

The special meeting of the Inglewood Parks and Recreation Commission was convened on July 11, 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 Cynthia McLemore – District Three
Commissioner Gene Eldridge – District Four

Absent:

Commissioner Bill Sanders – District One
Vacant – District Two

Staff:

Rita Gardner, Parks Superintendent
Skip Halloran, Food Service Manager
Stephanie Maldonado, Administrative Aide
Arrick Turner, Recreation Supervisor

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2013; seconded by Commissioner McLemore. Minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Agee, McLemore and Eldridge
Nays: None

Public Comments

None

Director's Report

Rita Gardner presented a staff report recommending the Commission recommend to the Mayor and Council Members they adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2013-2013 annual budget to reflect receipt of \$23,953 from the Los Angeles County Area on Aging (AAA) to purchase a hotshot.

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Agee, McLemore and Eldridge
Nays: None

Rita Gardner presented a second staff report recommending the Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members acknowledge completion of playground equipment purchase and installation at various Inglewood Parks.

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to approve the staff report. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Agee, McLemore and Eldridge

Nays: None

Rita Gardner presented a final staff report recommending the Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members take the following actions: accept completion of North Park restroom construction project and direct the Public Works Director to file Notice of Completion.

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to approve the staff report. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Agee, McLemore and Eldridge

Nays: None

Rita Gardner gave a verbal report on the following items: North Park Improvement Project-opening bids are scheduled for July 24, 2013 with award of contract scheduled for August 20th; Vincent/Darby Park lighting electrical-project staff scheduled to meet July 16th to define scope of work. Commissioner Eldridge asked if there is an estimated completion date for the projects. Ms. Gardner stated we would like to have them completed within the next fiscal year.

Arrick Turner invited all the Commissioners to attend the upcoming Movies in the Park summer series taking place at Vincent Park on July 20th, Rogers Park on August 17th and Darby Park on September 7th with gates opening at 6:30 p.m., movie beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Arrick Turner informed the Commissioners of a collaboration in the works with the Training and Research Foundation (TRF) who are interested in expanding their program in conjunction with the city's preschool program providing their services at Lockhaven Community Center and Siminiski Park in the afternoon. The community will be allowed to attend their afternoon program for free as long as they attend the city's morning program. TRF has agreed to upgrade both sites in order to obtain stated licensing to provide their program. Commissioner Eldridge asked what TRF is. Mr. Turner explained to the Commissioner that they provide a stated funded Head Start/Preschool program at Rogers Park (where they have been for many years) and are interested in expanding their services at other city sites.

Skip Halloran presented the Human Services report regarding the following items: senior nutrition program has a new caterer, Tender Loving Care Catering; Transportation program is short three (3) drivers; Summer Food Program is up and running operating at 12 locations and have served to date 5,700 lunches since its' start date. Commissioner Agee asked Ms. Halloran if she has received any feedback. Ms. Halloran stated yes and a quality assurance meeting was held (and is held every month) with the new caterer, a nutritionist, site Managers, and about 12 senior

citizens. Commissioner McLemore asked if you have to have a special license to be a driver. Ms. Halloran stated yes.

Public Comments

Commissioner Anne La Rose from the Arts Commission talked to the Commissioners about the Arts Commission's new I-GAP program. She asked the Commission what the status on the Amphitheater and the Playhouse and if any renovations were on the horizon, also asking for suggestions of other sites available for performance space. Commissioner Agee stated as far as the Playhouse and Amphitheater is concerned we have something that is in the works but could not go into details. Commissioner LaRose wanted to know if anyone asks to use one of those sites would they be an option. Rita Gardner stated Sabrina Barnes would probably be the best person to answer that question.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Eldridge thanked staff for inviting him to the recent preschool graduation; he truly enjoyed himself and suggested the other Commissioners attend. Commissioner McLemore thanked staff for their reports and said she would try and gather some volunteers for the Transportation Program. Skip Halloran stated we have to have paid drivers to drive the vans but volunteer escorts are welcome. Commissioner Agee welcomed Commissioner Eldridge to the Commission.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.