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

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

October 5, 2021
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 7:06 P.M. via Webex.

Present: Kay Heineman, Chair
William Rickards, Vice Chair
Khary Cuffe, Commissioner
Palvi Mohammed, Commissioner
Scott Zeidman, Commissioner

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Heineman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members and Staff

None.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Heineman invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Commission:

Marcus Tiggs, Sponsorship Chair for the Fiesta La Ballona Committee, announced Fiesta La Ballona from October 29-31 and discussed sponsors for the event.

Commissioner Zeidman thanked Marcus Tiggs for his tireless work to make the City a better place.

Samia Bano, Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC), discussed work being done by the EHRAC; invited everyone to attend the virtual Indigenous Peoples' Day event on October 12; discussed the Community Contributions Award; and she encouraged everyone to visit the EHRAC page on the Culver City website to get more information.

Vice Chair Rickards expressed appreciation for the work being done by the EHRAC and thanked Samia Bano for coming to address the Commission.

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Order of the Agenda

The Consent Calendar was considered after Item A-3.

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Action Items

Item A-1

PRCSC - (1) Discussion of Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Per Capita Funded Projects at Lindberg Park; and (2) Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Endorsing the Project that Receives the Majority Community Vote

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, introduced the item; discussed the one-time allocation; the application deadline; available funds; matching monies; best use of funds; the budget process; the need for air conditioning at the Stone House; and providing a choice to the community with online or telephone voting for either a picnic area rehabilitation or an outdoor exercise area expansion.

Linda Endler, Landscape Architect Consultant, provided a presentation on the proposed picnic area rehabilitation; discussed the process; existing trees and landscaping; issues with the Hollywood Juniper tree; planned replacement of the picnic shelter; the new proposed shelter; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility; relocation of the

concrete barbeques; the addition of a hot coal receptacle; the proposed filling station; replacement of the worn pathway; replacement of water fountains with filling stations; and she indicated that the design was meant to fit the proposed budget.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, indicated that the roots of the Hollywood Juniper tree are uprooting the ADA path of travel and impacting other trees and the area itself negatively.

Linda Endler, Landscape Architect Consultant, discussed the option to expand the outdoor exercise area; the existing area; concrete curbing; the proposed workout station; the accompanying app; value for the money; people accommodated; different exercises facilitated; the suspension trainer; and providing options for the older crowd.

Chair Heineman invited public participation.

The following member of the public addressed the Commission:

Michelle Weiner indicated receipt of feedback from her neighborhood indicating support for a re-do of the picnic area; she felt that making the picnic area ADA accessible was important; she asked if it were possible to make all of the tables ADA accessible; and she felt it would be ideal if both projects could be completed.

Ida Rabiner was called to speak but did not respond.

Ross Piro expressed support for the picnic structure and for the other upgrade; received clarification that two tables would be added in the meadows and DG (decomposed granite) would be used adjacent to the sports field to provide a path of travel from the curb ramp with the existing concrete path and walkway retained; and he asked about other options available for the exercise upgrade.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that choice of equipment could be adjusted if that upgrade is selected; providing a complete workout for all ages; a comparable project at Fox Hills; the complete workout station at Syd Kronenthal Park; voting for the online survey from October 7-15; additional options; the presentation to the City Council in November; the application deadline; making Wi-Fi available; the popular, but problematic Hollywood Juniper

tree; adding HEPA filters in the Stonehouse; and staff agreement to check with Public Works.

Commissioner Zeidman suggested that he should not weigh in with an opinion on project choice due to the proximity of his house to the park, and he expressed support for the inclusion of HEPA filters at the Stonehouse.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation to staff for their efforts and support for the ADA benches; Commission endorsement for the project that receives the majority community vote; and outreach.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZEIDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ENDORSE THE PROJECT THAT RECEIVES THE MAJORITY COMMUNITY VOTE.

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Item A-2

PRCSC - Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Observance of October as Disability Awareness Month

Chair Heineman introduced the item.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, discussed Disability Awareness month; the annual Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair; the drive-up event; the youth focused event; planned activities for the Carnival; the display case at the Julian Dixon Library; and she presented the calendar of events planned for Disabilities Awareness month.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation to staff for their work; unsuccessful efforts to procure screeners from Apple; and raising awareness of available resources.

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

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Item A-3

**PRCSC - Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the 2021
Fiesta La Ballona**

Darren Uhl, Recreation and Community Services Manager, thanked Marcus Tiggs and Greg Guzzetti for their efforts to secure the sponsorship from Amazon Studios; presented a map of the layout; he thanked Adam Ferguson for redoing the Fiesta La Ballona website; expressed appreciation to Sony for working with the City; discussed parking; shuttles available on Saturday and Sunday; increased numbers of porta-potties and hand washing stations; the budget; staffing concerns; the closure of City facilities to ensure adequate staff; vendors; the online application process; food booths and trucks; reduced participation from previous years; sponsorship; lighting; costume guidelines; mask requirements; an offer of assistance from Sony Security to remind people of guidelines and encourage them to return prohibited items to their car; the single-use plastic ban; lost child protocol; encouragement to report to the Teen Center if staff cannot be found; police officers onsite; the Command Center check-in point inside the Teen Center for staff, volunteers and the police; the Information Booth for the public; wristband sales starting on October 11 on the registration website; entertainment; Scaryoke; and the costume contest.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation to staff for their creativity in putting on the event; acknowledgment of the complexity of the event and different layers of service; thanks to Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Dani Cullens; the opening ceremony; parking; support from the business community; and deadlines for booths.

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

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1
(Out of Sequence)

**PRCSC - Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of August
3, 2021**

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR RICKARDS AND SECONDED BY CHAIR HEINEMAN
THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2021.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CUFFE, HEINEMAN, MOHAMMED, RICKARDS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: ZEIDMAN

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Heineman invited public comment.

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

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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 Staff

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Director, thanked staff for their work on Fiesta La Ballona,
Disability Awareness Month, and the Lindberg Park Project, and
he expressed appreciation to Patricia Mooney and Terrica Miller
for their efforts.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, provided a report on Senior Center Activities; discussed new programming; she asked for a volunteer to judge the Halloween Costume Contest; and she indicated that additional information was available in the Senior Center Newsletter.

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Items from Commissioners

Chair Heineman reported that the Senior Center Board would be meeting on October 11.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:35 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2021.

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

APPROVED _____

Kay Heineman
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