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the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.***

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

September 17, 2019
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Mohammed called the special meeting of the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 6:47
P.M. at the Elks Lodge #1917.

Present: Palvi Mohammed, Chair
Paula Amezola, Vice Chair*
Kay Heineman, Commissioner
William Rickards, Commissioner

*Vice Chair Amezola arrived at 6:48 P.M.

Absent: Scott Zeidman, Commissioner

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Pledge of Allegiance

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, led the Pledge of
Allegiance.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Action Items

Item A-1

PRCSC – Tellefson Park Playground Design Workshop #2: (1) Discussion of the Survey Responses Received as of 2:00 P.M. on September 13, 2019; and, (2) Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Design of the Tellefson Park Playground

Chair Mohammed introduced the item.

Commissioner Rickards discussed the first workshop.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, discussed turnout for the first workshop; the engaged audience; child development psychologists employed on the design team; developmental processes of children of all ages; the new playground design; challenges on multiple levels; level of engagement; and providing a fun play experience.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, noted that the same presentation had been displayed at the first workshop.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, indicated that ballots were available in the back and attendees would be able to vote; he discussed the process; materials; maintenance; designs; engagement; durability; accessibility; and he provided a presentation on the four concepts.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding spinning components; providing a fall zone; the shade study; existing trees; adding shade once the playground is installed; incorporating shade into the structures; the rubber tiles; clarification that all designs are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and clarification that the Matchbox cars are on both designs for the ages 2-5 structure.

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed survey results; concerns expressed

with shade; options; costs; the budget; natural shade; and landscaping.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding increasing passive use by adding shading; available space; cost of planting trees vs. shade structures; the cost analysis; differences and similarities in the designs; and the distance between Tellefson Park and Veterans Park.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Commissioners regarding the goal to create a unique experience in every park; nature play; examining what other cities do; the responsibility of the Commission to respond to public comment; acknowledgement and response to the climate crisis; more extreme weather; a suggestion to submit a recommendation to the City Council with various shade options and costs presented; the Strategic Plan; adding an alternate bid in the budget; funding approval; procedures for requesting additional funding; budget amendments; and a suggestion to submit a recommendation for design B with shade recommendations.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AMEZOLA THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF TELLEFSON PARK PLAYGROUND DESIGN CONCEPT B, AS EVIDENCED BY THE VOTES ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND, BASED ON THE COMMENTS FROM VOTERS AND THE SHADE STUDY, CONSIDER FUNDING SHADE INCLUDING SHADE STRUCTURES AND/OR TREES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: AMEZOLA, HEINEMAN, MOHAMMED, RICKARDS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ZEIDMAN

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Staff

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, thanked those who came out to Fiesta La Ballona and he provided a recap of the event; he discussed feedback received; the app; issues with Wi-Fi and cell phone reception; he reported hiring three full time coordinators; additional positions to be filled; and he indicated that the next Commission meeting would be held on October 1, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding use of wood chips at Fiesta La Ballona; cleanup; laying out artificial turf for the event; costs; feasibility; liability; rehabilitation of the field after the event; staffing levels; the Turf Report and upcoming presentation; and status of the Veterans Park project.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Heineman discussed the status 10508 Culver Boulevard including the Community Garden, the Boy Scout Building and the Paddle Tennis Courts; she reported an upcoming meeting on September 24, 2019 at the Senior Center to take public suggestions for the site; and she expressed concern with facilities being taken away.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:10 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

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

APPROVED _____

Palvi Mohammed
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 Green
CITY CLERK

Date