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A meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was convened on June 5, 2014 in the Council Chambers located on the 9th floor in 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 Halimah Ginyard – District One
Commissioner Juanita Withrow – District Two
Commissioner Cynthia McLemore – District Three
Commissioner Gene Eldridge – District Four

Staff:

Sabrina Barnes, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director
Stephanie Maldonado, Administrative Aide
Craig Civitello, Lead Park Maintenance Worker
Michael Davis, Acting Recreation Superintendent
Michelle Jordan, Care Management Supervisor

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes for May 2014 was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members authorize the filing of a grant application for various park projects under the 2014 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program.

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to authorize filing of the grant and was seconded by Commissioner Withrow. Commissioner Withrow asked if there will be other work done at the Veteran's Building. Ms. Barnes stated she will address her question at the back end of the meeting. Commissioner Ginyard asked if the City will have any commitment to the County of Los Angeles for this money. Ms. Barnes explained that it is a competitive grant for residual funds that are available. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Ginyard, Withrow, Agee, McLemore and Eldridge
Nays: None

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Craig Civitello gave an update on the following items on behalf of the Parks Division:

- Vincent Park Lighting Improvement Project: taking place at the tennis courts and is currently under construction
- Darby Park Lighting Improvement Project: preconstruction meeting with Edison and the contractor was held and construction is expected to begin 6/23/14.

Sabrina Barnes mentioned the Siminski Park fencing project was approved by Council and we anticipate having that project underway in the next 4-6 weeks. She also invited the Commissioners to go and take a look at the Darby Art Action mural that is now underway at Darby Park.

Michael Davis gave a report on behalf of the Recreation Division regarding the following item:

- Youth Baseball: Registration for the City's Youth Baseball league will be close on Saturday, June 21. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$34 for non-residents. Practices will be held once a week and all games will be played on Saturdays at Ed Vincent, Rogers and Darby Parks.

Commissioner Eldridge suggested a raise in the non-resident fees. Sabrina Barnes stated the fees that are in place have been set for a number of years and we have gone through several cycles of looking at the fee structure. We are hopeful that fees will be adjusted in the new budget.

Michelle Jordan gave an update on the following items on behalf of the Human Services division:

- Healthy, Happy & Whole: Inglewood Cheerful Givers from the Heart Neighborhood Action Council held their annual caregiver pamper day on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The event was attended by a little over 175 participants throughout the day. Caregivers received a free massage, manicure, won raffles and had an opportunity to go into the meditation room and enjoy the peace and quiet. Special thanks to Commissioner Eldridge for his donations and kind words to the caregivers. Additionally, Congresswoman Maxine Waters attended and delivered words of support and appreciation to the caregivers. At the end of the event *Because I'm Happy* by Pharrell Williams was played and people danced around the auditorium.
- Care Management: The City of Inglewood received the Supportive Services Program grant for the next four years (2014-2018). This grant will allow Care Managers to continue to delivering services to clients in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lennox and portions of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Withrow asked if the component for the calories and dietary intake was included in June's senior meal menu. Ms. Jordan stated she believes they are trying to get it ready for July.

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Sabrina Barnes stated we have interviewed and made an offer to a candidate for the Food Service Manager position and if all goes well that person will be on board mid-July.

Public Comments

Stewart Bailey thanked Ms. Barnes and her staff for getting the turf installed and thanked staff for their hard work and dedication.

Jim Withrow asked for details on resurfacing of the tennis courts at North Park. Ms. Barnes stated the intent is to recoat the surface.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Eldridge thanked Sabrina Barnes and her staff for the Veteran's Day ceremony. Commissioner McLemore thanked staff for their reports. Commissioner Withrow thanked Ms. Barnes for putting together the grant proposal so quickly and thanked her and her staff for their hard work. Commissioner Ginyard spoke about the Health Fair that took place at Darby Park and would like the city to get back to having its own Health Fair. She too thanked staff for their work. Commissioner Agee thanked Ms. Barnes for the awesome job at the 66th Annual Memorial Day Service. Ms. Barnes stated it was actually planned by Ms. Estrada and she will make sure she knows everyone appreciated it. Commissioner Agee hopes the city is able to obtain the grant and asked for an update on the tennis courts and the Playhouse. Ms. Barnes stated she appreciates when everyone compliments what she has done but know she doesn't do it by herself. She acknowledged the work of her staff. With regards to the tennis program, she indicated the proposal is still under review and noted her current understanding is that we cannot offer anything to the gentleman directly but we can allow him to compete for the opportunity along with anyone else and may the best project win. The playhouse contract is still in the hands of Clark Construction. We have not yet received their construction schedule.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.