

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Beck, A. Duran, K. Duran, Joseph

Absent: Commission Members: Cope, excused
Gallagher, absent
Vice Chair Bandak, absent

Present: Staff: Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation and
Community Services Department
Jason Bruton, Recreation Manager
Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager
Joanna Contreras, Recreation Supervisor
Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor
Kristina Villaluna, 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. There being no one present requesting to speak, Chair Duran closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Joseph/Second K. Duran

Motioned Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2023.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. 3rd of July

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information regarding the upcoming 36th annual Universal Waste Systems (USE) Fireworks Spectacular scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2023, at the Joint Forces Training Base.

Recreation Manager Jennifer Sisoiev summarized the staff report.

B. Parks Make Life Better Month Preview

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information regarding Parks Make Life Better (PMLB) Month. Recreation staff have coordinated programs, events, and activities for the entire family to enjoy and celebrate PMLB in the month of July.

Recreation Manager Jason Bruton summarized the staff report.

A. Summer Fitness programs

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a recap of the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department's 2023 summer health and fitness programs.

Recreation Supervisor Kristina Villaluna summarized the staff report.

A. Sterns Park Project Design

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a report on the different options for site amenities for the Sterns Park Project.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Department Emeline Noda summarized the staff report.

- All Inclusive-park – Option A, keep the same natural shade, same and grading Shades A and B over shelters.
- Shade – Option C Bottle Green (fencing and fountain to include dog fountain)
- Option D Bottle Green / Turquoise
- Option B

Motion: A. Duran/Second K. Duran

Motioned Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved All-inclusive Park, Shade and Equipment for the Sterns Park Project Design.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor

- The City has recently recreated the ball diamonds at Laurel and Little Cottonwood Parks, maintenance will be continuous as they are utilized throughout the year.
- The Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department is excited to deliver great customer service and experiences all summer long through the Day Camp and Parks Programs. The restrooms were recently delivered at Orville Lewis for Park Programs and will only be available for this programming.

Joanna Contreras, Recreation Supervisor

- PR&CA Commissioners are invited to attend Little Oak Preschool graduation program on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. We would love it you can join us. This year's theme is sailing off to kindergarten, the graduating class will be wearing their caps, gowns and will receive their diplomas.
- We have gone through our summer hiring and have trained our staff well.
- Day Camp is doing very well with registration, week one we are averaging 70 participants. The following week we are averaging 100, several of our excursion have already been sold out. We will also have Los Alamitos Volunteer and Councilor in Training participants assisting with programming and events throughout the summer months.
- We will also be offering youth sports camps throughout the summer as well as preschool sports programming.

Jason Bruton, Recreation Manager

- On Tuesday June 6, the Aquatics staff held their orientation, with almost the entire Aquatics team in attendance. At this orientation they went over every detail of the program, including how to set up the pool deck, expectations for the summer, staff uniform, and more. Staff is ready to take on the summer season and feel confident in their skills and abilities. Currently the Learn-to-Swim lessons have over 200 participants registered for both sessions, and registration for Adult Lap Swim and Recreation Swim just opened to the public.

Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager

- Planning for the 36th Annual Universal Waste Systems 3rd of July Fireworks continues to move forward, with staff designing signage for the event, securing the emergency services ambulance through Falck, and heading up the last meetings with military personnel from the Joint Forces Training Base.
- Planning for the MemorialCare Long Beach Elevate Senior Expo is underway, with staff securing \$4500 in sponsorships including MemorialCare Long Beach as the title sponsor. This first time event will be held Wednesday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Los Alamitos Community Center and features health, wellness and social service resources for those ages 50 and over in

addition to resources for their adult children. The goal is to include vendors in the following categories: housing, transportation, caregiving, legal assistance, social activities, leisure services and more. Additionally, nonprofits with opportunities for older adults to get involved are invited to participate in the volunteer fair portion of the event. Vendor applications are available on the Recreation webpage: cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation.

Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation and Community Services

- At May 2023 PR&CA Commission meeting the commission voted to go dark for the Month of July, we will see you on the 3rd of July event. The next PR&CA Commission Regular Meeting will meet on August 2, 2023.
- The City is waiting for roof project bids to be submitted along with insurance documentation. Construction is estimated to take 16 weeks. The American Legion has agreed to partner with us during the construction phases to house our older adult programming such as Balance and Fitness, Grocery Program and Senior Club and any other programs that we may need during the day. We will reshuffle our programming and we will do everything possible not to cancel programs.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Joseph

Inquired about the status to resurface the tennis courts. Staff provided an update on the progress of resurfacing project and information on how to reserve the tennis courts and lighting requests. Staff will provide an update for online reservation of tennis courts options.

Commissioner Beck

Nothing to report.

Commissioner K. Duran

Nothing to report.

Chair A. Duran

Reported on an article in the local paper 100% of the Los Alamitos High School Senior Class graduated, unprecedented. Congratulation to the Los Alamitos Unified School District on this extraordinary achievement. Chair Duran attended Lee Elementary graduation ceremony and expressed his excitement of his youngest graduation. Chair Duran volunteered to attend Little Oak Preschool on Friday, June 9, 2023. Chair Duran expressed his gratitude and thanked staff for their hard work and dedication and looks forward to seeing everyone on the 3rd of July event.

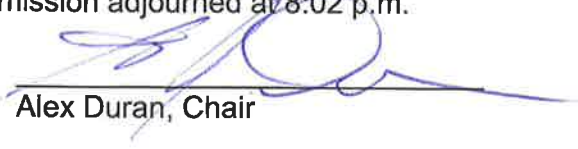
9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:



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



Alex Duran, Chair

