

The monthly meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 6, 2003 at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Conference Room, located on the 5th floor of Inglewood City Hall. Chairperson Ralph Franklin presiding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairperson Ralph Franklin Commissioner Frank Wilson Commissioner Willie Agee Commissioner Norma Smith Commissioner Leticia Victorino

Also Present:

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department:

Sandra Green, Administrative Secretary
James Henry, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Tanya Perry, Special Enforcement Officer Supervisor
Luz Napoles, Program Assistant (Inglewood Senior Center)

MINUTES

Motion for approval of minutes made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Agee. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sandra Green presented the Commission with packets of information and flyers of different programs provided at various recreational sites. The Department recently revised and submitted the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Recovery Action Plan, which details the conditions of various parks and the services provided. The document is an ongoing work and the next project will be an assessment that will be conducted via survey. Commissioners should fill out the survey and return to the main office.

Commissioner Victorino asked if there are any Spanish surveys available?

Sandra Green said she would ask.

Commissioner Franklin asked when is the due date and what is the purpose of the survey?

Sandra Green said the purpose of the survey is for the Recovery Action Plan and she would get back to him with a due date.

Commissioner Victorino asked if the surveys would be mailed to City residents?

Sandra Green said no, the surveys would be available at various park sites.

Charlie Morgenstern said that some projects have been completed and others are underway: Completed Projects:

Basketball and Tennis Courts at Rogers and Ashwood Parks.

Capitol Improvement Projects through the Public Works Department that are underway:

- Soccer Stadium (Bidding Process)
- Playgrounds at North and Queen Street Park
- Re-surfacing swimming pools at Vincent Park
- Replacing chain link fence at Center Park

The Department is also gathering information for the skate parks. The irrigation system at Vincent Park is over 31 years old and will soon be replaced for better looking greener grass.

Commissioner Agee said the grass is dying due to the soil at the soccer fields located at Vincent Park. Is there a different soil that could be used?

Charlie Morgenstern said the soccer field has never been re-sodded but it has been re-seeded.

James Henry said the dying grass has to do with the history of usage between the adults and the youth.

Commissioner Agee said the soccer players are destroying the fields.

Commissioner Franklin said there have been numerous problems with bandits jumping over the fences. Will that be safeguarded while the fields are under repair?

Charlie Morgenstern said the soccer field fences are high but nothing is 100% safe or vandal proof.

Commissioner Franklin asked what is the estimated time for the fields to be sodded?

Charlie Morgenstern stated 60 to 90 days.

James Henry stated approximately 6 months or whatever time is necessary to ensure proper conditioning of the field.

Commissioner Franklin said there was a concern that the fields were being used prematurely. Have they considered allowing only youth to use the fields and not the adults?

James Henry said no, they have not considered it but he will look into it.

Commissioner Franklin said maybe the fields should be re-evaluated. Also will the three (3) new skate parks be up and running by Fall 2003?

Charlie Morgenstern said there is not a specific date yet. Public Works is also working on the project. The basketball courts at Rogers Park have been renovated and are open to the public. The Park Section has received a lot of good feed back from the residents.

Luz Napoles mentioned different programs available through the Senior Center such as Nutrition Services, Transportation and Caregivers Programs. There will be a retreat for the Caregivers in Palos Verdes on Friday, March 7, 2003. Assistance for loved ones will be provided for those who would like to attend this retreat. Between now and the month of July, meetings will be held regarding different concerns and topics that the senior citizens might have.

Commissioner Agee said that is fantastic.

Commissioner Franklin asked what is the status of the development for the new Senior Center?

Luz Napoles answered, that has not been finalized yet. As far as decision making, they have looked at various locations, for example the old Kaiser Building, the Veteran's Building or a facility that can provide nutritional services.

Commissioner Wilson asked if relocation will be done this year or next year and is the funding available?

Luz Napoles answered relocation will possibly be next year and funding is not yet available.

Sandra Green said that at the last meeting, they spoke about graffiti coating and gave an example of how to remove graffiti from park signs.

Commissioner Franklin asked if the graffiti coating used for the walls is the same one they use on metal signs?

Sandra Green responded she wasn't sure but would get back to them with information.

Commissioner Franklin asked what is the life expectancy of the coating?

Sandra Green answered about ten (10) years.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Agee mentioned that someone keeps jumping on the turfs and spinning their wheels on the grass at Darby Park and it could probably be the security. There should be poles posted so the cars can't go through.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Franklin said the signatures on the petition regarding smoke-free parks are not completed. An address should be added to verify if the person is an actual City resident. The Commission invited the Smoke-Free representatives to bring up their concerns before the City Council. City Council meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Smith said to make sure the citizens who sign the petition are registered voters.

COMMISSION SUGGESTIONS, REPORTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner Wilson mentioned the employees are doing a good job of keeping the graffiti down at Queen Park.

Commissioner Smith asked what were the prizes for the Holiday Decorating Contest winners?

Commissioner Agee said:

- > 1st prize-winners received a blue ribbon with a dinner certificate for four (4) at Coley's restaurant
- ➤ 2nd prize-winner received a red ribbon
- ➤ 3rd prize-winners received a yellow ribbon
- > Group prize winners received blue ribbons and certificates of recognition

Commissioner Smith suggested the prizes received should be something other than just a ribbon because these people spend a lot of time and energy working on the decorations.

Commissioner Victorino congratulated staff for the wonderful job done at Ashwood and Siminski Parks.

Commissioner Agee said when the employees are happy they do a good job.

Commissioner Franklin encourages the Commission to continue the good work and go out and visit parks and make recommendations.

Meeting was adjourned a 6:58 p.m. Motion for Adjournment was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Agee.

The next Commission Meeting will be held March 6, 2003 at the 9th Floor Council Chambers.