The meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was convened on June 6, 2013 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 Bill Sanders – District One Commissioner Norma Smith – District Two Commissioner Cynthia McLemore – District Three Commissioner Gene Eldridge – District Four

Staff:

Sabrina Barnes, Director Sandra Green-Hilliard, Senior Administrative Secretary Teresa Estrada, Recreation Superintendent Juan Mata, Parks Supervisor Wayne Miles, Human Services Grant Manager Teresa Estrada, Recreation Superintendent

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2013 and was seconded by Commissioner McLemore. Minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Sanders, Agee, McLemore

Nays: None

Public Comments

None

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes asked the Commissioners to move item a.i. further down on the agenda as she was expecting Boytrese Osias from Public Works to present the item.

Juan Mata gave a brief verbal report on behalf of the Parks division concerning the following items: Vincent Park Lighting Project- the preliminary design for the Vincent Park lighting project is 65% complete, consultation with outside Electrical Engineer about the electrical system is still needed; Siminski Park Basketball Court Renovation- was completed with the scope of work as follows: repair 2,590sf of v-gutter, broken concrete PCC, broken driveway, amount paid to city contractor/Black Rock Co. was \$21,529.38 + \$1,133.13/retention (holding).

Teresa Estrada gave a brief report on behalf of the Recreation division regarding the following items: Summer Day Camp registration has begun with camp being held at the following sites: Rogers, Darby and Siminski Parks and at the Lockhaven Community Center. There are two

(2) 4-week sessions as well as a 3rd session for two (2) weeks at Darby Park. Aquatics: wading pools at Ashwood, Darby and Rogers Parks open on July 1st and close on August 30th, operating hours are Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Swimming lesson registration has begun and are filling up fast for youth and adults as well as parent and me class; adult water aerobics and lap swim are also available. General swim is Wednesday through Sunday from 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Movies in the Park will be held this year in collaboration with the Public Works Department at the following sites: Ed Vincent Park will screen Wreck-It Ralph on June 20th, Rogers Park will screen The Little Rascals on August 17th and Darby Park will screen Up on September 7th. Zumba Classes will return to Darby on Friday, June 14th and will continue to be offered on Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for \$3 a class. Commissioner Agee asked if we have any facilities for adult swim at Vincent Park. Ms. Estrada stated yes, they are held at the large pool. Commissioner Agee asked if there are specific times and dates. Ms. Estrada stated the lap swim and water aerobics classes are on Saturdays from 11am to noon and lap swim is held on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wayne Miles gave a brief report on behalf of the Human Services Division pertaining to the following: Summer Food Program is adding 2 new locations-Inglewood Southside Christian Church and Bennett Kew Elementary; the senior nutrition program is still working on selecting a new cater and a new food service manager; the project Advisory Council will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, June 19th and will consult on the new senior center; the Be Well program has 41 seniors who graduated and were honored on May 29th. Commissioner Eldridge asked if the new caterer will be located in Inglewood. Mr. Miles explained the catering selection was done by a bid process with a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was sent out to a list of approved caterers in the area and only those who replied were considered for the contract. Commissioner Eldridge asked if any of them are from the City of Inglewood. Mr. Miles stated no. Commissioner Eldridge stated he understands and respects the procedure but being an Inglewood businessman he would like to promote Inglewood businesses. Mr. Miles explained further stating the vendor list is a part of the Los Angeles County's requirement of vendors. Vendors may only be selected from the County approved vendor list. Commissioner Agee stated he doesn't care where the caterer comes from as long as the food is good also stating he hates to see St. Vincent go because he really enjoyed their food. Commissioner Agee welcomed Mr. Miles to the department and hopes he is able to bring a lot of grants to the department to bring the parks up to where they should be. Sabrina Barnes added that the food service contract expires at the end of the month so the department will be going to Council to approve the newly selected vendor before the end of the month.

Sabrina Barnes gave a brief update on the North Park Improvement Project Staff Report requesting the Park and Recreation Commission approve the North Park Improvement Project which includes the construction of a jogging track or walking path, installation of motion lights and installation of exercising equipment and pads. Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to accept the recommendation from staff and was seconded by Commissioner McLemore. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Sanders, Agee, McLemore, Smith and Eldridge

Nays: None

Sabrina Barnes mentioned to the Commission that the department has been approached by Ted Hayes who started the Cricket Program in the City of Compton. He has asked the city to

consider becoming a partner with his organization to form an Inglewood Cricket League. She stated she has received an initial letter of interest and advised the Commission to anticipate the attendance of Mr. Hayes and his associates at the next meeting. Ms. Barnes asked the Commission to determine if they will have a special meeting or no meeting seeing as 4th of July would be the next scheduled meeting date suggesting the 11th and the 18th for the availability of the Chambers or Community Room A. The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting for July pending availability of a meeting location.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Smith thanked everyone for their reports and attendance as did Commissioners McLemore, Sanders and Eldridge. Commissioner Agee shared with Ms. Barnes that the Obelisk Memorial looked beautiful and everyone was happy asking Ms. Barnes to tear apart the current brochures. Ms. Barnes did explain to Commissioner Agee that she did request that the print shop capture a new picture for the brochure and for whatever reason that did not happen and stated it will not show up on any other brochure. Commissioner Agee asked if the memorial was Inglewood, federal or state. Ms. Barnes stated to her understanding the city initiated it but is unsure of the funding source. Commissioner Agee asked for the name to be displayed on it stating Congresswoman Waters complained about that. Ms. Barnes stated she would have that taken care of. Commissioner Agee shared how he has received a few complaints from Parks employees who have been approached by a Council person concerning their support stating the employees are upset and wondering if she has heard anything from her staff. Ms. Barnes stated she has not. Commissioner Agee stated he hopes it is not true.

Public Comments

None

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.