

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
Council Chamber
3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gallagher
Commissioner Singer
Commissioner Beck
Vice Chair Wright
Chair Bandak

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bandak will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, any individual in the audience may address the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. **Remarks are to be limited to not more than three minutes.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2026.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Summer Recap

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a recap of the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department's 2026 summer programs, classes, camps, and events.

B. The Future of Adult Sports

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a review of the future of Adult Sports within the department.

C. L.A.V.P Scholarship Nominations

This report allows the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission to select up to three award winners for the 2026 Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.) Scholarship.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

At this time, City Staff may also report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except to provide staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future Agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission will adjourn on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Los Alamitos City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave. and online at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 30th day of July.**

Lauren Pavelec

Lauren Pavelec, Department Secretary

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission held a Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, in the Los Alamitos Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., with Chair Bandak presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bandak, Beck, Gallagher, Wright

Absent: Commission Members: Singer

Present: Staff: Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation & Community Services/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager
Megan Shimada, Management Analyst
Tara Farajian, Community Resource Supervisor
Lauren Pavelec, Department Secretary
Gilberto Arteaga-Ceja, Recreation Coordinator
Chet Simmons, City Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bandak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bandak 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 limited to not more than five minutes per speaker.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned: Wright Seconded Gallagher

Motion Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2026.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of the Distinguished Youth Volunteer Award to Nadia Kim

Community Resource Supervisor Tara Farajian presented the award.

B. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget

City Manager Chet Simmons

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Summer Programs and Events Preview

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

Management Analyst Megan Shimada summarized the staff report.

B. 2026 UWS 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information on the upcoming Universal Waste Systems (UWS) Fireworks Spectacular, scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2026, at the Joint Forces Training Base – Los Alamitos.

Recreation Coordinator Gilberto Arteaga-Ceja summarized the report.

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Lauren Pavelec, Department Secretary

- Announced the opening of the L.A.V.P. Scholarships on June 3, 2026.

Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager

- Invited the commission to the June City Council meeting on June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., for the recognition of July Park and Recreation Month
- Announced the upcoming Donation Drive for backpacks and school supplies from July 6 through July 16.
- Announced the Senior Expo event, scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Los Alamitos Community Center.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice Chair Wright

- Thanked Tara Farajian for finding a Bingo caller
- Complimented Recreation Specialist Ryan Catibog in his senior services role.

Commissioner Gallagher

- Complimented the ADA sidewalk improvements by Oak Middle School.

Commissioner Beck

Nothing to report.

Chair Bandak.

- Impressed with the team for the upcoming summer programs and events.

10.ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Attest:

William Bandak, Chair

Emeline Noda
Director of Recreation & Community Services/
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

City of Los Alamitos

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2026

ITEM NUMBER: 6A

To: Chair Will Bandak & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Presented By: Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor

Subject: Summer Recap

SUMMARY

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a recap of the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department's 2026 summer programs, classes, camps, and events.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission receive and file.

BACKGROUND

This report provides a recap of the 2026 summer programs, classes, camps, and events. During these summer weeks, the Department experiences an increase in staffing levels (paid staff and volunteers) and in revenue generated, as many of our major programs, events, and classes take place throughout this season.

DISCUSSION

Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.)

L.A.V.P. is a year-round youth volunteer program for ages 11-17. However, the summertime is the most active season for hours opportunities and active volunteers. For the months of June and July, a total of 2,412 community service hours have been worked by 141 active volunteers. These hours have been completed at many of the City's programs and events. Recreation staff appreciates and values the volunteer's dedication to enhancing City events and programs.

Parks Program

Parks Program is a free drop-in program held at Little Cottonwood Park and Orville R. Lewis Jr. Park. The program takes place at Little Cottonwood Park on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Orville R. Lewis Jr. Park on Tuesday and Thursday. Over 1,000 children participated in the Parks Program and were treated to free excursions on Wednesdays and special treats on Thursdays.

Los Alamitos Summer Day Camp and United Teen Mentorship Program

Staff have done a wonderful job throughout the summer so far organizing activities and

ensuring a safe and fun environment for all participants. As of July 27, both programs have generated \$204,863 in revenue. The Summer Day Camp program has a total of 815 registrations and averages 100 campers per day. The United Teen Mentorship program has a total of 169 registrations and is averaging 21 teens per day.

Lil' Oak Preschool Program

The summer preschool session ran for ten weeks total, with each session being two weeks long. Two separate classes were held: a three times a week session (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and a twice a week session (Tuesday, Thursday). The program had a total of 115 registrations for the summer which averages to almost 15 participants per session.

Youth Sports Camps

This summer, the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department offered five different sports camps: Soccer, Flag Football, Track & Field, Basketball, and Volleyball. The sports camp had a total of 592 participants combined and averaged 24 athletes a day. This summer has been one of the most successful summers for youth sports in recent years.

Los Alamitos Aquatics Program

The Los Alamitos Aquatics Program is on its way to completing another summer of swim lessons and free Recreation Swim. The swim lesson program had over 450 registrations this summer. Free Recreation Swim had over 220 reservations made for June and July. The free Recreation Swim will continue until the end of September. Swim Lessons and free Recreation Swim both take place at the MWR Aquatics Training Center.

Events

3rd of July:

The 39th annual UWS 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular event, organized by the City of Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Department, took place on Friday, July 3rd, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. Approximately 10,500 people attended this year's event, and parking reached capacity by 7:45 p.m. The UWS 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular event successfully celebrated America's 250th Anniversary. It was a memorable occasion that united families while celebrating the Nation's independence.

Summer Concert Series

The Summer Concerts have been well attended over the summer. The event has been averaging over 300 community members at each event. This year, there were two themed days that were well attended. The event celebrated America's 250th Anniversary on June 25 on Pine Street and had a Polynesian-themed event on July 16 at Little Cottonwood Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

All programs and events are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and offset by registration and sponsorship revenue.

Attachment: None

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PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2026

ITEM NUMBER: 6B

To: Chair Will Bandak & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Presented By: Carson Deterding
Jason Bruton, Recreation Manager

Subject: The Future of Adult Sports

SUMMARY

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a review of the future of Adult Sports within the department.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission receive and file.

BACKGROUND

With demand for recreational activities rising among adults, the Recreation Team is currently developing plans to introduce new adult sports for the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department. With the established Adult Soccer program, a staple in the community, the team has decided to take the next steps toward implementing new ideas not just for adults, but also for local businesses and agencies within the City limits.

DISCUSSION

Adult Basketball League in 2027 – The Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services has begun planning and implementing a new adult basketball league to broaden the scope of the sport. Starting in January 2027, the Department will launch its newly established Adult Basketball League. This new league will operate three (3) times per year, with twelve (12) week seasons and introduce a new competitive leisure activity for adults in the area. Games are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 12, 2027, with registration and marketing beginning in the upcoming Winter Recreation Brochure.

The Los Al Cup – The Adult Sports team has begun the planning process for a newly designed program called “The Los Al Cup.” The Los Al Cup will serve as a networking opportunity for local businesses throughout the City, while offering friendly, competitive sporting events quarterly. These single-day events will feature bracket-style play in a sport assigned to that quarter of the year. The winner of each quarterly event will receive medals for the team, as well as a commemorative trophy to display in their business for that quarter's winner. The winner's business name will be engraved on the trophy and must be returned prior to the next game. The team has upcoming meetings with the Development Services and

Economic Development teams to discuss using their databases for marketing and, possibly, partnering on this project, as well as planning strategies to advocate with local businesses.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenditures allocated for all Adult Sports are funded through the City's General Fund from the Recreation and Community Services Department.

Attachment: 1. Adult Sports Park and Rec Presentation

THE FUTURE OF ADULT SPORTS

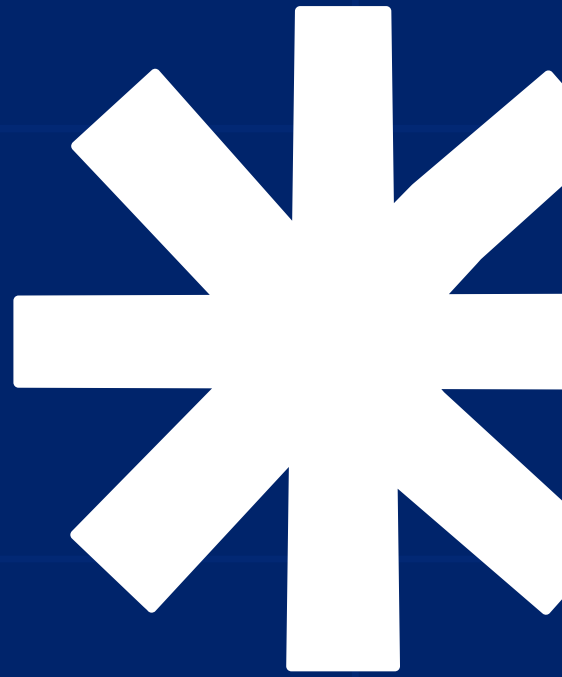


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BACKGROUND

- City currently offers: one (1) organized league adult sport: Adult Soccer
- Soccer plays four (4) seasons a year
- Currently offering a leisure drop-in program; Pick Up Adult Basketball
- Also offers a class tailored for adults in Long Beach Table Tennis Club; played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays



GOALS OF PROGRAM



- Expand the Adult Sports portfolio
- Provide a welcoming environment for athletes of all skill levels
- Build a community and audience
- Network with local agencies and stakeholders in building up the programs
- Collaborate with possible other cities in friendly tournaments

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE



- Aiming at starting with six (6) teams for the first season
- Marketing begins in the upcoming Winter Recreation Brochure
- Games played on Tuesday nights, 10 weeks/ 2 weeks of playoffs
- Department will contract referees for games



THE LOS AL CUP

- Local businesses and nonprofits participate in single-day sporting events
- Serves as a networking opportunity with like-minded individuals
- Bracket style play
- Events happen quarterly (4 times a year)
- Winners will receive medals and a rotational commemorative trophy
- Pickleball, the first event in Winter 2027.
- Focus of team building sports



2027 LOS AL CUP SCHEDULE



- Winter 2027 (February): Pickleball @ Laurel Park Pickleball Courts
- Spring 2027 (April): Kickball @ Sunburst Field
- Summer 2027 (August): Dodgeball @ Oak Middle School Gym
- Fall 2027 (November): Slo-Pitch Softball @ Sunburst Field



TIMELINE



City of Los Alamitos

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2026

ITEM NUMBER: 6C

To: Chair Will Bandak & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Presented By: Allison Haller

Subject: L.A.V.P Scholarship Nominations

SUMMARY

This report allows the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission to select up to three award winners for the 2026 Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.) Scholarship.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission receives, considers, selects nominee(s), and files.

BACKGROUND

The Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.) provides \$1,500 annually for up to three enrolled volunteers. The award is designed to recognize volunteers in excellent standing with the program and give them the opportunity for financial assistance to further their education and extracurricular activities. Three scholarships worth \$500 will be awarded.

The City of Los Alamitos Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commissioners receive, consider and select the three recipients each year. The recipients are then awarded their scholarship checks at a Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission meeting.

The L.A.V.P. scholarship was available to members from the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Membership years. It includes applicants aged 11-17, allowing a broader range of participants to apply. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commissioners select all award winners. Presenting the 2026 L.A.V.P. scholarship below.

DISCUSSION

2026 LAVP Scholarship:

Awards: (3) \$500

Submission Type: Email

Opening Date: June 6

Closing Date: July 31

Award Selection: August 5, 2026, Commission Meeting

Award Presentation: October 7, 2026, Commission Meeting

The scholarship is open to all Los Alamitos Volunteer Program participants. A minimum of 40

volunteer hours completed, and a 3.0 minimum grade point average is required. Applicants must create a 3-minute short-form video or a three-page, double-spaced essay on one of the following themes:

A. Self-Discovery through Creativity

- Completing a creative project, such as a painting, a song, or written work, provides a sense of achievement. This builds self-efficacy—the belief in one’s ability to succeed. As students develop their creative skills, they also begin to recognize their potential. It serves as a process of personal exploration and a tool for building self-confidence.
- *Question:* How has your involvement in a creative project contributed to your self-confidence?

B. Environmental Conservation

- Student involvement can promote a culture of sustainability within schools and communities. Initiatives such as recycling, tree planting, or energy-saving can spread a collective purpose and demonstrate how everyday actions can contribute to environmental conservation.
- *Question:* What environmental initiatives have you implemented to contribute to sustainability and environmental conservation?

C. Leadership

- Taking on a leadership role in school clubs, sports teams, or community service allows students to learn to manage responsibilities, foster a sense of belonging for themselves and others, solve problems under pressure, and more. As students practice these skills, they develop a mindset that supports ongoing personal development, which builds overall confidence.
- *Question:* What leadership roles have you undertaken, and what skills or experience have you gained? How did you cultivate a sense of belonging and inclusion within the group you led?

The recipients will be selected by the Commissioners at the August 5, 2026 meeting. Individual Commissioners will submit nominations, and then, after the discussion, the final votes will be cast.

The recipients will be notified on August 6, 2026, and invited to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission meeting on October 7, 2026, to receive their checks.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds will be acquired by the Recreation and Community Services Department Scholarship Fund, sponsored by Memorial Care Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital Long Beach.

Attachment: None

