

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:01 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 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
Jason Bruton, Recreation Manager
Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager
Joanna Contreras, Recreation Supervisor
Samantha Kenny, Recreation Coordinator
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 Janet Gallagher's recognition. Mayor Tanya Doby nominated Dan and Janet Gallagher for the Seniors of Distinction Award, and were recognized by Representative Michelle Steel on Tuesday, September 15, 2023. Council Member Murphy submitted a nomination to City Council to commend the Gallaghers for Outstanding Volunteerism due to their dedication and involvement in several areas of the community including the Los Alamitos Senior Club, Senior Grocery Program, Los Alamitos Community Foundation, and Los Alamitos Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission. The beloved couple works tirelessly each week in various capacities and "save the day" in many instances when volunteers are in dire need.

- A free Senior Transportation Program was approved at the last City Council Meeting. The program will be supervised by Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager and program will be available sometime in Spring of 2024.
- Emeline Noda will be absent at October's meetings, Jason and Jennifer will lead this meeting. She will be presenting in San Luis Obispo two Sessions at the California Parks and Recreation Society Director's Academy (training Directors and training those who want to be Directors) and Jennifer Sisoiev and Mrs. Noda also submitted to present for CPRS Conference in February 2024.
- Due to the Winter holidays and events in December, the PR&CA Commission discussed not meeting the month of December and resume with a Special Meeting in January 2024.
 - Motion: Morgan/ K. Duran
 - Motioned Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved to go dark for the month of December and a Special Meeting in January 2024.
- The construction project at the Community Center is scheduled to be presented at the City Council meeting later this month for approval. Once approved, the Recreation & Community Services Department will coordinate with the Development Services Department on the schedule for this three to six month project. The American Legion has agreed to partner with us as a facility rental 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. Staff will be in the building and mobile throughout the renovation process. The Youth Center will be officially moved out of the building and into their new facility on Los Alamitos Blvd. at the end of September 2023. Exciting improvements coming soon and thank you for your patience.
- Staff distributed Celebrate Los Al parking passes. Staff are putting final touches on preparations for the event which features a full day of fun for the entire community. All are invited to come serve, eat, shop, honor and celebrate Los Al! The PR&CA Commission is invited to attend all events. Events include:
 - 7:30 a.m. Race Los Al 5K/10K Start (Pine/Florista Street)
 - 8:30 a.m. Serve Los Al Assembly (Oak Middle School Outdoor Auditorium)
 - 5:30 p.m. Veterans Recognition (Stage on Pine Street).
- Joe Pizzuto's 100 Birthday Celebration took place on August 28, 2023.
- Trini Zenovka will retire on November 1, 2023.

Trini Zenovka, Recreation Department Secretary

- Announced the passing of 102 Centurion, Nancy Fagen who was a joy to have at the Los Alamitos Senior Club each week and will surely be missed. The September City Council meeting will close in her honor as requested by Mayor Tanya Doby.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Joseph

Nothing to Report