

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 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 Goldfarb called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 Suzanne Guldemann and Judy Villablanca

ABSENT: Commissioner Dane Skophammer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Villablanca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Guldemann moved, and Commissioner Villablanca seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Skophammer absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on June 11, 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 Guldimann seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Skophammer 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 May 18, 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 May 2021.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project

Recommended Action: Review the scope of work for the proposed additional consulting services by Studio-MLA for the Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project.

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Chair Goldfarb, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated City staff maintained the plants installed under the project.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the consultant provided recommendations regarding plants that would help deter pests.

In response to Vice Chair Peak, Community Services Director Bobbett stated cactus had been installed in the northeast area of the coastal bluff at the recommendation of the consultant to deter unauthorized access. He stated the cactus had been destroyed shortly after planting and that the area was not currently under consideration for new plantings.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission recommended the proposed additional consulting services by Studio-MLA for the Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project move forward.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Earth Friendly Management Policy

Recommended Action: Review the Earth Friendly Management Policy and discuss Commission oversight of the policy.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

Commissioner Villablanca recommended creating a web page on the City website specifically for the Earth Friendly Management Policy.

Chair Goldfarb and Commissioner Guldemann indicated agreement with Commissioner Villablanca.

Community Services Director Bobbett stated staff would create a web page dedicated to the Earth Friendly Management Policy on the City website.

Chair Goldfarb suggested creating a slogan the City could use when publicizing and promoting the Earth Friendly Management Policy.

Commissioner Villablanca recommended gathering input from the Youth Commission on the best methods for outreach to youth and teens regarding the Earth Friendly Management Policy.

Kian Schulman discussed the importance of educational outreach to the community with the expected adoption of Resolution No. 21-32 at the June 28, 2021 City Council Regular meeting, which would ban the city-wide use of pesticides.

Commissioner Villablanca suggested creating a working group comprised of staff and residents to research and recommend ideas for education and implementation of the Earth Friendly Management Policy that would report back to the Commission.

In response to Chair Goldfarb, Community Services Director Bobbett suggested Commissioners email their ideas regarding the Earth Friendly Management Policy to staff so they could be compiled and sent to the Commission for further review prior to the July 20, 2021 Regular meeting.

B. Park Safety

Recommended Action: Discuss safety concerns at City parks and provide feedback to staff.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

In response to Vice Chair Peak, Community Services Director Bobbett stated staff had conducted eight to ten homeless encampment clean-ups at Legacy Park over the past year.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated homeless individuals not violating park rules or posing a threat to public safety were allowed to utilize City parks, similar to any other member of the general public.

Commissioner Guldemann suggested re-landscaping areas where homeless encampments were prevalent to discourage future encampments.

Vice Chair Peak stated the Commission's role was to provide feedback regarding the deterrence of homeless encampments and related issues in City parks, not to solve the homeless crisis.

Commissioner Villablanca stated that random park patrols should be conducted to deter homeless encampments. She stated that regular park patrols would be too predictable.

In response to Vice Chair Peak, Community Services Director Bobbett stated fencing at Legacy Park was not an option due to the size of the park and the associated costs. He recommended Commissioners speak with their respective Councilmembers to highlight the importance of safety, clean-up of encampments, and a more significant police presence at City parks.

Vice Chair Peak recommended conducting more frequent homeless encampment clean-ups.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update on Charmlee Wilderness Park, Las Flores Creek Pollinator Gardens, Art Voyagers Student Art Exhibit, and Department programs.

Community Services Director Bobbett provided an update on the Temporary Skate Park, Permanent Skate Park, and Malibu Bluffs Park Workout Station.

Vice Chair Peak agreed with the City's decision to remove the Temporary Skate Park Reservation System following the loosening of COVID-19 restrictions by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She stated she was concerned people would not be truthful regarding their vaccination status when entering the Temporary Skate Park.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Guldimann suggested installing signage at Trancas Canyon Park Dog Park, warning owners to check their dog's paws after visiting the dog park.

Commissioner Villablanca thanked staff for all of its hard work.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Earth Friendly Management Policy

ADJOURNMENT

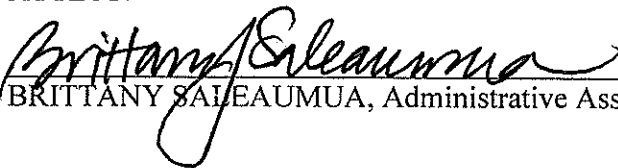
MOTION At 7:44 p.m., Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Chair Peak seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Skophammer absent.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on July 20, 2021,



GEORGIA GOLDFARB, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant