

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2021
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS
5:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guldemann called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Georgia Goldfarb; Vice Chair Alicia Peak; and Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb, Dane Skophammer, and Judy Villablanca

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Goldfarb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Guldemann 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 properly posted on May 14, 2021.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Guldemann 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 April 20, 2021 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 during April 2021.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project
Recommended Action: Receive and file a report on the Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated domestic water was used for irrigation at Legacy Park when treated run-off was unavailable. He stated staff had seen no evidence of owls utilizing the nesting boxes installed at Legacy Park in 2019.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the plants in the coastal bluff area of Legacy Park had thrived. He explained that treated run-off used for irrigation came from the area surrounding the Civic Center and that non-native plants could not be installed due to a City Council mandate that only allowed the installation of plants native to the Santa Monica Mountains.

In response to Chair Goldfarb, Community Services Director Bobbett stated that regular soil tests had not been conducted at Legacy Park since the Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project began.

Commissioner Guldemann stated that while there were flaws with the installation of the original plants in Legacy Park, that she was happy with the success of the Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project.

Vice Chair Peak stated she would contact local gardeners regarding tips for rejuvenating soil.

In response to Chair Goldfarb, Community Services Director Bobbett stated cactus was planted on the east side of the coastal bluff area to deter unauthorized access, but the cactus was destroyed shortly after installation.

In response to Commissioner Guldemann, Community Services Director Bobbett stated that issues related to homeless encampments and trash around City parks had increased significantly during COVID-19.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Bobbett stated that unlike Malibu Bluffs Park, staff were not on-site at all times at Legacy Park during operating hours. He stated that staff were required to follow specific rules regarding the removal of encampments.

Commissioner Skophammer suggested utilizing additional staff to conduct homeless encampment clean-ups at City parks to address the issue.

Commissioner Villablanca suggested adding an item to the June 15, 2021 Regular meeting agenda to discuss park safety.

CONSENSUS

By Consensus, the Commission agreed to discuss park safety at the June 15, 2021 Regular meeting.

B. Temporary Skate Park Attendance

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report regarding attendance at the Temporary Skate Park from July 2020 through April 2021.

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Vice Chair Peak, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the hours for the Temporary Skate Park would be adjusted to open at 9:00 a.m. beginning May 29, 2021.

In response to Chair Goldfarb, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the City regularly monitored the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Orders, and the mask mandate at the Temporary Skate Park would remain in effect until the order was revised.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update regarding Charmlee Wilderness Park, the Summer Recreation Guide, Senior programs, and the 2021 Polli-Power program.

Community Services Director Bobbett provided an update regarding the Temporary Skate Park, Permanent Skate Park, and Commission Work Assignments.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated weed abatement would be scheduled for completion in May and June for City-owned properties.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Park Safety

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION At 7:04 p.m., Commissioner Skophammer moved, and Commissioner Villablanca 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 June 15, 2021.



GEORGIA GOLDFARB, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALBAUMUA, Administrative Assistant