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

October 1, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Mohammed called the regular meeting of the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:00
P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at Culver City City
Hall.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

PRCS Commissioner Scott Zeidman 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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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

PRCSC - Approve Minutes for the Regular Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of August 6, 2019

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2019.

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Order of the Agenda

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda was heard after Item A-2.

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Action Items

Item A-1

PRCSC - Receive and File Report Regarding the 2019 Fiesta La Ballona

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided an overview of Fiesta La Ballona.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding vendor frustration with the new layout; sales of iced coffee; survey responses; expansion for the beer garden and appreciation of the shade; word of mouth vs. advertising; demographics of attendees; marginalization of the vendors; appreciation for the large tent; negative feedback about the pony rides and petting zoo last year and the subsequent elimination of those features; positive feedback; exploration of alternative animal options; and community feedback.

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RICKARDS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT REGARDING THE 2019 FIESTA LA BALLONA.

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Item A-2

PRCSC - Receive and File Report Regarding the 2019 Holiday Tower Lighting Event at Veterans Memorial Park and a Proposed Plan to Combine the Holiday Tower Lighting with the Downtown Business Association's (DBA) Holiday Tree Lighting Event

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding line of sight issues between the steps and the tower; support for combining the events; the ice rink; new development downtown; public vs. private property; simultaneous tower and tree lighting; new technology; budget; timing; outside contractors; the one-time budget enhancement for 2019; support for collaboration and leveraging resources; DBA outreach; clarification that the DBA event is free and all are welcome; refreshments; access to the space; parking; traffic; agreement to try combining the events for 2020; and communication with the City Council.

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RICKARDS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Commission:

Anthony Rizzo discussed recreational use of the El Marino school field; communication; parking; congestion; the R-1 single family zone; he expressed concern with oversight; he asked for help to mitigate impacts to the neighborhood; and he suggested parking alternatives.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Rizzo, staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that the field is owned and managed by the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the City has no jurisdiction over the facility; zoning; activities for residents; encouraging alternative forms of transportation; appreciation for the public input; and information was provided to Mr. Rizzo on who to contact to address concerns.

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Item A-3

PRCSC - [Standing Item; Any or All of the Following Actions, if Desired] (1) Receive and File Updates from Members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Representative Appointees to Outside Associations and City Committees; (2) Formation of New and/or Discussion of Existing Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s); and, (3) Appointment of Two Commissioners to Newly-Formed Subcommittee(s)

No updates were available and no action was taken.

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Item A-4

**PRCSC - [Standing Item] Review the Fiscal Year 2019/2020
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission
Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items and Make
Adjustments, if Necessary; and, (2) Receive and File the
Report**

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding moving the sign project at Veterans Park forward; the final bid; the budget discussion meeting in December; the report from the Turf Consultant; outreach; the decision-making process; concern with having the Turf Consultant report early enough to allow for thorough consideration; providing materials to the public at the same time Commissioners get them; scheduling and format for a community meeting; and making the material accessible and understandable to the public.

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT ON THE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS LIST.

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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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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Chair Mohammed reported receipt of an invitation to join State Senator Ben Allen for a discussion and networking breakfast on October 11 in Palos Verdes.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding scheduling and interest in attending.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from Staff

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed the upcoming Proclamation to be presented at the October 14 City Council meeting for Disability Awareness month in October, and he encouraged everyone to attend the Abilities Carnival on October 20, 2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding scheduling for the Tellefson Park Playground plans and specifications to the City Council; costs to add shade; trees vs. shade structures; outreach and notification; and an observation that the chosen design was featured at the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Rickards discussed the City Council meeting to consider the property beside the Wende Museum; proposals put forth; consequences which were not considered; the number of meeting attendees; information gathering; concern that the City Council was vetting specific proposals to make a decision; community outreach for the Fox Hills proposal; concern that the choice would be limited to the previously formulated proposals; the proposal from the Wende Museum; the feeling that the land belongs to the park system; housing proposals; addressing social service issues; and purview of the department.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding taking away parks land and facilities; public sentiment; the paddle tennis courts; the gardens; space included in the Wende proposal to accommodate a community garden; moving the

Scout Hut; and assurances that the meeting was a step in the process.

Vice Chair Amezola discussed a letter distributed to Commissioners from Dave Nagel for a public photo and image park; she noted that there was no budget attached; and she asked staff about ways to make the future of parks more innovative.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding exploration of the concept; the presentation by Mr. Nagel to the Cultural Affairs Commission; concern with taking away playable space; modernizing parks; caution against changing the purpose of parks; examination of the scope; a suggestion to invite Mr. Nagle to present additional information to the Commission; costs for a feasibility study for the project; and staff confirmed they were waiting to hear back on the skateboard bid.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:34 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 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