The monthly meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was convened on Thursday, August 3, 2006, in the City Council Chambers located on the 9th floor of Inglewood City Hall. Commissioner Norma Smith presiding called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

Commissioner Smith stated before we start this meeting, we'd like to take a moment of silence for one of the activists in this city, Mildred McNair.

A moment of silence was taken in honor of Mildred McNair.

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Willie Agee – At Large Commissioner Cindy Giardina – District I Commissioner Norma Smith – District II Commissioner Henry Brown – District IV

Staff:

Sabrina Barnes, Acting Director Stephanie Baltazar, Administrative Aide Alma Bryant, Code Enforcement Supervisor Skip Halloran, Human Services Superintendent Arrick Turner, Recreation Supervisor

Public Comments

Commissioner Smith stated I'd like to call for public comments on agenda items.

None.

Commissioner Smith stated I'd like to call for public comments on non agenda items.

Lynette Lewis stated good evening. My name is Lynette Lewis and I live in the 4th district. My concern is Center Park. We have a park in this district and I want to know why I see other activities that are going on at other parks around the city, but I don't see any activities going on at Center Park? They use to have the mobile thing that would come to the park, and I don't see that in the parks around the area anymore. I know we don't have a park clubhouse there or anything, but there are no activities held at that park.

I think that one of things I would like to see the Commissioners do at some point in time is come to their district and hold a meeting with their district and listen to the people to see what is needed at the parks. I think you'd get a good overall view of what is needed at the parks. I know we use to have a soccer team and they still are over there playing. There should be some public activities for our children. Thank you.

Commissioner Giardina stated thank you.

Diane Zambrano stated good evening Commissioners, my name is Diane Zambrano and my concern once again is raising the issue of activities at Center Park. Since I last spoke to you, I did call AYSO, the American Youth Soccer Organization. I found out if I had a child in the area where I live the closest place for me to go through the AYSO is at Centinela Park. I asked about the park across the street from me (referring to Center Park) and of course, AYSO knows nothing about the group that plays there which totally concerns me. My issue as I said is even today when they were doing the promos for the X Games, I went and spoke to them. The children learn by what they are exposed to and they see the tattoos, ear piercing or whatever the "X" people have in their ears and I think that one of the things that I see being taught to the students and young people who play soccer at Center Park, is that rules don't matter, I have the right to disregard them and when someone calls me on them I have a right to cuss them It just recently happened today again to one of the city employees. Regardless of whether I do or do not like a particular sport, because I don't play any of them - I did that in high school, I think we have an obligation to live up to the rules we have for our parks and hold the adults who are supervising the people responsible for teaching them the concept of good sportsmanship, good manners, graciousness and respect for others. Unfortunately that isn't the case with groups that I've viewed who play soccer at Center Park. I hope that you do take that into consideration. I know many of my neighbors were planning on coming today to address the same thing. One of them is an emergency RN and she went to leave her house after getting called to race out to take care of an emergency and she found someone else's car blocking her in and she had to go back in and say someone else is going to have to be called, because I have no clue who this car belongs to and I can not move. So please take that into consideration. I would also appreciate some doors on the bathrooms. I'm really big on having doors on a girl's bathroom. Please take that into consideration, thank you.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you. Any further presentations?

Coach Gaffery stated good evening Commissioners. Let me thank you for allowing me to speak and I also I'd like to express my appreciation to Commissioner Agee. My primary concern this evening is available facilities for our football program. We have a relationship with the staff at Darby Park.

We find that with each passing year, we've been able to secure the sites for practice, but for the actual opportunity to participate in the actual game, it becomes more and more difficult. Every year it comes down to the last hour to find out what we will have. We have a non profit organization and we have to generate funds to maintain the program as we have done for the last 35 plus years. One of the ways we do that is we have a snack bar during the post play off games. We are registration driven and it is a combination of things and it's like one problem compounds another. We have to pay so much money to play at Coleman Field that we've had to raise our registration fees. Raising our fees we are about to over price ourselves out of reach for our players. It's difficult for the families of our community who have 2 possibly 3 children playing football and have everyone involved. What I am trying to do here today, is to share with you the cost and actual expenses. I'm here again to thank you for the opportunity and to find out what we have to do in order to become priority for the City of Inglewood. I noticed the skate board park and that is fantastic and I'm glad you are keeping up with the times with 2 of them, but we have been playing football here in the city for over 35 years and we don't have a field to call our own. Thank you.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you very much.

Linda Gibson stated good evening, I'm Linda Gibson and I am also a part of Inglewood Jr. All-American. I met with you last time you were in session and I told you we were in need of a football field. I did bring copies of our budget this month so you guys can have some kind of idea as to the expenses that we incur as a football organization. We just confirmed last Monday that we will not have Coleman Field as we do for our home games this year. We will not have access to it until the end of October which will cut our finances really deep because we do use these finances to help give these children a banquet at the end of the year, trophies and cover a lot of other expenses we have. We do want to thank Parks and Recreation Department for your support and help to maintain our sports program, practices and many other activities we may have outside of game day. What I do have some concerns about is we have been at Centinela Park since last Monday. My concern is the bathrooms. I do hear that bathrooms are going to be installed there: I just need to know how soon we can expect them. I think right now there are only 4 there and we bring in almost 700 children to the park. Our main concern is girls going to the restroom unattended or having to walk so far to get there. Our staff is sometimes really limited on the cheer side. Also, I've worked really close with James Henry and also Mario Smith, the supervisors of Darby and Vincent Parks, and they are doing wonders with working with us. The lights are being put on really early this year, which is another safety issue. Sometimes we have a lot of undesirable people come into the park and there have been some close calls especially with our girls and our younger children there.

It's only happened at one park, but I would like to have the supervisors urge their staff to really treat us with dignity and respect.

Sometimes they are really inconsiderate and things like that. So far they have a firm handle on it, but I just wanted to bring it to your attention as well. Please keep all that in mind and I'd like to thank you all for helping us out there.

Commissioner Brown stated madam chair, can we ask them questions?

Commissioner Smith stated I think they want to ask you some questions and I'm going to allow that.

Commissioner Brown stated what I want to know is why are you asking to relocate to another park?

Linda Gibson stated not to another park.

Commissioner Brown stated you said you couldn't use a park until October.

Linda Gibson stated not a park, Coleman Stadium which is part of LA Unified. I'm sorry, a part of Inglewood Unified School District. This is where we would play our home games. We submitted our permit as early as April and they just dragged their tales and I think that last week we were just informed that they recently reseeded their fields and because of that they delayed some of the high school games. They will be playing out of Morningside which is where we are going to be playing but we need 2 fields. We have 14 teams which meet at Morningside which has no lights. Only 4 games can be played on any given Saturday. Coleman has lights which means we can run 6 games per day. Now 6 of our teams we know will be on the road. Typically, we have one field and have 10 teams at home. But now unfortunately, we only have 4 and that's going to cut into our expenses with the snack bar gone and we have to provide transportation where they would have normally been at home. This is one of our biggest issues that cause problems when we deal with the Inglewood Unified School District.

Commissioner Agee stated are you playing football at Centinela Park?

Linda Gibson stated we are practicing at Centinela.

Commissioner Agee asked at which field?

Linda Gibson stated we are practicing all over. Right now, it's strictly conditioning so we are utilizing any area.

Commissioner Agee asked are you on the soccer fields?

Linda Gibson stated no we are not on the soccer fields. We won't get on the soccer fields until I think September. The way Mr. Henry has it set up is that we will get it from September thru December. I think its 3 months on and 3 months off and we share that with soccer and it's only 2 days a week on the soccer field. **Commissioner Agee** stated so what I'm hearing is that we have 2 soccer fields in the City of Inglewood and no football fields, is that correct?

Linda Gibson stated that is absolutely correct.

Commissioner Agee stated that is outrageous.

Linda Gibson stated well when we saw the fields that were being built for soccer we had hopes that one side would be soccer and the other side would be football because it is a dual field, but what they do is they rotate. One part of the time you are one side of the field while they are reseeding or supposedly reseeding the other side. It's not consistent. We only have two nights of practice there. We are bringing the kids from Darby. After Darby's baseball season is over, we utilize Darby and we still utilize Centinela. But Centinela is such a huge widespread area, I take all my younger kids to Darby because they are much more visible and we can stand in one area and pretty much see everyone. But at Centinela, once it gets dark and time changes, it's really hard for us to keep an eye on the children.

Commissioner Agee stated in other words you want a home field.

Linda Gibson stated we need one. We are paying a lot of money, money that we can utilize for doing more for the children within our organization. We are taking that money and giving it to the school board but then the school keeps us in limbo.

Commissioner Agee stated I understand you spend like \$30,000 a year at the school board.

Linda Gibson stated well it's really about \$20,000.

Commissioner Smith stated we have one more Commissioner who wants to ask questions and then we have to wrap it up.

Commissioner Giardina stated do I understand you to say that you guys are at Darby and you rotate to Centinela?

Linda Gibson stated during practice we start off at Centinela because of Darby's baseball, and then after baseball is over we bring our children back to Darby.

Commissioner Smith stated I don't know if Commissioner Agee has spoken to you about this, but he and I have gone out to the different parks to look around

and we have chosen a site and so has Giardina and Brown and so I think we are all in agreement on where the site would be but we have to get with staff. We are working on it.

Commissioner Agee and you guys brought it to our attention in June and July. Commissioner Agee and I went out and Commissioner Giardina and Brown went out so we are working on it.

Linda Gibson stated that is bringing tears to my eyes right now.

Commissioner Brown stated well we know that you need space.

Linda Gibson stated and you know it's not so much about the game of football, it's for our kids.

Commissioner Smith stated and I know you are pleading from your heart, I can see that.

Linda Gibson stated thank you.

Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Giardina stated we are going to work on it.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you.

Commissioner Agee asked can you bring Ms. Zambrano back.

Commissioner Smith stated Ms. Zambrano.

Diane Zambrano stated that was one of my neighbors saying I'm on my way, I'm stuck in traffic.

Commissioner Agee stated we also have something we've been talking about for Center Park and we think you are going to like it.

Diane Zambrano stated well thank you.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you very much everyone for your comments.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion for the approval of the minutes from June 1, 2006 was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Giardina.

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes stated good evening Commissioners. Before I start I just want to say that Linda and her organization have been diligent.

I've only gotten to know her recently and more so in passing, but I know that my staff speaks highly of her and their cooperation with our programs in order to collaborate. We salute you and your organization for helping serve the community.

Commissioner Smith stated and if anyone can get this done, what we've chosen it would be Sabrina.

Commissioner Agee stated I agree.

Sabrina Barnes stated again welcome. We'd like to start with our Director's Report. We have our very capable staff here to represent our various divisions. I'd like to announce that our park staff was delayed and will not make it so I will be making their report, but I will start first with the Recreation Division with Arrick Turner who is a supervisor for the Westside programs and is housed at Rogers Park.

Arrick Turner stated good evening, I'm going to go back a month and start there.

Annual 4th of July Celebration

On Tuesday, July 4, the City held its Annual July 4th Celebration and Fireworks spectacular at Edward Vincent Jr. Park. The event began at noon in the amphitheater with cultural exhibitions. Live bands performed until 8:30 p.m. Arts and crafts, face painting, games, free popcorn and cotton candy were available throughout the day. The event culminated at dusk with an elaborate firework display. This year's display was said to be the best display ever. Although we contacted the same company, the operator was different and did and excellent job. His display was very elaborate and colorful. He also incorporated ground sets, which were colorful displays that everyone enjoyed. More than 6,000 residents, their family and friends attended this event.

Summer Performing Arts Camp

On Thursday, July 6, the Summer Performing Arts Camp got off to a wonderful start. More than 50 youth are enrolled in the camp. The youth ages 5-18 rehearse three times a week and will deliver a final public performance in the outdoor amphitheater at Edward Vincent, Jr. Park on Saturday, August 5, at 4:00 p.m. the performance is titled "All That Dance Competition" and will feature

acting, singing and dancing. All students enrolled in the camp will have an opportunity to showcase their talent.

In conjunction with the performance and as part of their hands-on experience, youth currently enrolled in the City's Video Production Classes, will film the performing arts production, and assist in the editing of the video for broadcast on the local community cable channel.

Movies in the Park

On Saturday, July 22 and 29, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Public Works Department together sponsored the 3rd Annual "Movies in the Park" series. "Last Holiday" and "Doogal: The Magic Roundabout" were shown on the soccer field at Ed Vincent Park. The movies began at dusk and over 500 families joined us for this event.

The series will continue through August at Darby Park. "Kicking and Screaming" will be shown August 5 and "Yours, Mines and Ours" will be shown on August 12. Showtime is at dusk.

Jazz in the Park

South Bay Entertainment Group will present Jazz in the Park, Inglewood's Fourth Annual South Bay Jazz Festival, Sunday, September 2, 2006, at Ed Vincent Jr. Park. The event will feature a stellar line-up of nationally renowned contemporary jazz artists including Peabo Bryson, Paul Jackson Jr., Bobby Lyle, Eric Darius, Regina Belle, Third Force, David Garfield Project, Bob Baldwin and several special guests. What better way to celebrate the end of summer than to enjoy great music in a beautiful park setting.

PAL

On Saturday, July 8, 2006, the Inglewood Police Activities League (PAL) hosted an Amateur Boxing Show at Rogers Park. Coach Morales did an outstanding job preparing Inglewood's boxers for the show. Inglewood Boxing participants won two of the ten bouts. The partnership between the Inglewood PAL and the Parks and Recreation department has proven to be a success thus far.

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, 33 youth from the community and members of the Boys and Girls Club joined the Inglewood Police Activities (PAL) during the Annual CAL PAL Beach Party Play Day at Huntington Beach. PAL chapters from throughout California participated in the event. The children learned how to ride ATV's (all terrain vehicles), boogie boards, and rock climbing. They also participated in other recreational activities. The kids received a t-shirt and other giveaways. They will also participate in a camping trip at Lake Silverwood.

Pre-School

The pre-school program for 2006-2007 will resume September 11, 2006. Applications are now being accepted for all sites. The pre-school department is looking forward to a new enriching year. The pre-school offers a great program for a nominal fee.

Commissioner Smith stated I have a question to ask, you skipped June what happened to Juneteenth? Weren't you going to put on a program?

Arrick Turner stated unfortunately we were unable to hold a program this year due to fiscal constraints. But plans are under way for Juneteenth 2007.

Commissioner Smith asked you guys are starting that now?

Arrick Turner stated I have already made contacts and I believe we will have an outstanding event.

Commissioner Smith asked are there any questions for Arrick?

Commissioner Agee stated good job Arrick.

Commissioner Giardina stated excellent job Arrick, you guys are doing a wonderful job.

Commissioner Brown stated one comment, how do we get information out? It is amazing to me to hear about all these great programs we continue to do and then there are certain parts that when it comes to attendance it could be even more and I would like the department to look at some other alternatives. I know you talk about the cable and sometimes you see a banner crossing Manchester, but we have a lot of wonderful activities that a lot of our residents hear about or get notices after the activities are over. If something can be done in that area (to promote better) maybe attendance will be greater.

Commissioner Smith stated Arrick do you guys have any flyers dealing with the Jazz Festival? Maybe we can help promote it this year.

Arrick Turner stated yes we do have flyers available and I will make sure we get that to you.

Commissioner Giardina asked can we also get the line up?

Arrick Turner stated the line up is also on the flyer.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, thank you. Sabrina back over to you.

Sabrina Barnes stated just finally to add to our recreation report. We did start our summer offerings at Morningside High School on July 27. We are offering free swim as well as the free summer lunch program. The program is enjoying some success in that we typically, at least on the swimming side, we have had a much smaller audience, but this year our numbers have increased. We believe it is due to the fact that we are now offering the free lunch program. Staff has done outreach, pounding the pavement walking and handing out flyers. The program itself runs through August 25 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Swim hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. lunch is served to kids up to 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Again that is at Morningside High School and the activities take place in the swimming pool complex area. Thank you Arrick.

We are going to move on to Community Beautification Services, our Code Enforcement Manager, Alma Bryant.

Alma Bryant stated Hi, I am Alma Bryant and I am the newly appointed Code Enforcement Manager. My goals as the manager are to improve community beautification throughout the city and customer service throughout our Code Enforcement Division. I don't have a lot to report on, but we are continuing our vendor task force throughout the parks.

Sabrina Barnes stated if you don't mind can you tell us about the process when Code Enforcement goes out to inspect a property or to investigate a finding. What are the steps so that the community can have an idea.

Alma Bryant stated once we receive a complaint (and it's verified by staff) or a violation is documented by an inspector, we send the property owner a notice advising them of any violations. If it's corrected, we then comply the property. If it does not comply, we send a warning letter and with that warning letter is attached a \$100 fine. We then give them additional time to make the corrections. If that's not corrected they receive a hearing letter that is attached with a \$200 fine and at that time they are called into a hearing with us and we try to come to an agreement of compliance. If they ignore that, we send them a criminal letter that is attached with a \$500 fine and at the time if they still ignore us, we file a criminal complaint with the City Attorney's office.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you, any questions Commissioner Brown?

Commissioner Brown stated none.

Commissioner Giardina stated I just have one concern Ms. Bryant. A lot of the people in the community are elderly and some of them I have noticed as they become older start to weaken and get sick then the property falls under that dilapidation. Now my neighbor for example has cancer and his yard started to deteriorate, he lost his keys to his car. People were coming to take him to chemo and his car sat there. So sometimes the failure to respond has nothing to do with

their wanting to ignore the notice, but the lack of compliance has to do with illness. I was wondering when we find these kinds of situations, is it possible that some people in the community can come, because we are not aware of the mail that they received. But I know that they are very diligent (Code Enforcement) and it's greatly appreciated but in certain instances I think that someone needs to advocate for the elderly and for the people that we know are legitimately ill and not doing it because of neglect but because of illness.

Alma Bryant stated there is a program through the Human Services Division with Michelle and when we site someone for a violation and we find that they are seniors and can not comply on their own, the Senior Center has a program where they actually go into their house to clean up and clean the grounds. We have recently cleaned about 3 homes through this program. We are trying to help them as much as possible. If you see that it's getting out of hand and you know that there is a problem with the elderly you can give Michelle a call and she can send someone out to assist them.

Commissioner Giardina stated do you have that number?

Arrick Turner stated extension 5508.

Commissioner Giardina stated 412-5508, thank you.

Arrick Turner stated it is called Family Support.

Commissioner Giardina stated thank you so much.

Commissioner Agee stated I am concerned with the summer time here; we have a lot of swimming pools throughout the city. I don't know if this falls under your jurisdiction or control. But everyone doesn't take care of their swimming pool, I know of at least one in my neighborhood. Water and mosquitoes. Does that come in your jurisdiction?

Alma Bryant stated maintenance of the pool does. What code enforcement will do is call Vector Control and have them go out.

Commissioner Agee stated what do I have to do? Do I have to call them?

Alma Bryant stated just call us and give us an address and we'll go out and conduct an inspection and take care of that.

Commissioner Agee stated ok, thank you.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Alma and congratulations on your promotion.

Sabrina Barnes stated we are certainly glad to have Alma back. She had been with the Department for a long time and then took another assignment in another Department. We are glad she is back; she brings a lot of expertise back to the Department.

Now, Skip Halloran our Human Services Superintendent.

Skip Halloran stated I have some really very, very exciting news. We've been talking, showing slides, bringing to your attention that someday there will be a new senior center. We now have a date to have a temporary move of the senior center and that date is August 28, so it's about a month away. We will have the Veteran's Building adapted to all the kinds of activities that the Senior's need over there. It will include our lunch program. While we won't have a kitchen that we currently do at out senior center, we went out to bid and we did get a caterer who will continue to serve all the meals and also the home delivered meals, all 360 meals we serve a day to all of our home bound seniors.

The transportation will continue. We will be actually using more transportation as a lot of the seniors were able to walk to the current senior center, so we will have to shuttle them both to and from the Vet's Building and also some of our larger activities we are working with all of our other facilities and get our seniors transported there. Just today we got a new route for the I-Line Shuttle and it will serve a lot of the senior centers, senior housing and hospitals. So the route will now start at the veteran's building which will be called the senior center, so that will reccessitate a little bit of change.

The programs that were at the senior center, (which will include all of the administrative staff who don't need to be on site everyday all the time), we are in the process of renting space at 101 La Brea for them.

Transportation dispatch has already moved to what they call the bus center, which is the new center on Market Street and they have been there over a month.

So it's going to be interesting and once we are out, we will be able to start building the new center. We will have a fond farewell to the center; we've been in for almost 30 years and also introduce the new location. The seniors are especially excited that they will have a beautiful park setting. A lot of the activities we hadn't been able to do outside, will be able to be done now.

The other thing is our free summer lunch program. It's not only at Ed Vincent Park, but also at Darby, Rogers, Ashwood, and Lockhaven. It began on the 26th of June and will run until the end of August. This is a great grant we receive to help serve healthy lunches at the parks and recreation centers. It also provides for after school snacks which is served at 14 sites.

I think someone was asking about the teenagers and what we do with them. For the past couple of years we have been able to sponsor a SHAPE program in conjunction with UCLA students who come out and tutor the children and get them interested in going to college. We had 160 students who participated just last year.

Most of the graduating students were accepted and are going to college. A lot of them are going to a CSU, UC, or an educational institution. We are really happy to see our kids doing well.

Last but not least, our Bell Well program which has been funded through a federal program for the last two years. Two of our staff Sikizi Allen and Linda Peterson represented the city as they attended an Administration on Aging (AoA) Integrated Care Management Grantee Meeting in Washington D. C. on July 24 and 25, 2006. While they were in Washington, they participated in the sponsorship of legislation for the Safety Return program, which is a bracelet that is given to a senior with Alzheimer's so that they may be identified and returned safely.

Well, I guess it's not really bad news, we knew it was not a forever project. The Be Well program was funded by the Administration on Aging, it will no longer be funded. We have presented a business plan to Kaiser. Our goal is to run the program because we have had such fantastic results. We hope to run a self sustaining program.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Skip. Commissioner Agee do you have any questions for Skip?

Commissioner Agee stated the only thing I'm happy to see the seniors get over to Centinela Park and I think once the seniors get over there they won't want to come back. They are going to enjoy the park. You are doing a good job.

Skip Halloran stated let's hope so.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Commissioner Agee, Commissioner Giardina.

Commissioner Giardina stated hello Skip, nice to see you. I don't know if I should address this to you or to Sabrina, but a couple of things I wanted to discuss tonight. We have had this oppressive heat and as I have been watching the news across the nation, there seems to be a step up in city's where the heat is really, really zapping the young and old and they appear to be providing cooling centers where they give the aging and even the young people ice and water as a refugee from the heat. I know Inglewood has one of the most wonderful cities in the world because we are so close to the beach. But I think it is important for us as we are faced with these kinds of adversities to have

something like this. I know that we are always on it in Inglewood, so I'm sure I'm preaching to the choir here. But I wanted to see and maybe what we can do it and I know we've had a rest from the weather now and it seems to be cooling off and as summer goes on we might not have this marine layer and we will be faced with this problem again. I was just wondering if we can talk about that and incorporate that into the move for the seniors or something like that. My other piece was I want to applaud you, I think Sikizi is absolutely right the Be Well and the Be Safe bracelet is very, very important. It's something I would really, really like to work with you on because I believe that there is an enormous amount of seniors that are really going to be faced with this challenge and they need this bracelet. Whatever we can do to support this and put it on the board, I know I speak for all of the Commissioners that this is a very serious and important piece for our seniors. Whatever we can do to help you with that, we would be more than happy to assist. Congratulations on everything you guys have done. It's just tremendous work and we are very proud of the work you guys do.

Skip Halloran stated thank you for all of your support. Our senior center for the past several years has been a county nominated cooling station. So we get a lot of publicity. We always have water and snacks, but when the weather gets to a certain level, we stay open later. There were a couple days last week that we stayed open late and we had a good turn out.

Commissioner Giardina stated wonderful.

Sabrina Barnes stated as far as our recreation centers, we have offered our sites as cooling stations. Just recently there has been dialogue with Edison who officially designates the sites. There has been direction given to staff to make sure that we have an ample supply of water on hand to provide to both the public and staff.

Skip Halloran stated and another thing we have through our care management program, we are aware of a lot of the seniors who are home bound, we make sure to take them extra water. Sometimes we receive grants to provide things such as a fan.

Commissioner Giardina stated that is wonderful.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Brown, thank you Commissioner Giardina.

Commissioner Brown stated just voice pleasure and a wonderful job. I'm concerned about a couple of tenants we had in the Vet's Building who were to be relocated. We haven't heard any feed back, it included the Girl Scouts. Was that transition adequate?

Skip Halloran stated I'm sure Sabrina can speak more on this, but we are actually loosing two buildings. We are loosing the senior center which was convenient for the seniors and also the Girl Scout House/the recreation facility.

Sabrina Barnes stated regarding the Veteran's Building, we have relocated all the regularly scheduled activities and programs. The park office and the Girl Scouts who were our upstairs neighbors, were offered space at any of our Park and Recreation Centers as available. They also have been offered the Community Room here. Whenever they want to use our space, they normally contact us. We do have a public standing reservation through I believe September. They have utilized the Lockhaven Center and also Rogers Park.

Commissioner Giardina stated wonderful.

Commissioner Brown states thank you.

Commissioner Smith stated the only thing I want to ask Sabrina, because I think the other Commissioners have covered everything. But I think the other thing I need to ask is how is the word getting out about the cooling centers?

Sabrina Barnes stated well we publish information on our website and distribute the information in press releases. In terms of flyers or in terms of general mass distribution, we rely on newspaper coverage. We are also listed on the county website. If you look there you will find the designated cooling stations and their locations.

Commissioner Smith stated for those who don't have computer stations and things like that is it possible that we can put them in utility bills?

Commissioner Giardina stated and possibly Milton can help us out with the local cable. We can get it out to the seniors who watch TV and have them give an address and so they will know it is a resource for them. That way even if they can't read or something like that, they may be able to pick it up on our cable station.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you. I guess it's over to you Sabrina.

Sabrina Barnes stated thank you. On behalf of our Parks staff person, I will be reporting for the Parks Division.

Capital Improvement Projects

We've been talking a lot about the Senior Center. The Veteran's Building is currently undergoing improvements in preparation for the seniors to come over. We are grading the lighting, a patio is being added, we are making sure the

restrooms are ADA specific and doing some painting. All the while we are making sure the building maintains its character.

In addition to that, our staff is working at the Imperial Branch Library that is currently being remodeled. Once it's completed our Parks Maintenance Section will provide the outside landscaping.

Regarding the restrooms, we highly anticipated them being done by the end of this month in time for the Jazz Festival. They have not been done and it has to do with the building and safety permits. Some of the modifications were not permitted so we had to resubmit them. That is where they are right now. In response to comments regarding the restroom we will be bringing in portable potties and they will be in place to mitigate some of the impact of the restrooms that are not there.

Park Maintenance North/Park Construction

They are diligently maintaining all of the plots in the city and they will be planning a beautification day. They have assisted in the following projects: July 4th, our Service First Brown Bag Luncheon, Police Open House, National Night Out and Movies in the Park.

The park section, as well as several of our other sections, is utilizing summer youth workers to assist with park maintenance and related details. The summer youth workers have been a tremendous help. They have assisted with cleaning restrooms, picking up debris and other maintenance functions.

We are currently taking a look at the signage in our parks and are in the process of replacing the Darby Park signage.

Our Parks Construction staff has been busy repairing various irrigation lines and sprinkler heads throughout our parks.

Regarding street landscaping and tree maintenance, we have been plagued with tower outages. Several call outs this month has been due to broken limbs because of the heat.

That is it from the Parks Division.

Commissioner Giardina stated Sabrina I know in the previous Commission Meetings, we have talked about the issues of dogs being unleashed at certain parks. As you go through the signage and replace them, I think it's important that the signs are put upfront to remind the public about leashing the dogs in every park and every area that is publicly used. I think it's very important that we reinforce the signs. I think it may deter if there are signs posted in maybe more than one place. I know particularly at Circle Park, there seems to be some

problem there. A lot of new people have moved in and they go the wrong way and so one way signs and dog leash signs are necessary. I believe that it is very important for us to keep them as safe as we can.

Commissioner Agee stated I just want to comment on the night out. It was very nice, but I think we had too many in the city.

Commissioner Brown stated I can attest to the diligence of the maintenance staff because you go down Crenshaw it looks like every six months someone has decided to take out one of those trees. Right at the corner of 110th and Crenshaw a big rig came by and took down a tree and a young man was out there at 8 a.m. sawing the tree by himself and this was no small task. I always commend the Parks and Rec staff because they tend to be one of the staff that is so extended and cover so many things that we as residents take for granted. Any accolades that I can give to the Parks and Rec staff I will.

Sabrina Barnes stated I will share that with the staff.

Commissioner Smith asked Sabrina does that end your report or are there any further comments from the staff?

Sabrina Barnes stated there is something regarding the report of current department activities. It has to do with the use of the Roberti Z'berg Harris funding to complete the Transportation Mural Project.

Commissioner Smith stated excuse me Sabrina, can you please repeat that again. You stumbled over that and I didn't get it.

Sabrina Barnes stated it has to do with approving the use of the Roberti Z'berg Harris funds to complete the History of Transportation Mural. On June 21, 2006 the city opened to bid for the construction of the wall and mural panels related to the Grevillea Art Park. This is the final phase for completion of the project. Because of the escalating construction costs and the project delays, the low bid of \$846,719 is almost \$300,000 higher than the available funds received to date from the project. To avoid more costly delays, the construction contract needs to be awarded as soon as possible. It is recommended that the Commission consider approval of the use of Roberti Z'berg Harris 2002 Bond Act Funds which total \$311,674 to complete the Helen Lundeberg History of Mural Transportation and Grevillea Art Park Project. In sharing this with you and making the recommendation, we do want you to know that you had earlier designated these funds for 2 other projects, neither of which have begun. Which with your concurrence, it would be postponed. The projects that you had actually committed this funding to were to provide wind screens at various parks and also for a water feature for Circle Park. These funds are being recommended because at this particular time they are the funds we have available to assist us in completing this project that we had anticipated completing in November of this year. Again this is based on your concurrence and should that be the case, then we will take it to Council and they will need to give their concurrence as well. We needed to present it to you to let you know where we are in the project.

Commissioner Smith stated I think we need to discuss that amongst the Commission. Commissioner Brown do you agree or disagree?

Commissioner Brown stated I would like to hear what some of my colleagues have to say.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Giardina one of those is your project, you need to address it.

Commissioner Giardina stated I am torn because this appears to be happening with every project we have - it either some how falls behind or something happens. We've been waiting for the restrooms at Vincent Park for the longest. Comments tonight reflect how long we have been waiting for doors on newly remodeled restrooms. We all agree as women the importance of doors. I certainly understand the importance of the mural. The project is just a phenomenal project, it is certainly not something we want to hold up. But at the very same time we have waited almost 4 or 5 years for these funds to be earmarked for Circle Park and if we take these funds and we give them to the mural project, the question is where and when and if we would ever have the funds again to try to earmark again. We do have some concerns, I just would like to possible table this until we can talk about it and get some sort of clarification about moving forward, but at the same time find possible resources available to replace the funds that we would be spending because I think that the mural is a phenomenal job and it's certainly something that has to be completed and certainly something in Inglewood, it is a part of our history. I'm so sorry Skip, but I would just like to table it until maybe the next meeting. If possible, we can have a meeting with you and your people to get an idea of where this would really leave us if we earmark these funds for the mural. Then we can have it on the next City Council meeting.

Sabrina Barnes stated I would like for Skip to speak, but I wanted to know if you would like to have a special meeting such that we don't have to wait until next month because we were trying... – interrupted by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, we can do that, but I need to hear from Commissioner Agee as well before we make a decision on anything.

Commissioner Agee stated we've been working on this project for quiet a while. It's expensive and the longer we wait the more it's going to cost. Had we done it a year ago, we wouldn't have to spend all this money that we are spending now. If we wait another 6 months, who knows, the bidding can go up even higher. I sympathize with my colleagues on the Center Park, but this is something that we

have lots of money invested in and I would like it if some of my colleagues would support this so we can get this project finished. Hopefully we can get some money in the future to do Circle Park. I would support any project that staff would bring to do Circle Park, but this right now is really, really important. I am a committee member and I know the price is just being jacked up over time.

Commissioner Smith stated I appreciate everyone's comments and I know this mural had been a project that everyone has been concerned with since the 80's, am I correct Skip?

Skip Halloran stated 1988. Just a little bit of history, in 1988 we couldn't find any funds. Then in 1990 we had a chance to go to the Getty for a planning grant which then led to the ground work for the project. We have been very successful in finding funds. We had all the funds needed that were needed in March, but unfortunately we were unable to get a bidder that was responsive. In the short amount of time from March 1st to June when we opened bids, because we had to go back through the whole process, the cost escalated \$300,000 just in those few months because the cost of construction is going up. As you probably remember, the long panels attached to the wall have to be done exactly the way it was originally done, which means poured in place concrete. Concrete is so expensive. That wall is becoming a major, major cost. Any delays that we have, really puts the project in danger. We kind of looked at this source because we know the project is eligible for this funding. If we can utilize these funds to just push this over the edge and get it done.

Commissioner Smith stated Skip we all sympathize with you, we understand what you are saying, but this was just brought to us today and to make any intelligent decisions we would have to discuss this first we just can't say ok you want it you've got it because we have already earmarked those funds for something else. Now it's going to take how much to complete this mural?

Sabrina Barnes stated almost \$300,000.

Commissioner Giardina asked how much is the grant?

Commissioner Smith stated \$311,000.

Commissioner Giardina stated here is my concern. It's no one's fault I guess for the problem through March and May that no one bided and it's just outrageous to me to think that as we continue to pump money in this, we can earmark this money and still not make the grade because something else happens. How long have we been waiting for the restrooms at Vincent Park? The price of that goes on and on. When it first started, we talked about how adsorbent it was to pay a half a million dollars for two restrooms. Commissioner Agee just went on and on about it. I think as we waited we found out that it was specifically going to be one type of restroom then it turns out to be prefab and going to be

brought in. I don't understand whatever reason this happens. I would just like to take a closer look at who we are bidding this out to. This is such an important restoration project. I think that what we need to do is hold people's feet to the fire that we actually contract with because after we give these people the bids, it just seems like they stall and put us on hold. You know last year we were talking about the jazz festival and bringing the portable potties in, a year later after it's been approved, gone to city council, funded, we still don't have restrooms. It's absurd to think about how much time lapses and there's no real progress. As the Commission we advocate for all these programs, the problem is that we continue to be stalled and I don't see where it ends.

The prices just continue to mount and we still have nothing for the money, except a bigger bill and more excuses. Now this is where we are at, two years later. It's kind of frustrating to us and I'm sure it's frustrating to the mural committee.

Skip Halloran stated we've poured so much money into it.

Commissioner Giardina stated and how much money have we poured into it?

Skip Halloran stated over a million and a half dollars.

Commissioner Smith stated I think what Commissioner Giardina is trying to say is that when you get a contract from someone, that contract should be forceful and binding until it's completed. So what I'm trying to say and I guess Commissioner Giardina is as well, is how come we can't hold these people to their contracts?

Skip Halloran stated we recently did not hire the first group of contractors. We do have a responsible bidder. The bidder is someone who has done work in the city before. The people from Public Works, the surveyors, and everyone believes this contractor will do the job. Upon agreement of the contract, we have 90 days to finish which means if we can just get this going we'll have it done in November. I know that there is money that we need for other things, but they are not at the point where they are ready to go.

Commissioner Smith stated I am sorry for interrupting you, but by when do you have to let them know about their contract? When do you have to let them know before they back out?

Sabrina Barnes stated right now we are looking in terms of our original completion set date, by November of this year. The contract that we are trying to award is to lock them into this dollar amount and if we don't do that the price will continue to climb.

Commissioner Smith stated so when do you need to do that? When is the last day that you can lock them into this amount?

Sabrina Barnes stated we have a window of time.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, we will have a special meeting. When is it ok with you guys?

Commissioner Agee asked can I say something?

Commissioner Smith stated let's just talk about the special meeting and then I'll let you make a comment. A special meeting in a week or two weeks from now?

Commissioner Brown stated that's fine with me.

Commissioner Giardina stated that's fine.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, Commissioner Agee.

Commissioner Agee stated I don't think we should hold this project up, there is a good chance that if we don't get the money now, the price can go up again. This project is old and we've been trying to get it done since 88. We have an opportunity right now to get it done and I can understand the Commission. I fully understand. But sometimes you have to have priorities and right at this time we can bring in restrooms to Centinela Park. The project at Circle Park hasn't started. I would like to see it completed. I don't think that the Commission should hold up this project.

Commissioner Smith stated ok Commissioner Agee I think we all sympathize with this project because this is something we've all wanted to see done. But I have to take the other Commissioners and their districts into consideration. I think our best bet is to have a special meeting and discuss it, just like we are discussing it now. I'll call each of you and we will discuss your view point and we will have a special meeting maybe next week and we can vote on it. But it is to prioritize things. Once you discuss things you will be able to prioritize them and we all know that this is a very important project.

Commissioner Brown stated can I just say something? I concur across the board, but I don't think that one week will jack the price on the contract that much. I think we all will feel very well with our conscious to really look at it. But what I want to make sure happens is let's say we do earmark this money, then I want staff to bring back to me some alternatives to funds for the other projects, then my colleague will feel quite well.

Skip Halloran asked would you be interested in having a meeting with our conservators so that they can answer questions?

Commissioner Smith stated I think what we need is just like what Commissioner Brown said, we need to find out if Sabrina has any idea where the

other funds are going to come from and when we can get our hands on them. Because like I said this is one of Commissioner Giardina's projects and she did say how important this mural is. We just need to have some facts presented to us on how we can get the other projects accomplished as well. Like he said a week is not going to hurt. We'll have a special meeting next week. We will sew this up one way or another and we will have your park done or her mural.

Commissioner Giardina asked can I just say one thing?

Commissioner Smith stated yes.

Commissioner Giardina stated I'd just like to comment because there are so many things that we need. We have deferred and deferred on this Commission, actually pushing projects back. One of my real pet peeves is, as I sit as a Commissioner, to watch how Inglewood has objectives we want to do, we bid them out, bring people in, and we contractly agree and years go by everybody's kind of put on hold. We wait, prices escalate and we still are stuck with dumping money into something we still have not received. I think this mural project is one of the most worthy things to happen in Inglewood in the last 20 years. My problem is a million point five later, we still need another \$850,000 which takes this maybe into almost \$2.5 million. I think as we start to talk about this, this mural as worthy as it is. I can just imagine what we could have done with \$2.5 million, football fields, soccer fields, and water falls. We are all advocating for Inglewood to be better, I am just concerned that some how contractually and maybe we need the City Attorney here to make us understand this, how we can contract with someone for a price and agree on certain specifics and when time comes for them to produce all we have is another bill. We have nothing but another bill that is inflated 3 times of what we originally agree to and it's almost extortion at this point. I just believe that that is absolute crap and at some point legally, someone ought to step in and ask are you not involved in a contract that is binding and how is it that these people extort this money from us and we don't have finished projects. This is no disrespect to the mural; this has to do with us trying to do better business in Inglewood by holding people accountable. City Council and whoever else is involved with making this decision, needs to take a about the business closer look way we are doing Inglewood because our dollars are as good as anyone else's and they should be held to account for the money that we agree on and not have something open as to where they can come back and add \$800,000 to something in order for it to be finished. I just think it's absurd. I don't think that this would be a good time because I don't think we have enough answers here and we probably will go down to a defeat and this Commission is really one of the larger advocates for this program and you can really just trust that we will look at this from every angle and whatever questions we have we will try and make it an intelligent decision and one that I think the public, as well as the community, as well as this body can say we did good business here tonight. You know we are not stups here and we are not morons but we are being treated as though we are morons and illiterates and like we just don't understand business. We understand business very well. When you get into the millions that is really serious business and we are seriously concerned about grant money and where it has gone and how they've used it and the way they have just continued to drag it along and tell you these prices have been inflated and we've got nothing to show for it but a bigger bill. Let me shut up now.

Commissioner Smith stated you said it all.

Commissioner Agee asked can I say something?

Commissioner Smith stated yes Commissioner.

Commissioner Agee in the first place I don't think we have had a binding contract. That is what we are trying to do now, get a binding contract.

Commissioner Giardina stated we should have.

Commissioner Agee stated if we take another week will that affect the contractor we have now.

Sabrina Barnes stated I will answer your question. This project was done in two phases, We first went to a contractor to get the restoration under way, so that is currently in place. Right now, we are not in any type of contract relationship that is where we are trying to get to. Where we are trying to get to with this particular project and I am not discounting what you are saying about other projects because in some instances prices have escalated. But for this particular project, we are just trying to get enter into a contract. The first set of contractors that bid were non-responsive. We were within in budget at that time and now with the rebidding we no longer have enough funds for the project. We believe time is of the essence for a number of reasons. We have a week, but we would ask that you be able to make some type of decision within that week if you can. I'm open to any meetings that you want to have so that we can move the project along.

Commissioner Smith stated I'm going to ask one really stupid question, but when you didn't get responses from the other people who sent in bids, why didn't you continue to look for the people to do the work?

Sabrina Barnes stated we did. We received bids. But in looking at the City's requirements they must meet, they were deemed unresponsive because they did not meet all of the city's requirements. So we had to go back out to bid and it is not a quick process because of the dollar amounts we are taking about. There is a certain amount of time that we must allow for bid walks. They are specifications that go back out to the same and new bidders.

Commissioner Smith stated and we need to understand that process because this is not making sense to me. If someone wants a job, they put in a bid and yes, they have certain requirements for the bid, that's great but it shouldn't take a year for the process to take place.

Sabrina Barnes stated for this particular project phase we are in right now, for the transportation mural project where we are right now, it did not take a year. We opened our first set of bids in March. We were at that point of bidding because the panels are now done.

Commissioner Smith asked ok, when did we initially do all of this? Never mind, we will talk about this later. I appreciate yours and Skip's work, Commissioner Agee's and his committees. We really, really want this mural done, but there are just certain things you are going to have to explain to us before we can deal with this. Let's set up for a meeting, next Thursday. Is that ok with you Commissioner Agee?

Commissioner Agee stated I can come in at any time.

Commissioner Brown stated yes.

Commissioner Giardina stated with being such short notice, can we possibly put this out so that the community and other people who have concerns can come in and make public comments about it?

Commissioner Smith asked at least post it somewhere?

Sabrina Barnes stated we will make sure we have time to get out ample notice.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you.

New Business

Commissioner Agee stated I would like to say something has to be done at about Center Park so that the park can be available to the people in the neighborhood. Right now the people in the neighborhood are not able to use the park. Based on times that I have gone to Center Park, I see people that are in there playing soccer. They are not from Inglewood and I do not know where they come from. That should be a neighborhood park and I would like to see benches and trees installed at Center Park so that they won't have enough room to play soccer. I would like to see that and I'd like for staff to explain if there is going to be anything to that effect.

Sabrina Barnes stated we have given consideration to modifying the grounds at Center Park, reconfiguring and adding benches, trees, what have you.

We submitted that information to the City Administrator's office for his concurrence. We are waiting for a response in terms of confirming that.

Commissioner Smith asked is this something you have talked to the community about or are these plans the city have made up?

Sabrina Barnes stated we have not spoken to the community about this.

Commissioner Agee stated my second request is.

Commissioner Smith asked is this old business or new business?

Commissioner Agee stated this is new business.

Commissioner Smith stated Center Park is old business, because I'm going to get to old business, so is it new or old?

Commissioner Agee stated as far as I am concerned it's new business.

Commissioner Smith stated oh no Commissioner it has to be new business or old.

Commissioner Agee stated it's new. Since we don't have a football field in the City of Inglewood, I would like to request that staff look into the number one diamond at Darby Park and converting that to a football field, and football only because we have 2 soccer fields. They play soccer when they have the turf and then they move to other fields and they tear those up. The football players don't have any fields and I'd like to see the number one diamond changed at Darby Park and football nets installed there, the whole bit.

Commissioner Smith stated the goal posts.

Commissioner Agee stated the goal post, seating, and then lighting. I'd like to see that at Darby Park and I'd like staff to look into that and see if it's possible.

Sabrina Barnes stated in reference to that recommendation as well as to talk about what is happening at Center Park, Commissioner Smith had asked if we could talk to the community and one of the recommendations has been that we further engage the community and that commission take appropriate action based on their response. So with that we are prepared to do that with the recommendations.

Commissioner Smith stated I think all the Commissioners agree to look at Darby Park as being the football field. But I need you to put that down as we've looked and it is a process of elimination here. Commissioner Giardina are you going to speak on new business or are you going to speak on the football field?

Commissioner Giardina stated I'd like to speak on the football field because I am a firm believer that we need to advocate for a football field in Inglewood. I would just caution us that designation only of anything. I believe that these sports are seasonal and certainly when that football field is need, we need to make it available and it certainly needs to designate and that is the time and opportunity for football. I'm against exclusion of any sport in Inglewood. People may need that for something else. If there is a certain time that they will be there and they will be using it and it will be designated for that at that time. But specifically to make that your football field year round I don't believe that that is practical and I think it's exclusionary.

So we really have taken in account that there is an enormous need. We want to make sure that that need is addressed and possibly in this meeting that we have next week, we can talk and attempt to identify real times and needs and try to facilitate them and make sure they are taken care of because I think the groups that we have heard from contract with other people such as the school and really what we need to do is a coordination where we make sure that those resources are there and are being used and we want to make sure we facilitate all the residents in Inglewood.

Commissioner Smith stated I'm sorry I thought we were on the same, I thought we had an agreed to that. But the only reason why I said exclusive and I agree with Agee on that is because we have designated fields for soccer. We have designated fields for baseball, so we do need football.

Commissioner Giardina stated we do.

Commissioner Smith stated I mean that's not saying eliminate a group because we have something for every group, so a football field is only the next logical step because we don't have one in Inglewood anywhere. We don't, not at any park. That's the only reason why I said a football field only because if you don't then you have soccer players from all over go in and to tear up the fields. That is the problem that we are having right now, all the fields we have are being torn up by soccer players while we do have 2 soccer fields.

Sabrina Barnes stated if you don't mind if I ask you to allow some flexibility there. For example, with the soccer field although it is designated as a soccer field, Junior All American is able to practice on it. Making a football field just a football field, when it is not football season, are we asking that it just sit there?

Commissioner Giardina stated exactly.

Commissioner Smith stated if you do make it a field where they can use it when football season is not in play then we need to make sure we have the right kind of turf for it, so we don't have to keep doing this over and over again.

Sabrina Barnes stated our current athletic field policy dictates that the seasonal sport takes the precedent of any reservation. It just so happens the field at Darby Park is termed as a multipurpose field so you can play just about anything on it.

Commissioner Agee asked may I add something?

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Agee stated you had your minutes on new business and I have to keep going down the line, I'll get back to you. Commissioner Brown New business?

Commissioner Brown stated I think that what we are talking about is really old business because we have been talking about fields and Center Park many times and I'm listening to all the debate. I personally would like to see done before we make any power plays, is we need to reconnect ourselves with our district. In the past the Commission has had meetings in those districts and I'd like to propose that we go out to each district and get input from them before we talk about park benches, goal posts and all. Because I love Diane Zambrano but if I don't get her input, then I can't go into my district and do anything. We need to go to the districts get information out to them and I'm looking at dates where I'll, you know we have a lot of residents who want to tell us what they need, but coming to city hall is not convenient to them so let's go to them and bring our city officials so that we have a true map of how we are going to do business and when you get residents behind us some of the monies that we are asking for the murals and all when our politicians see that these people are concerned then monies seem to change. So I'd like to recommend that before we make any major changes that we go to our communities and set up meetings where we can get input from them.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, so we'll have to set up some meetings, maybe at our next meeting we'll set up some meetings to meet with the community. May I have a motion?

Commissioner Brown stated I'd like to move that we go to our Community and get input from them, and then we can move on with our activities and look at fields.

Commissioner Smith stated can I get a second?

Commissioner Giardina stated I second.

Commissioner Smith asked all in favor?

All the Commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, at the next meeting that's when we will set it up.

Sabrina Barnes asked at the special meeting?

Commissioner Smith stated yes, at the next special meeting.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Giardina stated I would just like to say, is this unfinished business did we agree on next Thursday?

Commissioner Smith stated yes.

Commissioner Giardina asked do we have a time?

Commissioner Smith stated 6 p.m.

Sabrina Barnes stated we will call to confirm because what I need to do is make sure that this allows for adequate notice to the public.

Commissioner Smith stated ok. Commissioner Agee unfinished business?

Commissioner Agee asked now can I speak about it?

Commissioner Smith stated yes you can speak.

Commissioner Agee stated first I'd like to read an ordinance.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Agee this is unfinished business? This is unfinished business correct?

Commissioner Agee stated ok.

Commissioner Smith stated go ahead and read the ordinance. I don't want to stop you from reading the ordinance. It may help us out in our decision making.

Commissioner Agee stated ordinance number 2397 5-5-81 reads as play or engage in any baseball, softball, football, soccer-ball, volleyball or other game excepting at such places as shall be especially designated or set apart for that purpose; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring such written permission for such informal games as "Catch," "Toss Ball," no more than four people.

Commissioner Smith asked what ordinance is that?

Commissioner Agee stated that is ordinance 2397 5-5-81. The next one is 88-11 6-28-88 ordinance 99-1-11-26

Commissioner Smith stated can you repeat that 2nd ordinance.

Commissioner Agee stated 88 11 6-28-88. In the first place soccer is played 12 months out of the year. They destroy the park before football gets there. Football has to play on the dirt once it gets there and that is not fair. I'm not knocking soccer, but I'm also for football. If we are going to supply soccer fields, we should at least have one football field in the city that soccer is not able to destroy. If you are going to bring soccer in there then you might as well just open the whole thing.

The people who play soccer in Inglewood, most of them aren't from the City. I'm talking about little league football, these kids are from Inglewood. Soccer, they don't speak English. I've talked to football players that have to go to Culver City to play soccer because in Inglewood they don't speak English. I don't understand what is going on. I think that the field is not level and I'd like to see staff doing something about it. I'm in these parks everyday. I know what's going on out there and I know that these little kids that play football, I know they aren't being treated right. They don't have the opportunity. You have adult soccer players who are destroying these parks and if you don't believe me, just go out there and watch them. Go to Darby Park on Sunday afternoon and see what's going on. They don't pay there and I'm sure at Center Park they don't pay either. I doubt staff really knows what's going on at Center Park. Football players have to pay, and baseball players have to pay. They all have to pay. Soccer players just go in anytime they want to, it's not right. I want to see Inglewood treat everyone equal including the soccer players. We can't afford to supply turf field for soccer all year round, we can't afford it. The city would go broke.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Commissioner Agee and we all sympathize with you. I agree with your comments, but like Commissioner Brown said we have to get the community involved and until we can get that done, we can't make decisions on anything.

Commissioner Agee stated I am not asking for a vote tonight.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, because we want to get the community involved and ask them what they want to see in these parks.

Commissioner Agee stated you've got community right here who have spoken already tonight.

Commissioner Smith stated yes, but we want go out to their parks, where there are more than just five people. Commissioner Giardina, do you have any comments?

Commissioner Giardina stated I would just like to say that I think we are all intelligent people here and I believe the city is a city of inclusion not a city of

exclusion. What I would like to see is any park that we designate for a particular sport that we maintain it and keep it up to quality so someone can appreciate and enjoy it and when it is football season this commission as well as this city as well as the people who will use it will expect it to be what it is supposed to be and in a manner that we are accustom to keeping our park where it will be habitable. useable and will provide a very professional event for who ever it is that is using it. We would like to guarantee that for any sport that we are providing if in fact we find it being over used for soccer or whatever it is that is destroying the field. Usage will have to be curtailed in order for us to restore it to whatever state it should be in order for the kids to play football successfully and injury free bring it to them in a matter which they would be accustom to having that field in the condition. I think that that is something that should just be understood and agreed upon by everyone here that we would not give our football, soccer, baseball or basketball players any inferior ground to operate on. Whatever it is we have to do to bring it up, we will bring it up to their quality it should be with that I think that we just need to understand that that is something that we all expect and something that we will try to make sure is enforced throughout the whole year for every person using that field.

Commissioner Smith asked Commissioner Agee any comments?

Commissioner Agee stated once you spend some time in these parks, you'll see what's going on.

Commissioner Giardina stated I spend time in the parks.

Commissioner Agee stated and then you can understand what I'm trying to say. These little black kids don't have a place to play in the parks. Soccer players do not speak English, they can't play with them. The field is not level. I'm concerned about these football players that are growing up here in Inglewood that need a decent place as well as the soccer players. I'm not trying to do a way with soccer. Soccer is 12 months out of the year; football is 3 or 4 months.

Commissioner Smith stated I understand and I really sympathize with you at this point, but we are all going to make that decision. Like you said, you are not looking for a decision tonight and the decision will be made.

If there is no further comments from staff.

Diane Zambrano asked can she speak?

Commissioner Smith stated no. If there is no further comment from staff.

Arrick Turner stated I have one comment.

Diane Zambrano stated with all due respect Commissioner.

Commissioner Smith stated excuse me, no you are out of order Zambrano. Go ahead Arrick.

Arrick Turner stated I would just like to suggest the empty lot across from Rogers Park. I don't know who owns it, but it's been vacant for 10 years. That can be a possible sight for a football field. It would be beneficial to have 2 football fields in the city.

Commissioner Giardina stated excellent suggestion.

Commissioner Smith stated I'm going to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All in Favor?

Commissioner Agee and Commissioner Giardina both stated I.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.