MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2026
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Villablanca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Judy Villablanca; Vice Chair Jake Lingo; and Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb and Dane Skophammer

ABSENT: Commissioner Alicia Peak

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Manisco, Community Services Deputy Director; Chris Orosz, Recreation Manager; Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant; Joie Cosentino, Recreation Coordinator; and Raphael Winkler, Part-Time Permanent Recreation Assistant II

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Villablanca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the agenda for the meeting was posted on March 11, 2026.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Villablanca stated that the election of Chair and Vice Chair would be postponed to the next Regular meeting, as Commissioner Peak was absent.

B. Senior Center Program Presentation by Recreation Coordinator Joie Cosentino

Deputy Director Manisco introduced Recreation Coordinator Joie Cosentino and Part-Time Permanent Recreation Assistant II Raphael Winkler. She stated both employees worked at the Senior Center at Malibu City Hall.

Recreation Coordinator Cosentino gave updates on the operation of the Senior Center, including an overview of programs, excursions, events, and the Dial-A-Ride program.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Deputy Director Manisco stated that the census data was pulled from 2023, but the demographic numbers are projected for each year.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Recreation Coordinator Cosentino stated that program offerings were based on participant feedback.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Recreation Coordinator Cosentino stated the walking group would meet at Malibu Bluffs Park before croquet and bocce ball classes begin.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Louise Greene thanked staff for planning a bocce ball program and for extending the time for the senior knitting group.

Kevin Keegan stated he wanted to discuss programming ideas for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and to include discussions with the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission.

Haley Rivers stated she was using the Malibu Equestrian Park for horse training lessons and wanted to ensure it remains part of the community.

Sanaa Pharayra wanted to maintain public access to the Malibu Equestrian Park. She stated the park required maintenance; however, the equestrian community was present in Malibu.

Haylynn Conrad complimented Senior Center staff for their hard work and for listening to participant feedback.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Vice Chair Lingo moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Peak 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 December 9, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Special 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 February 2026.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Earth Friendly Management Policy Quarterly Update
Recommended Action: Receive and file a report on the Earth Friendly Management Policy activities from July 2025 through December 2025.

Recreation Manager Orosz presented the staff report.

Commissioner Skophammer stated the City should be recognized for its participation and commitment to the Monarch Pledge.

In response to Vice Chair Lingo, Recreation Manager Orosz stated gopher mitigation solutions would require a discussion with the parks division. He stated the reintroduction of gopher snakes could be done at Legacy Park.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Recreation Manager Orosz stated that a permit from the State would be required to move a native species from one parcel to another.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Recreation Manager Orosz stated that the Pepperdine University study was proposed because the students were seeking a solution to a problem already present.

Commissioner Skophammer suggested applying for the special permit while the study was underway rather than waiting until it was completed.

Commissioner Goldfarb suggested new invasive species signage for public education.

B. Las Flores Creek Park Playground Replacement Project
Recommended Action: Review and provide feedback on the Las Flores Creek Park playground design.

Community Services Deputy Director Manisco presented the staff report.

Scott Dittrich supported a new dog park at Las Flores Creek Park. He stated the playground was underutilized and suggested the Commission research park use and amenities before installing a new playground.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated the old playground equipment was splintered and hoped the new equipment did not have that issue.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Community Services Deputy Director Manisco stated the rubber pour-in-place surface was required and made from recyclable material.

Commissioner Skophammer stated the picnic tables were too far away from the playground and asked if they could be moved closer.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Deputy Director Manisco stated the playground area could not accommodate swings due to the required fall zone.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Deputy Director Manisco stated that the septic system was damaged during the Palisades Fire and it would be repaired during Phase 2 along with the playground.

MOTION Commissioner Skophammer moved, and Chair Villablanca seconded a motion to approve the Las Flores Creek Park playground design. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Peak absent.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Manisco provided an update on the Chumash Day Powwow, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) installation, and the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) 2025 Award of Excellence.

Recreation Manager Orosz provided an update on the whale-watching telescopes at Malibu Bluffs Park and Outdoor Recreation programs.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Recreation Manager Orosz stated he would research the feasibility to install a telescope at a Charmlee Wilderness Park overlook.

Community Services Deputy Director Manisco provided an update on the Skate Park and Snack Shack.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Vice Chair Lingo stated that Malibu Little League's Opening Day was successful and a theft occurred at the snack shack.

Chair Villablanca stated she would attend the Chumash Day Powwow and inquired about bikes at the Skate Park. She stated she provided Council with a Commission update and inquired if the Commission could have a joint meeting with the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Skophammer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on June 16, 2026.

JUDY VILLABLANCA, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Management Analyst