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

March 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Zeidman called the special meeting of the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:08
P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Vice Chair Scott Zeidman
Commissioner Paula Amezola
Commissioner Kay Heineman
Commissioner Palvi Mohammed

Absent: Chair William Rickards

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Pledge of Allegiance

David McNeill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Order of the Agenda

The Consent Calendar was addressed before Public Comment -
Items Not on the Agenda.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

**PRCSC - Approval of the Minutes for the Special Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of
January 17, 2018**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED AND SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2018.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item C-2

**PRCSC - Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of
February 6, 2018**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Vice Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the
Commission:

Dr. Janet Hault, Honorary Artist Laureate for Poetry in
Culver City, noted that the Centennial Poetry book contained
poetry about Culver City, and she reported that proceeds for
her new book, *Going to the Dogs and Other Critters*, would be
donated to the Culver City Dog Park, with the book available
at amazon.com.

Khin Khin Gyi requested that issues with lighting at Blanco Park be addressed.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding staff agreement to follow up on the issue and report back to the Commission.

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Action Items

Item A-1

PRCSC - Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding Establishing the "Ballona Creek Connection Designated Dog Path," which will Augment the Existing Culver City Park Designated Dog Path, Creating a Continuous Dog Path that Connects the Ballona Creek Bike Path with the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Western Gateway

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

Vice Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Sally Garcia, Mountains Conservation and Recreations Authority, expressed support for the designated dog path; discussed their efforts on the Park to Playa Regional Trail noting that the item was a critical element to the plan; and she indicated that if the item was not approved, Culver City Park would be only portion where dog access would not be allowed, creating a significant gap and an enforcement problem.

David McNeill, Baldwin Hills Conservancy, thanked staff for their efforts; discussed trash cans on the route; signage; coordination; the mobility aspect of having a regional trail in the area; and he reported that California State Parks was in support of having dogs on the trail through the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and through Culver City Park.

Discussion ensued between the speaker and Commissioners regarding concerns raised about potential conflicts between dogs and people or with other dogs; dogs vs. wildlife; sensitive habitat; signage; and enforcement.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation to staff for their work; concern with proximity of the path to where the children warm up for Little League; comments regarding keeping the dogs off the Boardwalk; clarification regarding the accessible path; the feeling that service dogs are better trained and would be acceptable on the accessible trail; signage regulating those who do not need accessibility from using the path; and dispensers.

Commissioner Heineman moved to approve the designated dog path.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding making it clear that the ADA accessible route is only for use by those with disabilities and their animals.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE "BALLONA CREEK CONNECTION DESIGNATED DOG PATH," WHICH WILL AUGMENT THE EXISTING CULVER CITY PARK DESIGNATED DOG PATH, CREATING A CONTINUOUS DOG PATH THAT CONNECTS THE BALLONA CREEK BIKE PATH WITH THE BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC OVERLOOK WESTERN GATEWAY; ROUTE 1, THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CULVER CITY PARK DESIGNATED DOG PATH, IS RECOMMENDED AS A DESIGNATED DOG PATH FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOMPANIED BY DOGS; AND, ROUTE 2, THE TRAIL THAT INCLUDES THE BOARDWALK, IS RECOMMENDED AS A FULLY ACCESSIBLE ADA PATH FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES ACCOMPANIED BY SERVICE ANIMALS AND NOT AS A DESIGNATED DOG PATH.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Item A-2

**PRCSC - Any or All of the Following Actions, if Desired]
(1) Finalize the Arrangements for "Community Conversations
- Topic #8;" and/or, (2) Formation of Additional Ad Hoc
Subcommittee(s); and, (3) Appointment of Two Commissioners
to the Newly-Formed Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney, discussed work to resolve comfort level issues with the nature of the presentation; clips from the documentary for the presentation; references from schools; and brainstorming with peer educators on the proper title for the Conversation for consideration.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding concern with advertising for the event; timing; the feeling that the date for the event should be changed to allow more time for preparation; ensuring that there is sufficient time to work with the schools; a suggestion to delay the event; the need for information to provide to the School District; progress made to date; satisfying the concerns of the City Attorney; the feeling that the title should not hold up the flier or the event; scheduling; concern with missing the opportunity; meeting with the Superintendent; concern with distributing a flier until the reference letters from other schools and clips are received and approved; clarification that staff does not foresee a problem with the clips, and recommendation letters are not required; the desire of staff to speak to the other schools; the proposed date and diligence with moving things forward in the next week; and a suggestion to take a recess for the Subcommittee Members to discuss the issue and come to a consensus.

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Recess/Reconvene

Vice Chair Zeidman called a brief recess from 7:39 p.m. to 7:47 p.m.

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Item A-2
(Continued)

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Subcommittee(s); and, (3) Appointment of Two Commissioners
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Commissioner Mohammed indicated that the Subcommittee had agreed to move forward to make the event happen in April and that work would proceed on a flier.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding spring break; distribution of fliers; the topic; and the need to change the original title: "#Me Too Changing Our Culture" to avoid political issues.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MOVE FORWARD WITH PREPARATIONS TO HOLD A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON APRIL 18 WITH A TITLE TO BE DETERMINED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney, thanked the Subcommittee for their efforts on the item.

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Item A-3

PRCSC - (1) Discussion Regarding the Use of Field Space
for Adult Sports in Culver City Parks; and, (2) [If
Desired] Provide Recommendations to City Staff for Future
Consideration

Vice Chair Zeidman expressed concern that there was not a public presence in Council Chambers when he understood there to be much interest in the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding turf maintenance; outreach for the item; extensive Facebook comments about the fields; Commission agreement to continue the item; hiring a turf consultant; the importance of the issue; allowing the public a chance to weigh in; clarification that the item is not urgent; noticing the meeting on Nextdoor and Facebook; a suggestion to hold the May Commission meeting at a park; the ability to record the meeting at alternate locations; transcription; holding a discussion about the topic to receive community input but not necessarily to make a decision at that point; neighborhoods that feel their voice has not been heard; the process that the City Council followed with the drone item; clarification that if more than two Commissioners are in attendance at any meeting, it has to be a Commission meeting pursuant to the Brown Act; clarifying the purpose of the item for the public; and Commission consensus to postpone the item and hold a special meeting on May 15 at 7:00 P.M. at Veterans Park if available, with May 22 or 24 as alternate dates and Lindberg Park as an alternative location; agreement that the meeting be held indoors; clarification that there is no more soccer play at Culver West Park since it has been converted into a passive park; and Commissioners reported issues with their City email.

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Item A-4

PRCSC - Discussion Regarding the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's Initial Recommendations to the City Council for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 PRCSC Department Budget

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding comments on the draft letter to the City Council regarding the budget; the business-like nature of the letter; concern with the potential to offend the City Council; expressing appreciation for consideration of the requests; clarification that the Administrative Assistant would be converted to a Media and Marketing Coordinator in the PRCSC department; clarification on the request to hire three additional employees in an existing classification; additional support for the Senior Center; clarification that the reference to the Tellefson Park Rehabilitation

Project should indicate Lindberg Park instead as Tellefson is fully funded; adult sports recreation; the need for a thorough turf report to enable policy discussion; the turf consultant; changing wording from: including adult sport recreation, to accommodate all community needs; adjusting wording for new and replacement lighting to multiple facilities rather than just one facility; a suggestion to keep the letter to one page; ensuring that requested items are fully funded; Commissioner representation at the City Council meeting; appreciation to staff and Commissioners who worked on the item; appreciation for the direct language and the importance of investing in social services; a suggestion to add acknowledgement of the benefits of social services to the City; research that shows that investment in City parks and social services results in a thriving community; illustrating how parks improve cities; the need for hydration stations at the Teen Center and encouragement to include hydration stations in the budget for City parks; whether to include actual costs; prioritization; shade structures; adding a shade structure for Veterans Park; clarification that shade is included in future designs moving forward; responsiveness to public comment; starting with Veterans and followed by Syd Kronenthal Park and making it clear that shade structures are a multi-year project; and consensus that Commissioner Mohammed finalize the letter based on Commissioner comments.

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Item A-5

PRCSC - [Standing Item] Receive and File Updates from the Members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Representative Appointees to Outside Associations and City Committees

Commissioner Heineman provided copies of California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) brochures to Commissioners noting the need to promote the organization; reported attending the Scholarship Awards and Installation Banquet; she suggested that the Director submit Culver City for an award; discussed past awards received by Culver City; plaques; monetary donations; the upcoming CPRS Conference in Sacramento; and she announced that there would be a party for Older Americans month at the Senior Center on

May 25 and that she had been chosen for Senior of the Year.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-6

PRCSC - [Standing Item] Receive and File the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Upcoming Agenda Items List

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding staff follow up with a speaker from a previous meeting who was interested in painting a mural in a park; potential locations; PEP grants; a request that the item be put on an agenda to investigate options; work with the Teen Center; community engagement; the process; the ability to increase the amount or number of PEP grants; a suggestion for a presentation from the Parks Manager on PEP grants at a future meeting; pool use at The Plunge; availability to the public; lane allocation guidelines; working to get buy-in from user groups before making a policy change; appreciation for coordination of the meeting with the Superintendent; and the need for training facilities.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: RECEIVE AND FILE THE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS LIST.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Vice 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, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Staff

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, reported on the work plan presentation to the City Council on March 20 noting that he would provide the link and documentation to Commissioners.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Heineman reported attending the presentation on the Kindness Benches at the Board of Education meeting.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that Commissioner Heineman had delivered the letter to the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding rescheduling the date of the Parks Tour.

Vice Chair Zeidman announced that April 21 is Casino Night at the High School and he that the Water Polo Team had won CIF.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR ZEIDMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF FORMER MAYOR STEVEN ROSE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:00 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned in memory of former Mayor Steven Rose to a meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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Patricia A. Mooney
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