chabola provided background on himself; discussed
repetitive use injuries; and the benefits of playing multiple
sports.

Manny Aceves provided background on himself; expressed
support for comments made by Mr. Chabola; asserted that
teaching starts at home with parents; and discussed the
importance of educating parents.

Lena Dobreer discussed being a positive role model as a
coach; noted that everyone had an important role to play; the
importance of leading by example; discussed positive

reinforcement; constructive criticism; her work as a referee; the importance of what happens at home and at school; and providing positive alternative behavior.

Laura Love provided background on herself and experience; discussed the importance of making room for everybody; why parents sign their children up for sports; procedures and protocol for dealing with misbehavior; having kids make their own pledge on their behavior; challenges faced by children; allowing them to be children; instilling integrity and helping build character; and helping build social skills to become part of the community.

Tom Salter provided background on himself; discussed the importance of positive communication; dealing with success and failure on the field; the importance of good sportsmanship; and being ready for the next opportunity.

Commissioner Garland invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Kelly Weil, AYSO Board, asserted that more parks in the City should have lights so that children can go out and play in the winter during the evenings, and she discussed playing multiple sports.

Commissioner Garland suggested that the Commission could try to take the matter of lighting to the City Council noting that budgetary considerations were an issue.

Casey Chabola agreed with the need for additional lighting; suggested using construction lights to enable children to practice; and he felt that there should be a Culver City Youth Sports website.

Janice Beighey discussed sharing facilities; updates to high school and middle school campuses; access to facilities when needed; how to push for lights in the fields; best utilizing all the facilities for all sports, not just one at a time; and she wanted to see more sports and more kids able to participate.

Tom Salter indicated that lights would be up for the new Lacrosse field within the next two years.

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, indicated that the light standards at Veterans Memorial needed to be changed and that would be an large expense; discussed prioritization of spending; City Council approval; public hearings; and finding the funding.

Commissioner Garland reported a push by residents around the Syd Kronenthal Park for playground facilities noting the importance of public involvement.

David Metzler discussed his experiences with AYSO; improvised lighting; and whether it would be beneficial to attend City Council meetings to make needs known.

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed the budget process; public comment at City Council meetings; impacts of lighting to the neighborhood; challenges with each facility; and structural engineering.

Commissioner Garland discussed his experiences growing up and playing sports in the City.

Commissioner Stuart related her experiences as a parent of a child being bullied in youth sports and questioned what parents can do to help their children.

Casey Chabola noted the responsibility of the coach to foster a team mentality; responsibilities of the parents; and the need for additional training for coaches.

Albert Alfaro discussed the importance of mentoring; having more experienced parents talk to the other parents; teachable moments; and soliciting feedback from referees on good sportsmanship.

Discussion ensued between Panel Members regarding mentoring already taking place; the Prime Time Program; providing additional leadership; student athletes; providing good role models; and having the facilities and tools.

Michelle Friend questioned the impacts of participation awards.

Discussion ensued between Panel Members regarding the

importance of sportsmanship; participation trophies for younger children; the pressure of playoffs; negative behavior in the playoffs; the Red Bandana Award; the importance of the preparation to compete; and behavior of the parents.

Michael Hamill reported that he was working to implement a mentoring program in the AYSO; concern that the limited facilities are being used by outside programs; suggested making school facilities available at a reasonable cost; and maximizing the use of available space.

Discussion ensued between Panel Members regarding costs for facilities use; per hour fees vs. per player fees; and the desire to use facilities in the City rather than going outside of the City.

Jerry Chabola thanked the Commission for holding the Community Conversation; suggested follow up to the meeting that allows the groups to come together to resolve issues; discussed the importance of role models; the need for children to have fun; increasing competitiveness as children get older; providing an opportunity for children to participate; maintenance of the fields by the parents and users; filtering information to coaches and parents; and the importance of learning to win and to lose.

Discussion ensued between Panel Members regarding communication; school facilities; and synthetic fields vs. grass fields.

Clay Evans provided background on himself; discussed swimming vs. team sports; participation awards; and concern with limiting permits to outside groups.

Commissioner Kent Marin discussed the importance of failure.

Alexia Garland thanked the panelists for their comments; expressed concern regarding the negative comments from the stands; continuing issues despite rules to protect the integrity of the game; how to foster respect before every game; and laying out rules via email before every game.

Discussion ensued between Panel Members regarding separating the children from the spectators; ensuring that the coach sets a good example; putting expectations in writing for players and parents; and the Kid Zone Pledge.

Chair Zeidman discussed the policies of Westchester Babe Ruth.

Commissioner Stuart suggested reiterating respect at each game.

Tom Salter discussed practices at the High School and setting a good example in the stands.

Commissioner Garland presented a video clip of a basketball game in Lawrence, Kansas that embodied respect and sportsmanship.

Chair Zeidman presented certificates of appreciation to the panelists.

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

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Item A-2

**Schedule a Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Commission Tour of Culver City Parks and Facilities**

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding dates and Commissioner Stuart indicated that she would not be available on September 26, 2015.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT MARIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION SCHEDULE THE PARKS TOUR ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2015.

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Item A-3

**(Standing Item) Updates from the Parks, Recreation and
Community Services (PCRS) Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and
Representative Appointees to Various Outside Associations and
City Committees**

None.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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Items From Commissioners

None.

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Items From Staff

Dan Hernandez, Parks Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed staffing changes; provided an update on Fiesta La Ballona; reported that all sites were full for the after school program; discussed the Patio Project; and the Tot Lot at Syd Kronenthal Park.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:30 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting, the Tour of City Parks and Facilities, on Saturday, September 26, 2015. The meeting will be called to order at the Veterans Memorial Building parking lot, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230.

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Patricia A. Mooney
ATTENDING SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and
Community Services Commission

APPROVED _____

Scott Zeidman
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