

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS
5:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Skophammer called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Dane Skophammer, Vice Chair Cayley Jenner; and Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb, Suzanne Guldemann, and Alicia Peak

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Acting Community Services Director; Kate Gallo, Recreation Manager; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Skophammer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Guldemann moved, and Commissioner Peak seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported the agenda for the meeting was posted on March 16, 2023.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Heather Gardner stated she was on the Parent Teacher Student Association and was working on middle school sports programs. She stated she was part of the Permanent Skate Park planning process and requested an update.

Commissioner Guldemann thanked Ms. Gardner for her comments.

Commissioner Peak stated that the Permanent Skate Park project was progressing and the Planning Commission would review the design plan in Summer 2023.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Guldemann moved, and Vice Chair Jenner seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

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 February 23, 2023 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 2023.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award
Recommended Action: Approve a recommendation nominating Sara Wan as the recipient of the 2023 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award for City Council consideration.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

MOTION Commissioner Goldfarb moved, and Commissioner Guldemann seconded a motion to recommend Sara Wan as the recipient of the 2023 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award for City Council consideration. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mentorship Program
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide feedback on a mentorship program.

Recreation Manager Gallo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Peak stated Pepperdine University could be involved with Earth Friendly Management Programs. She stated that the “Play Like a Girl” clinics should continue.

Commissioner Goldfarb indicated agreement with Commissioner Peak and suggested Pepperdine University students complete a soil analysis at Legacy Park.

Commissioner Guldemann recommended a partnership with the Santa Monica College satellite campus. She stated girls clinics focused on sports fundamentals in a non-judgmental environment.

In response to Chair Skophammer, Recreation Manager Gallo stated the City offered three girls clinics each quarter. She stated Pepperdine University students volunteered at pre-existing City programs and events.

Chair Skophammer opposed expanding the mentorship program if it required additional staffing and funding. He stated Pepperdine University students should be included in existing City programs.

Commissioner Peak indicated agreement with Chair Skophammer.

In response to Commissioner Jenner, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated staff would continue to partner with Pepperdine University and prioritize mentorship opportunities with the Science Department.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission agreed to continue the “Play Like a Girl” campaign and incorporate Pepperdine University students into existing City programs.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on Charmlee Wilderness Park and trail erosion.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated staff placed multiple straw waddles in hazard areas to divert the water.

In response to Chair Skophammer, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo confirmed a concrete v-ditch would be one erosion control solution.

In response to Commissioner Jenner, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated natural resources would be considered an erosion solution.

Recreation Manager Gallo provided an update on Gold Hunt, Aquatics programs, Senior Center lectures, and Chumash Day.

Commissioner Guldemann encouraged everyone to attend Chumash Day.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on Agenda items for the April 18, 2023 Regular meeting, Permanent Skate Park fundraising, and Park Tour.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated City Council would discuss the snack shack item at the March 27, 2023 Regular meeting.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission agreed to conduct a park tour of Charmlee Wilderness Park, Trancas Canyon Park, and the Heathercliff property on May 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Guldemann stated she received a complaint regarding the conversion of the backstage dance room to staff offices, resulting in the City canceling the tap dance program. She stated there was an additional complaint about the Dial-A-Ride provider.

In response to Acting Community Services Director Riesgo, Commissioner Guldemann stated seniors thought the Dial-A-Ride provider was unreliable.

In response to Chair Skophammer, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated Los Angeles County Metro funds paid for the Dial-A-Ride service.

Commissioner Peak stated additional field space was needed for games and practices.

Vice Chair Jenner indicated agreement with Commissioner Peak.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated seniors enjoyed the Whale Watching excursion. She stated the Farmers Market at Legacy Park was inviting.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated Legacy Park was a temporary location for the Farmers Market.

In response to Chair Skophammer, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Farmers Market would return to its original location when a Certificate of Occupancy was granted to Santa Monica College.

Chair Skophammer stated the field space issue should be addressed with Council when the Commission proposes a multi-use recreation facility.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Field Usage at City Parks
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Master Joint Use Agreement
Commission Assignments

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION At 7:01 p.m., Commissioner Guldemann moved, and Chair Skophammer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and
Recreation Commission of the City of
Malibu on April 18, 2023.



DANE SKOPHAMMER, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant