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

May 1, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Rickards called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:04 P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Absent: Vice Chair Scott Zeidman

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Pledge of Allegiance

Palvi Mohammed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Rickards invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Freddy Puza noted that one of the charges of the PRCS is to recommend programs to promote the full acceptance of all citizens and aspects of community life; he expressed concern with allegations of race and gender baiting connected with the last election; suggested a community dialog about anti-racist training for white people and/or implicit bias training; discussed the Alliance of Anti-Racist White People

Everywhere; implementation of implicit bias training; community empowerment; managing bias to address challenges in the community; recognizing implicit bias as a habit; identification of common forms of bias; sharing evidence; and work being done at universities to study the issues.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding agendizing matters for discussion and contact information for Mr. Puza.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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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 March 21, 2018

Chair Rickards commented that a request for an agendized discussion of lighting had been made in Item A-3, Use of Field Space for Adult Sports.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2018.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Chair Rickards indicated that there were no minutes for the April 18, 2018 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting due to the sensitive nature of the Community Conversation.

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Action Items

Item A-1

PRCSC – Receive and File an Informational Item Regarding the May 12, 2018 Culver City Car Show

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a brief overview of the event.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding length of time the event has been happening; loss of business generated by the event in the downtown area with the change in location; the Downtown Business Association; adjustments to the layout and timing of the event; concern with wear and tear on the park; and the curb cut at the turnaround at Veterans Park for access from the decomposed granite path.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT ON THE 2018 CULVER CITY CAR SHOW.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-2

PRCSC – Receive and File an Informational Item Regarding Senior Programming and Older Americans Month from the Senior and Social Services and Facilities Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

Debbie Cahill, Programs Specialist, provided an overview on Senior Programming at the Senior Center; discussed the partnership with the Culver City Senior Citizens Association; announced that May is Older Americans month;

and she congratulated Kay Heineman on being named Senior of the Year for 2018.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-3

PRCSC - Receive and File an Informational Item Regarding Aquatics from the Senior and Social Services and Facilities Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

Jeanine Houchen, Recreation Coordinator, provided a presentation on programming at The Plunge.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the number of groups using the rental facility; Culver City vs. non-Culver City users; tracking proof of residency; the amount of time available for recreational swim for community members; balancing programming; pricing; a suggestion not to increase youth fees, but instead to increase fees for non-resident adults; providing access to youth so they can learn how to swim; balancing community demand; scanning and user compliance; data; the high demand for pool space; and the importance of working to accommodate adults as well.

Chair Rickards invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Clay Evans, SCAQ Swim Club, provided background on his club; discussed their partnership with the City; he asserted that the club is an asset to the City; and he

expressed concern about their deteriorating relationship with the City.

Marci Baun, SCAQ, provided photographs to Commissioners; discussed raising money to help the pool; triathletes that swim with SCAQ; she felt that the adults should not be forgotten; discussed resident use vs. non-resident use; availability of the pool; the inability to expand with limited resources; and she wanted to see the pool at the High School used.

Loulou Rees provided materials to Commissioners and background on herself; discussed her positive experiences with SCAQ including rehabilitation from an injury through swimming; the need for adult coached swimming; inefficient lane allocation; and she expressed concern with nepotism.

Jaqueline Lettieri, SCAQ, discussed the elimination of midday swim and concern that the pool is now empty during the day; reduced lane allocation; loss of revenue for area businesses; payment of fees; and she felt that SCAQ is a big reason why The Plunge is successful.

Robyn Beresh expressed concern with the proposed closure of the pool to SCAQ during midday hours; discussed the impact on pool users; she questioned the reasoning behind the proposed change; discussed addressing concerns; pool uses; lane efficiency; the need for continued access and use of the pool during midday hours; physical health; the importance of continuing to be active as one gets older; and she wanted to see equal use for adults and children.

Don Van Cleve provided background on himself; discussed his experiences as a swimmer in Culver City; thinking about SCAQ as a resource; outside users; use of the pool by swimmers of varying levels; and he encouraged engagement and utilization of SCAQ as well as cooperation regarding swimming hours.

Steven Contarsy, SCAQ Coach, provided background on himself; discussed filling the 50 meter facility; hours; and he felt that more lanes dedicated to SCAQ would be a benefit to the entire City.

Masaru Heriuch discussed how important swimming with SCAQ is to him and he expressed concern with the potential elimination of midday access to the pool.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding public concern with the potential removal of access to the pool during midday in order to accommodate lessons; summer programs; diversity in Culver City; low income students; the importance of teaching everyone to learn how to swim; safety issues; overcoming fear; the importance of striking a balance; low cost swim lessons to save lives vs. providing a healthy venue for residents and non-residents to exercise; concern with long-time groups that are now having issues engaging with the City; City efforts to dialog with partner groups; demand for City facilities; recreational swimming vs. lap swimming; consistency with times; offering opportunities during recreational hours vs. lesson hours; flexibility; the opportunity to rent lanes from the City; the commitment of staff to evaluate and adapt as needed; fees; demand; equity; becoming a larger resource; and the importance of communication and finding a way forward.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Commissioner Amezola expressed appreciation to staff for their work and she discussed respectful communication.

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Item A-4

PRCSC – Receive and File an Informational Item Regarding Adult Sports Programs from the Recreation Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

Dan Jassim, Recreation Supervisor, provided a presentation on Adult Sports offerings in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding field use at Syd Kronenthal Park; use of Bill Botts Field; Fiesta La Ballona; field maintenance and recovery; adult sports; AYSO; differences in contracts; the joint use agreement with the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); pecking order; standards and patterns of use; balancing what is offered to the public and to the School District; reciprocity; challenges in the relationship; work with the City to improve the parks and maximize usage; concern with outside groups getting priority over City groups; encouragement to concerned parties to communicate with staff; negative comments on Facebook; providing constructive activities for young men; over exuberance; neighbors and noise issues; signage and the No Adult Soccer policy; finding a way to facilitate adult soccer; turf use; organized play; downtime during maintenance; potential increased costs to users; partnerships; and the importance of communication and dialog.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-5

PRCSC - (1) Selection of One of More Dates for the 2018 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Tour of Culver City Parks and Facilities ("Parks Tour"); and (2) Discussion of the Parks Tour Itinerary

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding holding the Parks Tour during a regular Commission meeting; previous attendance of the Parks Tour; logistics; how many and which parks to see; holding the Tour on multiple nights; concern with cancelling too many Commission meetings; opportunities to interact with the public; clarification that the Parks Tour would be

agendized and open to the public; sticking to a schedule; continuing on another evening and/or writing down questions for submission to staff if time runs out; potential alternate dates; coordination with Patrick Reynolds; agreement that no meeting be held on July 3, 2018 due to a lack of a quorum; and Commission consensus to hold the Parks Tour on July 17 at 3:00 P.M. beginning at Veterans Park and including Culver West Alexander, Lindberg, Blanco, El Marino, Fox Hills, and if time permits, move to parks on the east side, with July 24 as an alternate date.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION HOLD THE 2018 PARKS TOUR BEGINNING AT 3:00 P.M. ON EITHER JULY 17, 2018 OR JULY 24, 2018 WITH NO MEETING TO BE HELD ON JULY 3, 2018 DUE TO A LACK OF A QUORUM.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-6

PRCSC - [Any or All of the Following Actions, If Desired] (1) 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; and/or, (2) Dissolution of Community Conversation - Topic #8 Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and/or, (3) Formation of New Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s); and, (4) Appointment of Two Commissioners to the Newly-Formed Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s)

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the Community Conversation; concern with the level of attendance; conflicts with scheduling and school events; adult participation vs. youth participation; attendance by CCUSD; positive feedback on the Talk Project; the intention of CCUSD to bring the Talk Project to the Middle School and the High School next year;

appreciation to Commissioners for their work; parent participation; positive unintended consequences; support of the concept by the Superintendent; sparking dialog at home with teens and parents; strategies used by the student leaders; inspiration for the students present; an observation that while the students might not have spoken up much, they were engaged; the consent portion of the conversation; a suggestion to put the evaluation report on the next agenda; having an annual event; promotion; student appreciation of the event; and leaving the subcommittee open for follow up.

Commissioner Amezola reported attending the April 11, 2018 Disability Advisory Committee meeting where there were discussions regarding expanding the focus of the annual Kids Carnival to all ages; the presentation on Culver Steps; and having a youth representative.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding City Council intent regarding possible youth representation; the meet and greet for those interested serving on Boards, Committees and Commissions; the student representative on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; money from the Senior Center Association specified for youth at the Carnival; sponsorships; the evaluation of the 2017 Carnival; inclusivity; opening up the Carnival to all ages; and changing the name of the Carnival.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-7

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the upcoming schedule of meetings; election of the Chair and Vice Chair in July; confirmation that the next meeting would be held at Veterans Auditorium in the Rotunda Room; noticing; encouragement to the community to attend; standing items; and a reminder about the upcoming commendation for Kay Heineman as Senior of the Year and the proclamation for Older Americans month at the May 14 City Council meeting.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOHAMMED 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, RICKARDS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ZEIDMAN

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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

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, invited anyone who was interested to attend the Commissions Boards and Committees Meet and Greet in Council Chambers on May 3,2018 and he discussed Brown Act issues.

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Items from Commissioners

Chair Rickards reported attending a Neighborhood Association meeting for the Helms/Arts District where they discussed the Ivy Substation development; programming; addressing the interests of high school students; willingness to partner; and major changes in the downtown landscape as a result of new development.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:10 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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Patricia A. Mooney

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SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and
Community Services Commission

APPROVED June 5, 2018

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

7 JUN 2018
Date