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

August 1, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Heineman called the regular meeting of the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:01
P.M. in the Dan Patacchia Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Chair Kay Heineman
Vice Chair Scott Zeidman
Commissioner William Rickards

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kara and Sierra.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Heineman invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - June 6, 2017

Chair Heineman asked that the minutes be corrected to
indicate that Pat Fountain had led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RICKARDS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2017, AS CORRECTED.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Administration of the Oath of Office to the Newly Appointed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (PRCSC) Members; (2) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the PRCSC; and, (3) Review of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 PRCSC Meeting Schedule

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, administered the Oath of Office to Palvi Mohammed and Paula Amezola De Herrera.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: APPOINT WILLIAM RICKARDS TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY CHAIR RICKARDS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: APPOINT SCOTT ZEIDMAN TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the schedule of meetings for 2017-2018; several Commissioners reported conflicts; and the Commission reached consensus to change the dates of the January 2, 2018 and the March 6, 2018 meetings, with staff to return to the Commission with alternate available dates at the next meeting.

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Item A-3 (Out of Sequence)

(1) Hear Public Comment on Option 1 and Option 2 for the Veterans Memorial Park Age 5 - 12 Playground Equipment Replacement Project; and, (2) [If Desired] Make a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Preferred Playground Equipment Option to Install at the Park

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of written public comments.

Julian Artica, resident, reported his favorite parts of the parks including the slide and the rock climbing wall; felt he had outgrown certain portions of the equipment for his age range; and his grandfather expressed appreciation for the staff that maintains the parks.

Albert Vera, resident, voiced appreciation for the City's efforts in the parks; expressed concern with addressing special needs playground users; support for universally accessible equipment; and he thanked Dan Hernandez for his years of service, wishing him luck in his future endeavors.

Tom McCabe, resident, voiced his preference for the type of equipment used in Lindberg Park; expressed safety concerns with slides becoming too hot to touch; and he asserted that shade was needed in the playground area of all parks.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding lack of support for either option; accessibility issues; additional community input needed; compliance with all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines; the traditional ramp, post and platform design; industry changes; providing more challenging engagement; adult participation; fostering interactive play; research done; observations of children's approval and usage of the equipment; design decisions based upon usage by children; different components of challenging play; review of the options using artist renderings; public input requesting objects that spin; swings; materials used; wheelchair access; playground audits; Shane's Inspiration

Playgrounds; quality control; costs; different design components; equipment geared towards climbing and balance; clarification that steel slides are not in use and the proposed slides are plastic; the request for shade; seeking funding for shade in the next budget; companies used for the projects; reasons for replacing current equipment; whether the proposed equipment is geared towards multiple users with multiple abilities; research behind the design; the research process; a request that Commissioners have access to the research; maintenance; replacement of the KaBOOM! equipment; durability; observations of usage of other playgrounds in other cities; rebuttal to public comments on the playground; clarification that the size of area limits what can be done; fall zones; clarification on how kids use the poles; the popularity of similar equipment in other area parks; maximizing activity in the small area; the popularity of spinning with children; space required for a straight slide vs. a curved slide; link play; the time frame for the decision; the quick turnaround for County funding; serving children with autism; sensory stimulation in playground design; an observation that due to its size, Lindberg Park would be a better place to serve special needs children; funding; scheduling of projects; collaborative efforts towards disability outreach; benefits of fibar material; height safety regulations; the regular practice of exceeding depth requirements; warranties; issues with KaBOOM! equipment; addressing requests for shade and a slide; clarification that funding for equipment repair cannot be used towards shade or other purposes; the popularity of sand; pebble flex versus fibar; issues with non-regulation of resilient rubberized surfaces and their lack of durability; concern that ideas from only one company were presented; support for option 1 with a slide; clarification on what materials would be presented to the City Council; and a request to include research on similar equipment in area parks.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT GIVEN THE TWO OPTIONS PRESENTED, AND ONLY THESE TWO OPTIONS, OPTION 1 IS THE PREFERRED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OPTION TO INSTALL WITH THE ADDITION OF A SLIDE.

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Item A-2

**Review and Comment on the Proposed Definitions of the
Resident and Non-Resident Categories for Non-Profit
Organizations Renting the Culver City Pool**

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that non-resident teams would not lose swim time; resident rates; and priority determination.

Habib Sissoko, Culver City Swim Club, provided background on their novice, non-competitive swim club; reported their pool usage as one hour a day, six days a week; stated that all board members of the club are Culver City residents; reported on reasons for their fluctuating membership; and expressed concern that they would be penalized for the actions of others.

Discussion ensued between the speaker, staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that the item was about clarification of rules and that no one was breaking any rules, and the report that less than 50% of participants are Culver City residents.

Robyn Beresh, resident, spoke on the rate increases; asked for clarification on the new staffing fee; suggested broadening the definition of resident to those who work in the City and live in the surrounding areas; reported on the lack of area pools; congratulated two Plunge swimmers who recently swam across the English Channel; and spoke of the community benefits of The Plunge.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the 50% resident participation percentage as comparable; the amount of people wanting to use the pool; the need for a solid definition of who is considered a resident; concern that barriers would be created for low income residents to go swimming; broadening the definition of item 5 to allow membership in the kids' program to Culver City students who are not residents; enrollment and attendance methods used; the semi-annual recertification process; comparisons with the resident definition for

Santa Monica; which teams would be would be most affected by the proposed changes; concern with the resident definition denying some children a chance to swim; a suggestion that nonresidents pay more with an exception for kids; consensus on the 50% rate as it applies to adults; setting a smaller percentage for the youth groups such as 40%; promotion of the pool to youth clubs; using student IDs for pool access; the amount of increased revenue; coming fee increases for all programs; separating competitive and noncompetitive youth program pricing; and agreement that noncompetitive programs focus on learning to swim and should have a lower threshold.

The Commission agreed and staff concurred that:

1. Up-to-date documentation must be provided in advance to the City in order to establish Resident/Non-Resident status for the organization; and
2. The organization must be registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and
3. The organization must provide proof that a current IRS form 990 has been filed; and
4. The organization must have a Culver City mailing address that matches the filed IRS form 990; and
5. In order to qualify for Resident/Non-Profit Status for Adult and Competitive Swim Rentals, the organization must have a Culver City mailing address and 50%+1 of active members must be Culver City residents; and
6. In order to qualify for Resident/Non-Profit Status for Youth Novice Programs, the organization must have a Culver City mailing address and 40%+1 of active members be Culver City residents.

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Item A-4

(1) Adoption of Motions Appointing Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission Members as Liaisons to Various Outside Associations and City Committees; (2)

**[If Desired] Formation/Dissolution of Certain PRCS
Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees; and, (3) [If Desired]
Adoption of Motions Appointing Commissioners to the Newly
Formed/Remaining Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding scheduled meetings before the next Commission meeting; allowing time for new Commissioners to learn about the bodies before they are appointed; frequency of meetings; duties of the various positions; time required; criteria for creation and dissolution of ad hoc subcommittees; and consensus to agendaize discussion of creating a new Community Conversation Topic #8 subcommittee and My Brother's Keeper subcommittee.

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

1) FOR OUTSIDE ASSOCIATIONS:

1a) APPOINT COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN TO SERVE AS DELEGATE AND CHAIR RICKARDS TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE ON THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARKS, RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AND

1b) APPOINT CHAIR RICKARDS TO SERVE AS DELEGATE AND COMMISSIONER DE HERRERA TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE FOR BALLONA CREEK RENAISSANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AND

1c) APPOINT COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN TO SERVE AS DELEGATE AND COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE ON THE CULVER CITY SENIOR CENTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AND

2) FOR CITY COMMITTEES:

2a) APPOINT COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED TO SERVE AS DELEGATE AND COMMISSIONER DE HERRERA TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AND

2b) APPOINT COMMISSIONER DE HERRERA TO SERVE AS DELEGATE AND VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE ON THE

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018;
AND

3) FOR PRCS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES:

3a) DISSOLVE THE SPONSORSHIP/FINANCIAL SUPPORT AD HOC
SUBCOMMITTEE; AND

3b) DISSOLVE THE YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY AD HOC
SUBCOMMITTEE; AND

3c) DISSOLVE THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS TOPIC #7 AD HOC
SUBCOMMITTEE; AND

3d) DISSOLVE THE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

3e) DISSOLVE THE COMMISSIONER SUMMIT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE;
AND

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Item A-5

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

Commissioner Heineman provided an update on the Culver City Senior Center Board noting that the Culver City Non-Profit Fair would be held on August 12 at Veterans Auditorium with over forty organizations participating; she received an update from staff on patio furniture for the Senior Center as part of the Courtyard Project; and she noted that the Disability Awareness Carnival would likely be held indoors this year since the courtyard renovations may not be fully completed.

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

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Item A-6

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

Commissioners noted that scheduling the Parks Tour would be coming forward next time.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Rickards 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, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Staff

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided an update on filling the Supervisor position; he announced that Disability and Senior Services Specialist Darren Uhl would be leaving at the end of the month; he reported that the Summer Camps had been going well; announced Fiesta La Ballona from August 25-27 noting that invitations to Commissioners should have been received for opening ceremonies; he announced that he had accepted the offer of Assistant Director, Operations for Clark County, Nevada; and he thanked everyone for all their help and support during his time with Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation to Dan Hernandez for his service and its positive affect on Culver City kids; a reminder to RSVP for a picnic in honor of Dan Hernandez on August 10 at Veterans

Park Picnic Pavilion; and parking key cards were available to Commissioners.

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Items from Commissioners

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF MADELINE EHRLICH.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:35 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned in memory of Madeline Ehrlich to a meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

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Patricia A. Mooney
ATTENDING 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 Green
CITY CLERK

Date