

A special meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was convened on January 10, 2013 in Community Room A located in the City Hall. Commissioner Willie Agee, presiding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Willie Agee, Chair – Commissioner at Large
Commissioner Bill Sanders – District One
Commissioner Cynthia McLemore – District Three
Commissioner Taylor Irby – District Four

Absent:

Commissioner Norma Smith – District Two

Staff:

Sabrina Barnes, Director
Stephanie Maldonado, Administrative Aide
Rita Gardner, Parks Superintendent
Arrick Turner, Recreation Supervisor

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2012. Minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Sanders, Agee, McLemore and Irby
Nays: None

Public Comments

None

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report regarding the installation of artificial turf at Edward Vincent Jr. Park requesting that the Commission discuss and make their recommendation. The item was discussed and Commissioner Agee made a motion that the two (2) fields be separated with field #1 being the field closest to the restrooms and field #2 being the field on the south side. He noted Field #2 should be fitted with artificial turf to be used by low to moderate income residents of the City of Inglewood and 100% funded by CDBG funds and used as a soccer field only. Field #1 should be known as a multipurpose field and fitted with permanent fixtures to accommodate semi-professional football play, track and field, etc. funded by the city and will not have restricted use to the field.

The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Sanders, Agee, McLemore and Irby

Nays: None

Sabrina Barnes gave a verbal report for Human Services regarding the Thanksgiving collection which provided food for 182 families and the Gifts from the Wall campaign which provided gifts to 228 individuals.

Rita Gardner gave a report regarding the North Park restroom construction project stating it is almost complete and anticipates restrooms opening by the end of February. She also informed the Commission that the Vincent Park Lighting project is being discussed and will meet with a professional contractor to discuss the scope of work. A tree trimming scheduled for the months of January, February and March was given to all the Commissioners.

Arrick Turner gave a report regarding the Martin Luther King celebration being held at Crozier Middle School on January 19th with services in the auditorium from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the field. He gave information on guitar classes held at Darby Park and youth basketball signups (flyers for each item discussed were distributed to each Commissioner).

Public Comments

Commissioner Anne LaRose (of the Arts Commission) stated the Inglewood Black Hawks who have won their 4th National Championship would embrace the field at Vincent Park (referring to the proposed artificial turf field# 2). She requested for event/program flyers be distributed to the four (4) Police Community Centers on a weekly or monthly basis. Commissioner Agee asked Commissioner La Rose for an update on the Fox Theater. Commissioner La Rose stated it is in the beginning phase of talks with the owners of the Fox in hopes to restore and convert it into a multipurpose event and entertainment venue.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Irby thanked Mr. Turner and Ms. Gardner for their reports.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.