MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Villablanca called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Judy Villablanca; Vice Chair Jake Lingo; Commissioners Alicia Peak (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), and Dane Skophammer

ABSENT: Commissioner Georgia Goldfarb

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director; Kate Manisco, Recreation Manager; Chris Orosz, Interim Recreation Manager; Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant; and Alexandra Elizondo, Regular Part-Time Permanent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Villablanca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Skophammer moved, and Vice Chair Lingo seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Commissioners Goldfarb and Peak absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported the agenda for the meeting was posted on January 15, 2026.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Events Presentation

Recreation Manager Manisco introduced Regular Part-Time Permanent Alexandra Elizondo who presented an overview of the special events coordinated by the Community Services Department.

Commissioner Peak arrived at 6:39 p.m.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Scott Dittrich proposed a dog park at Las Flores Creek Park on Rambla Pacifico Street.

Bonnie Decker stated Trancas Riders and Ropers were interested in working with the City to assist in maintaining Malibu Equestrian Park and requested to finalize a Community Use Agreement.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Vice Chair Lingo moved, and Commissioner Peak seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Goldfarb absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items
1. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the October 21, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.
2. Community Services Department Monthly Report
Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department in November and December 2025.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award
Recommended Action: Discuss the nomination process for the 2026 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award.

Recreation Manager Manisco presented the staff report.

Chair Villablanca recommended opening the nomination process to the public.

Vice Chair Lingo indicated agreement with Chair Villablanca.

Commissioner Skophammer recommended Gina McCloskey and Bonnie Decker for their involvement with Trancas Riders and Ropers, and Denise de Garmo, a wildlife specialist.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Recreation Manager Manisco stated the public nomination process would be advertised on social media, the website, and in the *Malibu Times*.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the award could be presented at a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting after it had been presented to the recipient at a City Council meeting.

MOTION Chair Villablanca moved, and Vice Chair Lingo seconded a motion to open the public nomination period for the 2026 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award and recognize the 2026 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award recipient at a future Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Goldfarb absent.

B. Request for Qualifications for Recreation Programs

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Request for Qualifications criteria for recreation program proposals; and 2) Provide feedback to staff.

Recreation Manager Manisco presented the staff report.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Recreation Manager Manisco stated the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released when two instructors were interested in providing the same program.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Community Services Director Riesgo stated instructors would certify that their proposals are accurate when submitting them for review. She stated additional fact checking could be done during the RFQ process.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Recreation Manager Manisco stated certain sports or programs would require professional certifications.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Recreation Manager Manisco stated that the 2024 Aquatics (Swim Team) RFQ proposals were reviewed by members of the Southern California Public Pool Operators Association.

Commissioner Peak stated the proposal grading rubric should be straightforward.

Commissioner Skophammer stated industry professionals were selected for the panel to review and evaluate the proposals.

Commissioner Peak stated grading metrics should be clearly outlined so applicants can understand how a proposal was graded.

Community Services Director Riesgo stated that a grading rubric was given to the RFQ review panel.

Recreation Manager Manisco stated the Aquatics RFQ review panel had six members and staff reviewed the submitted proposals and the final grading sheets.

Vice Chair Lingo encouraged the Commission to trust Staff and their recommendation on the RFQ process.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Recreation Manager Manisco stated the Commission did not request to approve the selected contractor following the Aquatics RFQ process.

Vice Chair Lingo stated the RFQ specified that an interview would be conducted if needed.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Administrative Assistant Saleaumua stated the Aquatics vendor had a three-year agreement, with the option to extend for one year, for an additional three years, for a total of six years.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Commission chose not to be involved in the RFQ process, but the Ad Hoc Committee was crucial in assisting the Department with meeting with each Swim Team prior to the decision to release the RFQ.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Commissioner Peak stated that Commissioner Skophammer and herself served on the Ad Hoc Committee and tried to help resolve pool usage between two Swim Team groups, which resulted in unresolvable cooperation. She stated due to the conflict, the Commission decided to create an RFQ process.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that a proposal checklist and signature line could be added to the RFQ application.

Commissioner Peak stated that she wanted staff to exercise due diligence in the future to confirm that all submitted information was accurate.

Chair Villablanca suggested applicants provide proof of certification.

C. Malibu Bluffs Park Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project
Recommended Action: 1) Review outdoor fitness equipment options for Malibu Bluffs Park; and 2) Provide feedback regarding the design.

Recreation Manager Manisco presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Recreation Manager Manisco stated the current pour-in-place material at the workout station area would be replaced.

Vice Chair Lingo stated the replacement workout station looked great.

Commissioner Skophammer stated he was not in favor of the cardio walker equipment.

Commissioner Peak preferred youth climbing equipment rather than a second workout station.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated taller climbing equipment would be for children 5 to 12 years old.

Recreation Manager Manisco stated the Commission provided feedback during the December 9, 2025 Special meeting to add a workout station in the vacant playground area.

Commissioner Skophammer stated the proposed workout station in the vacant playground area should be a different design.

The Commission indicated agreement.

Recreation Manager Manisco presented a climbing apparatus design for the vacant playground area.

The Commission recommended staff research climbing apparatus options for children 5 to 12 years old.

MOTION Chair Villablanca moved, and Vice Chair Lingo seconded a motion to approve the proposed workout station design to replace the workout station destroyed in the Broad Fire and recommended staff to research a climbing apparatus for the vacant playground area. The Commission recommended blue pour-in-place surface. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Goldfarb absent.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Recreation Manager Manisco provided an update on Senior programs.

Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on the Community Lands Project, Snack Shack and Enhancement Project, and Skate Park.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Peak requested to agendize the Las Flores Creek Dog Park.

Chair Villablanca requested to hold a meeting at Las Flores Creek Park to discuss the feasibility of installing a Dog Park.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Community Services Director Riesgo stated community members should notify City staff if people were trespassing in the Skate Park. She stated the City had security patrolling Malibu Bluffs Park and Legacy Park, and officers would help staff enforce the park rules.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Las Flores Creek Dog Park

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Villablanca adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on April 21, 2026.

JUDY VILLABLANCA, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Management Analyst