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

August 7, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Zeidman 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 City Hall.

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

*Vice Chair Mohammed arrived at 7:05 P.M.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Jerry Chabola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVE ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

Item C-1

PRCSC – Approval of the Minutes for the Special Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of May 15, 2018

THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2018.

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Item C-2

PRCSC – Approval of the Minutes for the Special Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of June 5, 2018

THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2018.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

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

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record; discussed the process to engage a turf consultant; feedback from the community; changes to the municipal code; park prohibitions; potential recommendations; formation of an ad hoc subcommittee to examine all park prohibitions and codes; taking a wholistic view; signage; and funding.

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that the code does not ban one specific sport; prohibitions on comparatively dangerous activities; park signage that points out that only soccer is not allowed; clarification that not every single regulation is posted; support for more comprehensive signage; funding for changes to signage; the comprehensive review; the fact that the signage was translated into Spanish; highlighting a sport not mentioned in the code; speculation on why certain actions were taken; background on the issue; specific issues at Culver West Park; determining how the ban was translated from one park to all parks; other adult sports prohibited at the parks; prohibition of activities unless played in specific areas; the difficulty of knowing the genesis of the policy; the right of the City to enact policy; direction from the City Council; the importance of information from the turf consultant; liability concerns; concern that Spanish speaking soccer players are being targeted; clarification that allegations do not make something true; concern with the use of cleats and players who refused to stop wearing them; other materials in the City that are translated into Spanish; the process to update the code; outdated provisions; a summary of written comments received from the public; differing perspectives; turf concerns; people who feel that their property is being disrespected; economic issues vs. social issues; waiting for the turf consultant before moving forward; people who expressed concern with the balls hitting their houses; waiting to address signage so that changes are not made twice; small parks in the community; the importance of updates to the prohibitions section; accommodating adult play; working with a partnership organization to manage play;

enforcement of rules; finding a way forward; finding affordable ways to engage young men; acknowledgement of the need to protect turf; and closing the parks to allow time for the turf to grow.

Commissioner Amezola read several Facebook posts about City signage prohibiting soccer in the parks and signage posted in Spanish.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding code review; getting the ball rolling regarding the prohibition section before the turf consultant is engaged; and a suggestion to consider creation of an ad hoc subcommittee together with item A-5.

Commissioner Amezola proposed a motion to recommend to the City Council that outdated signage in the parks banning soccer play be removed. Commissioner Rickards seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding staff attempts to remedy park signage; removal of the offending part of the signage; the inadequacy of the signs; signage as the only leverage to enforce the ordinance; the difficulty of listing every prohibition; listing the most frequented issue on the signage; the feeling that any signage is better than none at all; support for Recreation Leaders; concern with allowing people to play adult soccer while signage is down and then later posting new signage disallowing it again; demonstrating responsiveness to resident concerns; and offensiveness of signage to a segment of the population.

Commissioner Amezola modified her motion to indicate that the Commission reserve making changes to signage pending recommendations from the turf consultant.

Additional discussion between staff and Commissioners included clarification that once the municipal code is updated, all park signage would be modified; consideration of which parks might be able to allocate space for adults to play soccer; concern with asking for a modification of signage based upon something that may happen in the future; the time frame for the turf consultant; the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the turf consultant; the need for City Council approval; providing an explanation

as to why a turf consultant is needed; inclusion in the City budget; and City Council awareness of issues.

Commissioner Rickards commented that changing signage would not solve the issues of injustice in the community and he withdrew his second of the motion.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION PRESENT A REQUEST TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REMOVING THE SIGNAGE PROHIBITING SOCCER IN CULVER CITY PARKS SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIVING THE TURF REPORT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: AMEZOLA
NOES: HEINEMAN, RICKARDS, ZEIDMAN
ABSTAIN: MOHAMMED

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Item A-2

PRCSC - Blair Hills Park Playground Design Workshop #2: (1) Discussion of the Survey Responses Received as of 1:00 P.M. on August 2, 2018; and, (2) Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Design of the Blair Hills Park Playground

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Chair Zeidman invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Angela Arnold reported living adjacent to the park with three children; voting for the concept online; discussed the current layout of the park; expressed appreciation for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) swing that allows for use by anyone; and she appreciated the process.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding circular slides; the ADA swing; appealing to all ages; ensuring ADA compliance; appreciation for the

community meeting; and clarification regarding materials used for the surface of the playground.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported receipt of an email comment from Tracy B.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE DESIGN F OF THE BLAIR HILLS PARK PLAYGROUND WITH SHADE, AND DIRECT STAFF TO CHECK INTO SWING REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSIBLE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS.

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Item A-3

PRCSC - Discussion of the Community Conversation Topics Survey Responses

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

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Clarke, Culver City Area Interfaith Alliance, expressed concern with anti-social behavior on social media, especially in middle school: wanted to work with schools to identify kids early on and involve them in community activity to build up self-esteem and get them more involved in the community; he discussed a potential event on November 17 at the Teen Center and a press event on International Peace Day; programs to promote the campaign; work with the School District; community projects to involve participants in; the Martin Luther King Day of Service; creation of a program for parents; and a topic for the Community Conversation.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Clarke, staff and Commissioners regarding City collaboration; a proposed Community Conversation for either the youth or the parents prior to the November 17 event; speakers from County Mental Health and the School District; identification of

at-risk kids; creating a program to build a support group for kids; the time frame; Commission endorsement to be a partner in an event; educating parents on how to spot risky behavior and monitor social media; the Interfaith Alliance; the Growing Up Multi-Cultural in Culver City Community Conversation; having congregations play a role in being a support group; logistics; allowing for maximum participation; identifying the right population for participation; holding the event on a school night; the need to move forward quickly; putting the subcommittee to work on the issue; the Commission as a venue for the event; the emphasis on youth engagement, social media, health and wellness, and mental health; next steps in the process; having a tie-in with Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; identification of kids falling into bad behavior; a suggestion to have the Community Conversation with the parents rather than with the children; and keeping the title general to Topic #9.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER RICKARDS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION FORM THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TOPIC #9 AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINT COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND COMMISSIONER RICKARDS TO THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TOPIC #9 AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the great diversity of Conversation topics received in the survey responses.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: FORM COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TOPIC #10 AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO RETURN WITH IDEAS ON THE NEXT TOPIC.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINT COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED TO THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TOPIC #10 AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding direction to the Community Conversation #9 Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

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Item A-4

PRCS - Discussion Regarding Options to Involve One or More Youth Representatives in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding concern with keeping students late on a school night; a suggestion to put an ad hoc subcommittee together to formulate recommendations; scheduling a youth report early on the agenda; a suggestion to establish an ad hoc subcommittee with direction to meet, formulate regulations and report back at the next meeting; Youth and Government; and pairing the youth representative appointment with appointments by the City Council.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED, SECONDED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: FORM AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO INCORPORATE YOUTH MEMBERS INTO THE PRCS COMMISSION.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINT COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND CHAIR ZEIDMAN TO THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO INCORPORATE YOUTH MEMBERS INTO THE PRCS COMMISSION.

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Item A-5

PRCSC - (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 of PRCS Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees;

and, (3) [If Desired] Adoption of Motions Appointing Commissioners to the Newly Formed Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding Commissioner availability and willingness to serve.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REAFFIRM THE APPOINTEES FROM FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TO CONTINUE ON TO FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AS FOLLOWS:

1. ASSOCIATIONS:

1A) CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD MEMBERS (CAPRCBM): DELEGATE - COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, ALTERNATE - COMMISSIONER RICKARDS;

1B) LA BALLONA CREEK RENAISSANCE (BCR): DELEGATE - COMMISSIONER RICKARDS, ALTERNATE - COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA;

1C) CULVER CITY SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CCSCA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS: DELEGATE - COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, ALTERNATE - VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED; AND

2. CITY COMMITTEES:

2A) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COMMITTEE: DELEGATE – VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED, ALTERNATE - COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA;

2B) DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC): DELEGATE - COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA, ALTERNATE - CHAIR ZEIDMAN.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding review and update of the municipal code related to parks and facilities under the PRCS department; the General Plan Update in relation to Parks and Recreation; local laws and regulations; the visioning process; and review of other municipal codes.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED, SECONDED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE POTENTIAL RECOMMENDED UPDATES TO THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PARKS

AND FACILITIES UNDER THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINT VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED AND COMMISSIONER RICKARDS TO AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE POTENTIAL RECOMMENDED UPDATES TO THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PARKS AND FACILITIES UNDER THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation expressed by Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells for reports to the City Council from Commissions; responsibilities of the Chair; alternates; whether Commissioners would be speaking as a Commission representative or as an individual; and reporting to the City Council when there is something noteworthy to report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REPORTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINT VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED AND COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN TO AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REPORTS TO THE CULVER CITY COUNCIL.

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Item A-6

PRCSC - (1) Review the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting Calendar, and Make Adjustments, if Necessary; and, (2) [If Desired] Schedule a Second PRCS Commission Tour of Culver City Parks and Facilities

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding cancelling the regular November and January meetings pending finding alternate dates.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 (ALL ON A TUESDAY): SEPTEMBER 4, 2018; OCTOBER 2, 2018; DECEMBER 4, 2018; FEBRUARY 5, 2019; MARCH 5, 2019; APRIL 2, 2019; MAY 7, 2019; JUNE 4, 2019; AND, TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 (ELECTION DAY); AND, JANUARY 1, 2019 (NEW YEAR'S DAY) AND REQUEST THAT STAFF COME BACK WITH ALTERNATE DATES FOR PRCS COMMISSION MEETINGS DURING NOVEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation for the first Parks Tour; additional insight from the Parks Manager; Fox Hills and Syd Kronenthal Park; available dates for Patrick Reynolds; a suggestion for weekdays as staff are generally present; timing; parks to include in the tour; and availability.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF A TOUR OF CULVER CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES (PARKS TOUR) ON OCTOBER 2, 2018 BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M. WITH PARTICIPANTS MEETING AT CITY HALL TO BEGIN THE TOUR AND WHEN THE PARKS TOUR CONCLUDES, THE PRCS COMMISSION WILL ADJOURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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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 updates from the ad hoc subcommittees as part of standing items rather than creating a special staff report; the 4:00 P.M. Park Tour on October 2, 2018; budget discussions and recommendations beginning at the December 2018 meeting; and Commission consensus was reached on all updates to the Upcoming Agenda Item List.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR MOHAMMED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AMEZOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: RECEIVE AND FILE WITH MODIFICATIONS AS DISCUSSED.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

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 other than public comment reported earlier.

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Items from Staff

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, reported distribution of materials to Commissioners; he encouraged everyone to attend Fiesta La Ballona on August 24-26; discussed his work with an individual who wants to make a contribution for the repairs of softball diamonds at Veterans fields in exchange for field naming; the lack of City Council policy in place for such a situation; the goal to bring the item forward to the City Council quickly so that repairs can be made during downtime after Fiesta La Ballona; investigation into the policies and actions of other cities; the City policy for namings after deceased individuals; necessary repairs to help softball leagues and the fields; and timing.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported distribution of flyers regarding nominations for a commendation for Disability Awareness month and she requested Commissioner suggestions.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding parking and invitations for Fiesta La Ballona.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Heineman received clarification that the commendation for Disability Awareness Month would be presented at the City Council meeting on October 8 and she reported on the use of Veterans Park by the Police Department.

Chair Zeidman reported putting a team together for his softball league and he expressed support for the job done by Major League Softball.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:32 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED September 4, 2018

Scott Zeidman
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

5 Sep 2018
Date