

**MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:04 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair A. Duran presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bandak, Beck, Cope, A. Duran, K. Duran, Gallagher, Joseph

Absent: Commission Members: None

Present: Staff: Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation and Community Services Department
Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager
Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Duran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Duran opened Oral Communications. At this time, any individual in the audience may come forward to speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes per speaker.

Los Alamitos Community Foundation (LACF) District 1 Representative Dan Gallagher spoke regarding the sale of safe and sane fireworks for 4th of July to raise funds to meet their mission. The LACF is seeking volunteers' groups to assist with sales and operations of two fireworks stand for four-hour increments.

Chair Duran thanked LACF District 1 Representative Dan Gallagher for providing information to the PR&CA Commission and closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bandak/Second K. Duran

Motioned Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2023.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Summer Program/Events Preview

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a report on the upcoming summer camps, classes, and programs.

Recreation Supervisor Steve Kim summarized the staff report.

B. Bi-Annual Park Maintenance Update

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a biannual update. an overview of Preschool Age Programs.

Recreation Supervisor Steve Kim summarized the staff report.

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation and Community Services

- Mayor Tanya Doby, Deputy City Manager Ron Noda, Director and myself will attend the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference & General Assembly on Thursday, May 4 and Friday May 5, 2023 at the JW Marriot Desert Springs Resort in Palm Desert and will be departing immediately after the meeting.
- On Thursday, April 26, 2023, at the City of Garden Grove Community Center, Volunteer Merit Award Winners Universal Waste Systems (UWS) represented by Matt Blackburn and Jenna Garikian and Blair Pietrini of Grateful Hearts were honored for their partnership with the City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department at the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) annual District 10 Banquet. Council Member Emily Hibard, Park, Recreation & Cultural Arts (PRCA) Chair Duran and PRCA Commissioner Gallagher, City Manager Chet Simmons, Deputy City Manager Ron Noda, and Director of Recreation and Community Services Emeline Noda along with the administrative Recreation staff, were also in attendance in support of the Department and its amazing partners.
- Due to the 4th of July holiday, the PR&CA Commission discussed not meeting the month of July.
 - Motion: A. Duran/ K. Duran
 - Motioned Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved to go dark for the month of July.
- On Tuesday, June 20, 2023 City Council Meeting, the PR&CA Commission and Recreation Team will receive Parks Make Life Better Proclamation.
 - Vice Chair Bandak volunteer to attend the council meeting on behalf of the PR&CA Commission.
- Announced Jason Bruton as the new Recreation Manager, and will begin his full time position on Monday, May 8, 2023.

- The PR&CA Commission is invited to attend Good Morning Los Alamitos! This program invites all City residents, businesses, and members of the community to attend this informative event to bring awareness through an informal, educational experience ranging from City services and upcoming projects to networking discussion on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Little Cottonwood Park, please help us spread the word.
- The MemorialCare Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, this event is sold out. We will be expanding the event to accommodate more attendees for the current and future Senior Prom events.
- Teen Expo took place in April, and it was great, Southland Credit Union was our Title Sponsor. We had 41 teams and they loved it and were very enthusiastic, we had wonderful guest speakers from various nonprofits, and it was an excellent second annual event.
- Track and Field is sold out, this sport has doubled in registered participants, April 17 – May 22, 2023, ending ceremonies award at McAuliffe Middle School.
- Lil Oak Preschool T/Th class is full with 24 students enrolled in the program.

Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor

- The PR&CA Commission is invited to attend the Senior Prom Saturday, May 6, 2023. The King Salmon and Funk Yard Horns band will be performing live and a very large disco ball. Come join us and have fun as many attendees dress up for this event. Hope to see you there.

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gallagher

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Joseph

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Beck

Nothing to report.

Commissioner K. Duran

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Cope

Nothing to report.

Vice Chair Bandak

Vice Chair Bandak attended the Spring Carnival event, expressed how fantastic the egg hunt was. Vice Chair Bandak received many compliments from attendees at the event. He also commented on a staff member who did a phenomenal job as he was taking down event booths he would look back and thanked those passing along side to have a good day, it was awesome to see. Praised staff for working so hard and great effort and had great time at the event.

Chair A. Duran

Chair Duran attended the Spring Carnival and thanked staff for providing a calming area. It was so nice to see many children enjoying all the activities in this area. Praised staff for creating this incredible area for children to enjoy as this means so much to the community. Chair Duran received many compliments at the event, it was all great and the adult beverages were excellent.

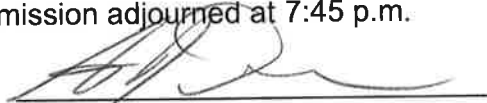
9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:



Emeline Noda
Director of Recreation & Community Services
Recreation & Community Services Department


Alex Duran, Chair