

A special community meeting was held by the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission and was convened on Friday, September 8, 2006, at the ICOP Center on 2901 W. Manchester Boulevard in the City of Inglewood. Commissioner Norma Smith presiding called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

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
Sandra Green-Hilliard, Administrative Secretary

Public Comments

Commissioner Smith stated I call for public comments. Anyone who wishes to speak may come up.

Commissioner Giardina stated there is an error on new business; Center Park should be Circle Park.

Commissioner Smith stated anyone wishing to address Circle Park or Darby Park may please come forward.

Mari Morales stated I just have one thing I'd like to address, something negative that happened to me. My name is Mari Morales and last month I had a block party for the kids in my neighborhood and I had a bad experience with Darby Park and Rogers Park and that is the reason why I am here because I want to address the problem and see if in the future the service will be better. I work in Santa Monica and I called both parks. First I called Rogers Park and spoke to Greg and I told him that I was in Santa Monica, can he give me some information and he said no you have to come to the park because I can not give you information over the phone. I drove from Santa Monica, I almost killed myself and got to the park and he told me I can't give you any information because I don't have the calendar told me to come back Wednesday. I go back Wednesday and the same story, I don't have the calendar come back another day. I told him that he was very, very unprofessional. I went to Darby Park. I walk in and there was a gentleman who was at the desk and said to go around and talk to the gentleman who is in the office.

I knocked on the door and this person opens the door and says what do you want. I said well I need to speak to you regarding some tables and chairs. I walked into the office and it's dark and he is watching TV and I said can you help me and he said I am helping you. I said can you turn the lights on and he said I'm trying to conserve energy and I said you are not very professional because it is just you and I alone at 6 p.m. and this room is very dark. He said just tell me what you want and I said no, no, no, I'll come back tomorrow and then I walked out and he came behind me laughing and said no ma'am what do you want? I said I told you before you are not professional. Anyway I talked to him and I laughed and I laughed because I thought the situation was funny since he was watching TV in the dark. Anyway I left with no information and I came back and someone gave me the name Mario Smith and I called him and he never called me. I called back again and finally someone called me. The experience was, that I finally got to reserve the tables and the chairs but it was a nightmare. When they told me I had to return the tables and the chairs I said ok so I got to the park around 730p.

Commissioner Smith stated Ms. Morales, can you speed it up, you've got one more minute.

Mari Morales stated ok sure. Then I returned the tables and the chairs and I asked for help because I didn't have anyone to help me that early in the morning. Everyone was following the rules that day and they said they could not help me unload the truck. I thought for them to help me they would be following the rules. But I want to tell you also the 2 employees that are very, very nice are Jimmy Gough, very sweet and John Kent. If it wasn't for these 2 employees I would not have gotten the tables and the service that I received. I am so happy that you are having this meeting because I was very upset. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Smith asked can you repeat the names for me?

Mari Morales stated sure, Jimmy Gough and John Kent, very, very professional.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you.

Sabrina Barnes asked you wouldn't happen to have the name of the individual that you spoke to at Darby Park?

Mari Morales stated I asked for his name and he said to just tell Mr. Smith that I have been here for 24 years.

Commissioner Agee stated excuse me, can you describe the gentleman?

Commissioner Smith stated I didn't call on you.

Commissioner Agee stated I'm just asking her a question.

Commissioner Smith stated well you need to be recognized before you ask a question.

Commissioner Agee stated for some reason I'm not recognized here, I just want to ask her one question.

Commissioner Smith stated go ahead Commissioner Agee.

Commissioner Agee stated can you describe the person.

Mari Morales stated it was a tall African American. I tried to get information and all he said was he had been there for 24 years.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Brown, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Brown stated we hope that that incident will not stop you from participating. Sometimes things like that do happen and we are just very happy that you brought it to our attention and of course the staff here will definitely look into it and handle it in a very professional way.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Giardina.

Commissioner Giardina stated I just have the same sentiments as Commissioner Brown. I believe that the majority of the employees are outstanding and exceptional and so in my opinion that is something that we need to look into because that is the audity - ?. Most people are treated courteously and professionally and I'm sorry that you had that experience ma'am.

Commissioner Smith asked are there any further comments or statements from the community?

A resident asked do we get a chance to speak about other things at the park.

Commissioner Giardina stated because tonight is a Community Meeting we will welcome your comments and if we don't get to them during the meeting, we will be here after the meeting and answer any questions that you have.

Commissioner Brown stated my contention is that we had an experience last night and I'm hoping that the residents that are here tonight are here to talk about improvements that we can make in District One. I hope that this doesn't turn into a bashing of anyone's point because we need the input so we can go before the City Council with some very positive recommendations. So anything else outside those doors please leave it and give us any information that we can use and be productive with, that's what I would hope.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Agee your feelings.

Commissioner Agee stated Ms. Barnes heard the question and I'm sure she'll take care of it.

Commissioner Smith stated Sabrina back to you.

Sabrina Barnes stated my name is Sabrina Barnes and I'm acting here tonight on behalf of our Director Kevin Hawkins. Just would like to speak to you on things that are going on in parks and in this area. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department consists of 4 divisions and they are Parks Administration. That is the section that is charge with the green space, the upkeep of trees and park grounds. We have our Human Services division and they are responsible for our senior and youth services and that is the body that runs our senior center and also in charge of programming for our youth such as tutoring and after school programs. We have our Community Beautification program and they are charged with our Code Enforcement of the residential and business areas as well as graffiti abatement and finally we have our Recreation Division and they are charged with the recreational, cultural and sports program throughout the city, our various recreational centers and our parks. What are we doing? In terms of our Human Services division if you are not aware, we recently relocated our senior center. The city is in the process of demolition the existing building and also bringing a new senior center to the city. In preparation for that we had to vacate the site at Locust Street and we are now housing our essential services and our hot meal program at the Veteran's Building at 330 W. Centinela. The hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The seniors partake in the various activities that they are accustom to, however some of the programs and activities have been relocated to park sites. So for example, the inspirational choir would meet at the senior center on Locust, they now meet at Rogers Park. The schedules have been slightly modified to accommodate the space we have at the Veteran's Building, but the essential services again, some of the case management services, the hot meal program and the information and referral is located at the Veteran's Building. We are proud to report that there has been no loss of hours or loss of jobs with the relocation. We have been able to modify schedules as well as employee staff to make sure that that was the case. The area is now divided into three, our care management services will be relocated to offices in Downtown Inglewood area and our Transportation section has been relocated to the bus center on Market Street. If you are familiar with the venue all of the numbers will remain the same so there's no need to wonder if we have changed names or numbers. We changed a few locations, but if you are trying to get information you can call the same number you are familiar with and if all else fails you are always welcome to call us at our main office (310) 412-8750 and you will be referred to the proper body. Regarding our Parks Maintenance section, that section has been quite, quite busy. They are in charge again with the removal of trees, cutting of trees, the upkeep of the park grounds; they have also been working on several irrigation projects as well as help with some of the modifications at the Veteran's Building. They are also working on landscaping with the remodeling of the Inglewood Library.

If you have concerns or issues regarding your trees or grounds again feel free to call and staff will be assigned to investigate and report findings.

Our Recreation Division. We are charged with providing recreational and cultural programs for families starting with our pre school program and we also have classes and activities for seniors. We recently culminated our summer activities; we served over 400 youth in our Summer Day Camp that was located in all of the Districts. Our swim program was successful. We were also able to offer swimming at Morningside High through our partnership with the Inglewood Unified School District. On Monday we began registration and orientation for our traditional programs such as our pre school program and our after school program. We have 9 after school recreation programs that we run on Inglewood Unified School District property. We also have after school recreation programs at various parks, the Boys and Girls clubs as well as programs that range from tutoring and computer classes. Our sports, we are in the process of doing registration for our football season. We just culminated youth baseball and now we will be registration for our football season on September 5-23. Finally we are preparing for one of the city's signature event and that is the Inglewood Celebrates the Arts Market Street Festival which takes place along Market Street from Florence Ave to Hillcrest. It includes our 32nd Annual Classic Car Show; we have 3 stages, vendors of arts & crafts plus public information. We invite you to partake in it. If you were unable to take part in our Jazz Festival this past weekend we invite you to mark your calendar because we expect it to be back next year. We had a very successful Jazz Festival in partnership with South Bay Entertainment, we served as a co-sponsor. It was very well attended and we are pleased to report that there were no incidents. With that, that includes my brief report in all that we do. And to Ms. Morales, again on behalf of the Department I do want to apologize for that experience, it is not acceptable. I will be speaking to the staff and advising our Director of this.

Arleen Barber asked are you over the trees in the neighborhood?

Sabrina Barnes stated correct, on the public right of way, not on private property such as in your yard.

Arleen Barber stated the trees at 8611 & 8617 need to be trimmed.

Commissioner Smith stated Mrs. Barber can you wait until after all the reports have been made and then we can address any issues you have?

Arleen Barber stated yes ma'am.

Commissioner Smith stated ok thank you. Commissioner Agee any comments?

Commissioner Agee stated no.

Commissioner Giardina stated no comments.

Commissioner Brown stated no.

Commissioner Smith stated I would like to call for approval of the minutes of August 10, 2006 special meeting.

Commissioner Giardina stated I make a motion we approve the minutes of August 10, 2006.

Commissioner Brown stated I second.

Commissioner Smith stated it has been moved and second that we approve the minutes of August 10th, special commissioner meeting. All in favor.

All Commissioners stated I.

Commissioner Smith stated all opposed? Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Giardina stated I would just like to thank everybody for coming out. This is a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. We meet the first Thursday of every month at City Hall in the City Council Chambers at 6 p.m. We are kind of tucked away there and there are issues that we believe the community would like to speak on and information that we believe should go out to the community and so we felt it necessary to come to the community and have an outreach meeting if you will to try and help educate the community about a lot of the services that are provided by Parks and Recreation because I do believe that they provide an excellent service to our community. Unfortunately there are these small exceptions, but I do believe overall they do a phenomenal job and our community reflects it in the beauty and the way our trees are maintained. Overall I believe our parks are some of the most beautiful parks overall in California. I just wanted to thank everyone for coming tonight.

Commissioner Smith stated Mrs. Barber; we can have your comments now.

Arleen Barber stated the trees in front of my property need to be trimmed.

Commissioner Smith stated can you please come up.

Commissioner Giardina asked what is your address?

Arleen Barber stated 8611 and 8617 2nd Avenue.

Commissioner Smith stated ok Mr. Mayor we are ready for you.

James Burke stated my name is James Burke and I live at 3516 E. 83rd Street. She has the same problem that I had for sometime. I don't get chairs and tables from them for the same reason that when you go there you get these young guys and they act like it's not their job. Not by choice but yesterday I went by Big Street over at the park and they were shooting a movie and the kids were glad to be working there, but when it comes down to the older people in the neighborhood and the ladies, they won't help you. I have a friend of mine and he is 78 years old and we have to unload those tables and chairs by ourselves and they are just laughing and talking and if you know me, I be up there cussing. I don't want them to do no more work then they have to but at least they can help out the elderly. I don't want them to help me, because frankly that means I'm old. But what they are there for is to serve the community, that's what they are supposed to do.

Commissioner Smith asked you rented chairs?

James Burke stated tables and chairs.

Commissioner Smith asked has anyone thought about going to the Director with these things when they happen? She is sitting right there. She would like to hear about those things.

James Burke stated jokingly we don't get along too good.

Commissioner Smith stated I can't imagine that.

James Burke stated they say you can't tell them what to do and it's unfortunate. I know you get paid and you get paid by us.

Commissioner Smith stated that is not acceptable. Sabrina will you address that please.

Sabrina Barnes stated I do want to comment and add as the Commissioner said please let us know we can't correct issues that one we don't know about them. The things that we are becoming aware of --- We are in the business of serving our motto is Communicate, Cooperate and Coordinate Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs. We can not do that if we are not as one with the community. So we welcome knowing what the problems are so that we can provide a solution. It is not acceptable that we don't serve, so with that I get to go back and share this and talk to the staff. From the time that they are on the clock, whatever relates to our Department is their business whether it is a table or a chair, a piece of trash in the lobby, whatever the case may be, it is their business to be concerned.

Commissioner Smith stated and you guys should be treated like you are paying their salary. I believe you were next.

Laverne Mann stated I was just going to mention as far as the attendance goes tonight, I just received my notice on Wednesday because usually if there is a meeting I let the people from the block club know, but I wasn't able to let everyone know.

Commissioner Smith asked Sabrina, do you have her name and address? We'll make sure that you get notice way in advance or fax me that way when I have a block club meeting I can pass it out.

Commissioner Giardina stated I apologize for the short notice because we were in District 4 last night and they had a rousing turn out and so this looks a little shabby on our part but with a little short notice, I do appreciate the people who came. I think that there are some significant issues and again I don't believe that that is acceptable I think what we have to look forward to is just trying to make them aware that this is a problem and that it is not acceptable and we expect everyone to be treated with dignity and respect. Like Sabrina said, that is what we are here for. to serve. We will talk to them and hopefully it will improve.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Ms. Mann. Your name please.

Mary Beal stated I'm with the 10th and 11th Ave block club, one block from Darby Park. What arrangements does Darby Park have with the Police patrolling the parking lot after closing time? Is that every night? What is the procedure?

Commissioner Smith stated Sabrina will you answer that please.

Sabrina Barnes stated recently, I would say within the last 3 or 4 months we've actually began locking the grounds. We had not been locking the grounds because we would have individuals that would still be walking the track late hours of the night. However, the park itself closes at 10 p.m. We've begun to lock the grounds and we do ask for added patrol so the police goes through and surveys the area. If increased patrol is necessary we can also ask for that but as a part of their routine police is suppose to monitor the area and staff is charged with once they leave the park at 10 p.m. making sure the gates are locked in the parking lot so cars can not sit or congregate or hang out inside the park.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Agee do you have any comments or questions?

Commissioner Agee stated what are we talking about?

Commissioner Smith stated we are talking about the gates at Darby Park.

Commissioner Agee stated I am very sure Ms. Barnes is listening, she is very qualified and I'm sure she will take care of these problems.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Giardina do you have any questions or comments?

Commissioner Giardina stated I just want to ask you Ms. Beal, does there appear to be a problem with the park being locked, lack of patrol or you do see it?

Mary Beal stated I have not seen anything recently. I'd say maybe 6 months ago there appeared to be maybe a car club or something and they would come down Arbor Vitae to the light at Crenshaw and not stop. But I haven't noticed them there in the last few months.

Commissioner Giardina asked do you notice the police patrolling? Rarely, sometimes, frequently?

Mary Beal stated I've never noticed.

Commissioner Giardina stated so possibly what we should do is request that there be a little more visible patrolling through Darby Park, is that what you are asking for?

Mary Beal stated yes. There are a lot of teens that live in Holly Park Knolls and my suspicion is that there is something going on in those apartments and they hang out around Arbor Vitae and the entrance to the park, so I guess something maybe going down. So yes they should.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Brown do you have any comments or questions?

Commissioner Brown stated I'm just impressed with the outreach. For once we decided to bring the Commission to the Community verses you coming way to City Hall to meet with us at 6 p.m. even though we've only talked about a few minor things like patrolling and behavior of staff. But all of that works to make what we have as a very collective effort on behalf of the Commission, staff and the City Officials and I am hoping that since we had a meeting last night that we will find time to come back again so that we stay sharp and that we are not making decisions down there and bringing them to you verses getting your feelings so that it is a team approach in terms of how we address needs of both our youth, seniors our young adults and all. With that in mind, with only one person here tonight I'm still gratified.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Commissioner Brown. Any further comments or questions?

A resident stated he made a statement; it would be nice if you would come to the community at least twice a year.

Commissioner Agee stated will you please recognize this man here.

Commissioner Smith stated Commissioner Agee when you become chair you can tell me that. What is your name sir?

Donald Charles stated my name is Donald Charles with the 83rd Street block club and I live at 3017 w. 83rd Street. It seems to me and maybe I'm wrong, that the trees on the curb in the neighborhood are not systematically trimmed anymore, am I correct? It seems like you have to call them so they come through.

Sabrina Barnes stated I am going to acknowledge that that is some times the case, because tree trimming process is on a cycle. The city has over I believe 120,000 trees and typically the trees are trimmed every 2 years. If it gets beyond that then you should definitely be calling. But we have tree crews and they are all charged in a specific district and they trim in those areas. In the event that a truck might go down they may pulled off of that route and it kicks them back a little bit, but for the most part there is a tree trimming schedule. We actually post on our website so you can pull it up and actually see where the tree trimmers are if your neighborhood or on your block.

Donald Charles stated it seems like to me and I've been living here for 30 years, like the service is getting worse and worse, you know what I mean? I've been trying to get the tree in front of my curb that has grown down into the sewer at least every 16 months. I've been Downtown many times and I was told by the engineer well I guess 5 years ago, he was telling me that I would have to get a private person to do that part of the sewer up to my lawn. I asked him where my main was, I thought it was in the middle of the curb and he said no it's in the center of the street. So he said I had to get a private company to dig that up and I said why you don't let me cut the tree down and he had a fit so I said what am I suppose to do.

Commissioner Smith asked is the tree in the parkway?

Donald Charles stated yes. They give me some kind of brown solution and that does me no good.

Commissioner Smith asked can you give her your name and address so she can take care of that because that should not be happening and it shouldn't be on you to incur the expense.

Donald Charles stated the engineer told me I would have to do it then sue the city.

Commissioner Giardina stated I am the Commissioner here in District One. So if you have a pen I can give you my number.

There are a number of ficus trees are planted in District One that have outgrown the whole sidewalk as a result, has broken the sidewalk. They have actually come out trimmed the roots, replaced the sidewalk. They've broken the new sidewalk and they have come out because it's continues. Then they, which I find extremely insulting because they think it is a quick fix, they put this black asphalt on the concrete. Which is just outrageous? Most of the people I know who live here, myself included when we find a problematic tree of that magnitude, where it begins to interrupt your plumbing and break the sidewalk then what I do as a Commissioner, I actually make a request to the Parks Superintendent and they come out look at the tree and in most cases the trees are overgrown and we ask that that tree be removed an replace with a more appropriate tree for the size of the breeze way. I'd like to give you my number now it's 213-447-5281. I'll repeat that, its 213-447-5281 and this is my last name Giardina. What we can do is if it really turns out to be a very problematic situation, we have a lot of seniors in District One and then the concrete becomes a problem for the elderly and the people in the wheelchairs when they walk they trip and bust their head open so if it becomes a problem, we make a request so that they can come out of rotation give it a look to have the tree removed.

Commissioner Smith stated hopefully before it becomes a problem.

Donald Charles stated they repaired the sidewalk, but it's in my sewer line.

Commissioner Smith stated the other thing I want you guys to understand also is we have a lot of block clubs and seniors live on your block and then you need to have your trees trimmed so you can watch out for each other. If they are overgrown, please do not hesitate to call because it's important.

A resident stated 3519 81st Street, it's not even my house.

Commissioner Smith stated 35 what?

The resident stated 3519 81st Street.

Commissioner Giardina stated you are saying there's an overgrown tree there?

The resident stated the sidewalk and like you said they came out and put the black top down.

Commissioner Giardina asked what is your address Mr. Charles?

Donald Charles stated 3017 W. 83rd Street.

Commissioner Smith stated Ms. Barber?

Arleen Barber stated I have the same problem.

Commissioner Smith stated I need you to come up, because I can not hear you.

Commissioner Giardina stated is your address 8611 and 8617?

Arleen Barber stated 8612. I have the same problem and I have had it for three years until they came out and they wrote on there what they were going to do and they never came back. The water sits there, the roots pushed the sidewalk up and the water sits there for a week or two after the rain. Someone needs to check on that.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you.

Sabrina Barnes stated I do want to point out that this is a joint coordination. So when you talk about the sidewalk piece of that, that's the Public Works Department. We are the tree section.

Commissioner Smith asked any further questions?

Christine Wormsley stated my name is Christine Wormsly on my street right next door to me, they repaired my neighbor's sidewalk and just like someone said they put down that ugly tar stuff on the sidewalk.

Commissioner Giardina asked what is your address?

Christine Wormsley stated 2703 W. 78th Street and we have one of those big trees on our street. It looks terrible.

Commissioner Smith asked are there any further questions? You mean you guys don't have any more problems to give us?

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Smith stated we have some unfinished business that needs to be discussed. Commissioner Agee, anything that is unfinished that you think needs to be discussed.

Commissioner Agee stated I can think of a whole lot of stuff.

Commissioner Smith stated ok, you have three minutes to do it in.

Commissioner Agee asked why do I have only three minutes?

Commissioner Smith stated everyone has that.

Commissioner Agee stated even you huh?

Commissioner Smith stated even me and I don't talk that much.

Commissioner Agee stated well, we won't get into that. Well, I want to thank you all for coming out tonight. Maybe we can have staff here - I'm not going to do anything, but I'm sure staff can help you out with your problems. We've got some good people.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you Commissioner Agee. Commissioner Giardina.

Commissioner Giardina stated we've come here before when Commissioner Price was here. We've discussed things we'd like to see happen in District One with the refacing of Manchester Boulevard and adopting the art deco architecture. Circle Park is this particular park here at 5th Avenue and 82nd Street. That park is widely popular and used for walkers, joggers, some schools take their kids there to relax and play. Ever since I have been on this Commission it has been a burning desire for me to have a water feature installed at Circle Park because do many of the people come there and a water feature would be something I believe would compliment that area since there is really nothing in that particular area except some overgrown weeds and we have been advocating the Commission as well as the City and working towards making this happen. We have actually acquired the funds for this particular water feature to be installed with lighting. Hopefully it's going to be two or three tiers, so it is going to be pnenomal and exceptional for the residents of District One and we are very excited about that. Finds have been identified for the fountain and we have a grant so this is not something that is just talked about, this is something that will hopefully very soon will come to it's going to come to a conclusion and so we are looking forward to having this brought to District One as a compliment to the park. there is also a question of whether or not we may expand the out side ring of the circle to accommodate some sort of jogging track that has less of an impact so it would be possibly compressed bar or something that is not concrete like most of the people who jog there actually jog on the street and maybe possibly some more trees added to this and there is also a rendition where once the fountain is installed and the circle, we are also requesting that they install a rod iron bench that would surround in a ring the water area to allow people who that wanted to sit there and enjoy this water feature that would also have lights. We would just like input form the community as to what it is you would like to see there and answer any questions that you have about this particular project going on at Circle Park.

Commissioner Smith stated I'm going to ask if the community had any questions concerning Circle Park.

A resident stated I do. I have a question for Commissioner Giardina. Right now no one has actually presented a design for that, are you taking suggestions for the type of water feature or do you already have one in mind?

Commissioner Giardina stated we are in both phases; we've actually had some renditions drawn up it would be almost like old Spanish with the tile in it. It will have a circular water system in it that's copper that would allow for the water to cascade. Lighting would also be incorporated in it. The rod iron bench would be removed it will be attached and anyone who would be interested in participating and contributing to the design, when that phase comes up we will be more than happy to notify Ms. Mann and bring it here or have you come to the Commission meeting down at City Hall as we do it. But that is something we would like to see happen rather soon, because like I said we have acquired the funds through the Roberti Z'berg Harris Grant fund so we are in the process of moving towards that. I would hope that anyone who would like to be involved in that, you have my number.

Commissioner Smith stated Ms. Barber. We need you on the mic.

Arleen Barber stated I lived in this area for 47 years, going on 48 now and I drive by the park. It's a beautiful park. I think that is a wonderful idea and I'm glad that you are doing that.

Commissioner Giardina stated thank you very much ma'am.

Commissioner Smith asked any further comments?

Commissioner Brown stated maybe I'm a little puzzled because of we know the need for Circle Park I'm still having some confusion and I'm hearing rumors that the grant that was allocated for Circle Park, we had a special meeting and the monies that was earmarked for this park, we had to vote on so the money would be moved to take care of a mural that is needed. So I'm confused to know where we are with the money.

Commissioner Smith stated well we voted it down the Commission wanted to go on with the Circle Park project so we voted it down and I can not tell you where it stands right now unless they are taking it to City Council.

Commissioner Giardina stated maybe we can just elaborate on that. Would like us to ma'am?

Commissioner Smith stated you can say whatever you want at this point. I'm going to close the meeting because there are no further projects to discuss, but we want to hear what you are going to say.

Mrs. Wormsley stated it was just one thing that I know that at the previous meeting that we had, they were going to do something about the signs when you enter into Inglewood. There were talks about improving that, did that fall through or what?

Commissioner Smith asked who does that fall under?

Commissioner Giardina stated that was us. we had the meeting here regarding the redevelopment of Manchester and the signage was also incorporated and there was a rendition about how it would be changed to incorporate the deco architecture that would follow along Manchester Blvd and as you can see the Fatburger, Kentucky Fried Chicken as well as the NIX have actually followed the art deco architecture so that signage is also included in that piece that's a little different from this Commission but we met here, it was a Community Meeting so I would understand you thinking it is all tied together and we are trying to move forward with that there have just been some real road blocks in terms of contractors and trying to go forward and adopt what it is we are trying to do with that so that. Councilman Curren Price will have a separate meeting regarding that.

Commissioner Smith stated thank you. Sabrina.

Sabrina Barnes stated just one comment. This is following this young man's comment. If you don't mind I'm interested in very much hearing when you received your notices because the notices went for both meetings were both mailed out at the same time in the same batch. If they were delayed and you were just getting yours yesterday or on Wednesday.

Commissioner Giardina stated I didn't get one.

The public stated I got mine Wednesday.

Commissioner Smith stated I didn't receive one either.

Sabrina Barnes stated jokingly well I didn't want to know if the Commissioners received one, I wanted to know if the constituents received one.

Commissioner Giardina stated we will try and give you more notice because we really want to make sure people are informed so they can come, because it is extremely important to us to share what we are doing because we all live here and want to make sure we are all on the same page with what it is we want in this area.

Commissioner Smith stated Sabrina were you finished?

Sabrina Barnes stated yes.

Mrs. Mann stated I've been having problems in 90305 with the mail. I was told a couple of different stories. Mine was post dated the 5th.

Commissioner Smith asked any further questions?

Mari Morales stated I don't know if I mentioned when I spoke when I request to have my block party, I sent the application to the city to give me a permit to have the party. It was by mail and they responded it was great. When I called the parks, they refused to send me an application and I would like to know why is it that none of the parks refused to send me the applications they wanted me in person and when I was there in person, they were not ready to help. it's easier if they would have sent me the application and I can put when I need the chairs and tables, how many I need I said it back then yes no and fine.

Sabrina Barnes stated I can speak to the part as to why we don't mail the applications. Partially because there are to three triplicates so when you come in the documents that are generated on site and each person gets there copies, our process doesn't allow us to send it out the day you come in because it is in a triplicate format it's not just a single sheet that we send you and you send back to us.

Mari Morales stated the one for the city is three, one for the Police, one for me and one for the Parks and Recreation.

Sabrina Barnes stated for the one with?

Mari Morales stated yes.

Sabrina Barnes stated that is correct, its three parts.

Mari Morales stated yes it's the same as the one for getting the permits.

Sabrina Barnes stated yes I understand and I know what you are saying, but our policy prefers for the person to come in, make all the arrangements, get all the details, but your comment is heard.

Commissioner Smith stated now what we might want to do is close the formal meeting so we can have more of an informal meeting. I'd like to call for a motion for the special community meeting for September 8, 2006 to be closed.

Commissioner Giardina made a motion to close the meeting and Commissioner Brown seconded.

All the Commissioners were in favor, motioned was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.