

The meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was convened on March 7, 2013 in the Council Chambers located on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor in City Hall. Commissioner Willie Agee, presiding called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

#### Roll Call

#### Present:

Commissioner Willie Agee, Chair – Commissioner at Large  
Commissioner Norma Smith – District Two  
Commissioner Cynthia McLemore – District Three

#### Absent:

Commissioner Bill Sanders – District One  
Commissioner Taylor Irby – District Four

#### Staff:

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

#### Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2013. Minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Smith, Agee, McLemore  
Nays: None

#### Public Comments

None

#### Director's Report

Rita Gardner gave a staff report requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Mayor and Council Members approve a three-year agreement with Training and Research Foundation for the operation of a Head Start/State Preschool Child Development Program. Commissioner Smith made a motion to take the recommendation to the City Council. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Smith, Agee, McLemore

Nays: None

Rita Gardner gave an update regarding the installation of artificial turf at Edward Vincent Park stating it went to Council and no formal vote has been taken. Council's consensus was to renovate both fields and tabled the item pending further clarification of HUD regulations. Staff has since been provided direction and will share the proposed plan at the April meeting. Commissioner Smith asked if both fields are renovated will they both be for soccer or football. Ms. Gardner explained that one (1) field has been designated for soccer and the other for football.

Rita Gardner updated the Commission on the construction on the restrooms at North Park stating the completion date has been pushed back due to a few delays. She went on to review the tree trimming schedule with the Commissioners.

Arrick Turner gave a report on the following items for the Recreation division: Recyclable Creations a science fair open to Inglewood students who are residents will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in City Hall, Community Room A with applications available at Darby Park. Commissioner McLemore asked what type of prizes will be given. Mr. Turner stated prizes have not been determined as of yet. Mr. Turner went on to report on track and field registration being accepted for boys and girls ages 5 to 14 fee is \$30 and in lieu of the Cesar Chavez Celebration usually held in March, the city will host a one day event called the Hispanic Festival during the month of September.

Rita Gardner reported out for the Human Services division on the following items: Spring Break Bridge Program will be conducted March 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Darby and Rogers Parks, fees are \$100 per child kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Sabrina Barnes is meeting with the City Attorney to discuss concerns and will provide more information regarding the senior meals. Commissioner Agee mentioned a complaint that was made by a Council Member at a recent meeting stating there wasn't enough food because they ran out at lunch time which is untrue because he eats there twice a week and there is always more food than seniors. Ms. Gardner mentioned Pat Bitker's retirement effective April 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Public Comments

Halimah Ginyard from Sportsman Little League requested an agreement between the City of Inglewood and Sportsman Little League for the use of diamond #2 at Darby Park from January through June. She stated that she was informed that when they were displaced because of construction of the Renaissance, the agreement was that Sportsman League would have usage of the field without any problems but it was

brought to her attention once the season is over they have to clear out all of their stuff for the City of Inglewood. Sportsman Little League has always had a partnership with the City where they would be able to operate without any incident and they would like to continue that as well as have it in writing. Commissioner Smith asked Rita if there was some money that was set aside for that. Rita Gardner stated yes and it has been distributed to Sportsman Little League for the renovations of the field. Ms. Ginyard stated all receipts for the renovation have been seen by Mr. Fields, Ms. Barnes, and the City Council and if the Commission would like to see them they can. Commissioner Smith asked who was in charge of the funds. Ms. Ginyard stated the City Council. Arrick Turner explained the situation regarding field #2 stating Sportsman Little League has to fill out a facility reservation request which she has. Mr. Turner further explained that prior to him moving to Darby Park the agreement was from January through December but the League's season only goes until June. It was discussed that they submit a facility request for usage of the field. He furthered explained the reason for them having to remove their equipment is because the city takes precedence over the field during the city's baseball season and so that their equipment will not be damaged or destroyed it would be in their best interest to remove it from the storage/snack area with the big appliance ok to stay (much like North Inglewood Little League does at Rogers Park). Commissioner Agee shared a little history about the Sportsman Little League field but does not know what the agreement between Sportsman and the city was and requested a full report on it stating if the city is not going to allow them to use the field then the city should reimburse them their money. Commissioner Smith asked Ms. Ginyard if she had a copy of the agreement. Ms. Ginyard stated no and all she would like is to request usage of the field mentioning the season starts March 23<sup>rd</sup> but practices and sign ups start prior to that. Mr. Turner stated there is no issue with Sportsman using Darby's field they just have to fill out the paper work prior to usage of the field and they cannot just take ownership of the field. Commissioner Agee stated once we find out what the agreement was we can figure this out.

Nanette Marchand asked if the applications for the Science Fair will be online. Arrick Turner stated the applications are available at Darby Park. Ms. Marchand stated that may not be convenient for everyone and that it may be easier to access it online. Mr. Turner stated he would make a note of her suggestion.

#### Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner McLemore thanked staff for their reports.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.