



## RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Special Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Senior Center

1450 Ocean Ave.

Santa Monica, CA

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission was held at the above named place and time. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Frank Schwengel  
Vice Chairperson Susan Cloke  
Commissioner Neil Carrey  
Commissioner Lori Nafshun  
Commissioner Doris Sosin  
Commissioner Jennifer Wolch

**Also Present:** Barbara Stinchfield – Director, Community and Cultural Services Department  
Councilman Herb Katz – Council Liaison

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2003** – Commissioner Carrey made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2003 as written. Commissioner Wolch seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote as follows: Chairperson Schwengel, Commissioner(s) Carrey, Wolch, Cloke, and Sosin. Abstain: Commissioner Nafshun.
5. **Correspondence and Announcements** – Director Stinchfield suggested the Commission agendaize the Environmental Task Force presentation on Airport Park for June, after City staff meet with Environmental Programs staff in May.

Chairperson Schwengel requested recipients of the Sportsmanship Awards attend a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission to be acknowledged for their awards if possible.

**6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

**A. Aquatics**

*Chairperson Schwengel* No report

**B. Child Care Task Force—**

*Commissioner Nafshun* No report.

**C. Community Events**

*Commissioner Nafshun* No report.

**D. Disability Community Accessibility Committee**

*Commissioner Carrey* No report.

**E. Sustainable City Working Group and Environmental Task Force**

*Commissioner(s) Nafshun and Wolch* No report.

**F. Fields Committee**

No report.

**G. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review and Beach Greening Committee** *Chairperson Schwengel, Commissioner Cloke*

Commissioner Cloke reported that the State's first Request for Proposal for stormwater funding has been issued. City staff will attend a funding workshop and meet with Environmental Programs to discuss the application procedure.

**H. Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (S.M.M.U.S.D.)**

*Commissioner Carrey* No report.

**I. Sports Advisory Council (SAC)**

*Commissioner Carrey*

Commissioner Carrey relayed the SAC's concerns regarding playing field availability. Discussion followed.

**J. Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board**

*Commissioner Cloke*

Commissioner Cloke reported that the Board would have its last meeting in May before the park closes. The VAPAB will discuss goals and develop a modified meeting schedule during the park's closure.

**K. Civic Center Specific Plan Working Group Update**  
*Chairperson Schwengel* No report.

**7. New Business**

- A. **Program Presentation: Westside Special Olympics** – Rich Rollins, Principal Community Services Supervisor with the Community Programs Division, and Danny Price, Community Service Program Supervisor for Therapeutics and Tennis, gave a presentation on the City’s Therapeutic programs and the Westside Special Olympics. Guest speaker Lynda Coleman, volunteer for WSO and Therapeutic Programs, was recognized for her achievement as a 2003 “Volunteer of the Year”. Guest speaker Eddie Mack, a WSO athlete, spoke on his experiences with the program and was recognized as a WSO Representative to the 2003 World Games Team. Guest speaker William Montgomery, a WSO athlete, was recognized for his efforts as the “Global Messenger”.
- B. **Discussion and Possible Action to Extend the Terms of Existing Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board Members to Coincide with the Number of Months Associated with Park Construction** – Commissioner Cloke recommended that current Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board terms of service be extended through park closure.

Commissioner Cloke made a motion to freeze board membership during Virginia Avenue Park closure. Commissioner Carrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**8. Old Business**

- A. **Review and Possible Action on Council Policy on the Placement of Temporary Objects in Parks** – Director Stinchfield summarized the staff report from the City Attorney to City Council regarding the placement of temporary objects in parks. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Carrey made a motion to postpone formation of Recreation and Parks Commission recommendation to City Council regarding the formation of a policy on the placement of temporary objects in parks until a representative from the City Attorney’s Office can join discussion. Commissioner Cloke seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

- B. **Review and Possible Action on Proposed Recreation and Parks User Fee Increases for FY’s 03-05 and Update on Proposed Recreation and Parks Budget for FY’s 03-05** -Director Stinchfield provided an update on the

draft staff report on proposed increases to recreation and parks user fees for FY's 03-05. Discussion followed.

Director Stinchfield requested Commission feedback on the possible reduction of field maintenance and proposed increase in user fees. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Carrey made a motion to not recommend recreation fees increase if revenue does not go to offset recreation and parks budget cuts. Commissioner Nafshun seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairperson Schwengel expressed interest in receiving proposals from nonprofit field users regarding possible ways to absorb some field maintenance costs.

- C. **Discussion Regarding Long Range Commission Agenda** – Chairperson Schwengel reviewed the items on the Long Range Commission Agenda. May items include: (1) Presentation on City Aquatics Program; (2) Temporary Objects in Parks Policy; and (3) Proposed Budget Summary for FY's 03-04 and 04-05.

9. **Public Input** – None.

10. **Adjournment** – Commissioner Cloke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wolch seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.