

Park and Recreation Commission

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A meeting of the Inglewood Park and Recreation Commission was convened on February 3, 2022, via Zoom. Commissioner McLemore called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Jacob Fragoso, District 2
Commissioner Cynthia, McLemore, District 3
Commissioner Henry Brown, Commissioner at Large
Sabrina Barnes, Director - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Bharat Devlia, Food Services Manager
Gilbert Gonzalez, Graffiti Abatement Supervisor
Teresa Estrada, Recreation Superintendent
Stephanie Maldonado, Senior Management Assistant

Absent

Commissioner Lee Denmon, District 1
Commissioner Christopher Beck, District 4

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Fragoso made the motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2021. Commissioner McLemore seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Fragoso, McLemore, and Brown
Nays: None

Director's Business

Stephanie Maldonado introduced a staff report recommending the Park and Recreation Commission receive and file a staff report regarding payment of invoices in the amount of \$8,000 to Hannibal Media Group for services rendered during planning for the City's 39th Annual King Day Celebration.

Commissioner Fragoso made a motion to approve the staff report and Commissioner Brown seconded. The staff report was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Fragoso, McLemore, and Brown
Nays: None

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Verbal Reports

Gilbert Gonzalez gave a verbal report on behalf of the Parks Administration regarding the following:

- Parks Maintenance Division was busy working on a few projects consisting of:
 1. Replanting 35 flats of ground flowers
 2. Replacing mulch along the center medians at Century Boulevard
 3. Planting six (6) trees and 18 yards of playground wood fiber at Queen Park
- The Graffiti Abatement staff has also been busy in Districts 3 and 4 due to heavily being tagged on store fronts, buildings, and alleyways in the areas of Arbor Vitae and Inglewood Avenue to La Brea and Century Boulevard, Prairie Avenue from Imperial Highway to Century Boulevard. Vincent Park located in District 1 has experienced an increase in tagging. Staff is concentrating on working in all key entry points into the city, ensuring these areas are free from graffiti.

Teresa Estrada gave a verbal report on behalf of the Recreation Division regarding the following:

- Zumba: as a result of the current surge of the COVID-19 Omicron Variant, we are taking additional steps to keep our patrons and community members safe. As of Tuesday, January 4th, all indoor Zumba classes held on Tuesday evenings at Rogers Park have been canceled. Classes will resume on March 15th. The Saturday Zumba classes will continue, however, they will be moved to the outdoor patio area at Rogers Park. Zumba with Ronnie is held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. The cost is \$4 per class. You can register at www.parksrec.cityofinglewood.org.
- Youth Basketball: We are excited to announce that our Inglewood Youth Basketball League will begin on Saturday, February 12th. While canceling the 2022 season would have been the easy route to take, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department knows the impact COVID-19 has had on our youth. We are committed to balancing the needs of our community while maintaining an environment that is safe for our employees and the children, adults, and families we serve. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has created Protocols for Organized Youth Sports to allow children to participate in organized sports and activities safely. To support and enhance the safety for all and to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission, weekly testing is required for all participants. Players, coaches, staff, volunteers, referees, officials, and spectators are also required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. We are excited to serve over 165 boys and girls ages 4-14. Games will be played on Saturdays at both Rogers and Darby Parks.

Abel Canel, Recreation Supervisor (oversees the Eastside Recreation Facilities, Darby and Center Parks, and the Lockhaven Community Center) gave a verbal report on behalf of the Recreation Division regarding the following:

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- Health Education: join us on Saturday, February 12th for a one-hour *VIRTUAL* class that will focus on “Understanding & Managing Hypertension and other Cardiac Diseases”. The class will provide education, insight, and resources that will assist in improving your health today and empower you to continue to make healthier decisions tomorrow. Due to the surge in COVID-19, we have moved the in-person class to ZOOM. The class is free and we encourage everyone to attend. You can register for the class at parksrec.cityofinglewood.org.

Mr. Canel introduced himself to the Commission and gave a background about himself, previous job experience, and education.

Bharat Devlia gave a verbal report on behalf of the Human Services Division regarding the following:

- Transportation: Our Senior and Disabled Transportation Program continues to provide trips to critical appointments such as dialysis and doctors' appointments. Drivers, as well as passengers, continue to wear face masks mandated by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) as well as practice safe social distancing during transport. We have also been scheduling our drivers to transport our seniors and persons with disabilities to other next-day requested appointments.
- Nutrition: Enrollments in our Elderly Nutrition Program have stabilized over the last few months, with an average of 300 seniors receiving seven (7) meals per week. We continue to deliver weekly fresh produce in collaboration with the Social Justice Learning Institute, and monthly shelf-stable meal packages in collaboration with the Los Angeles Food Bank. Our annual menu planning is upon us, we welcome any suggestions and ideas on what you would like to enjoy on the next menu cycle, which will start on July 1, 2022.
- Senior Classes and Activities: The Inglewood Senior Center has temporarily shut down its limited classes and activities due to the recent Omicron variant surge. We want to ensure that our seniors are as safe as possible during this time.
- CACFP Meals Program: Our Child and Adult Care Food Program, or CACFP, is actively operating at Darby Park and Rogers Parks, serving 292 meals in the last week of January, and 240 meals in the week before that.

Sabrina Barnes gave a verbal report regarding:

- NFL at the Parks Activities: The city partnered with NFL Green Initiative. Their goal is to provide greener environments through a variety of activities ranging from planting trees to resolving water matters. First, we planted 56 trees at Vincent Park, painted and planted flowers with the help of close to 100 volunteers. Partnering again with NFL, we completed a garden refresh at Queen Park. With the help of roughly 70 volunteers, we replanted the garden beds with flowers, six (6) trees were planted, the playground was freshened up with new wood chips and mulch, and lots of painting was done. All funded by mini-grants provided by the NFL.

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- Currently in progress at Darby Park is the refreshing of the outdoor basketball courts with the help of a partnership between Nike and Shoe Palace. On February 12, 2022, they will unveil the new courts with a small clinic and presentation to the kids.
- Similarly, HBO will complete a project at Rogers Park refreshing the basketball courts by working with an artist to add artwork.
- Dwight Howard of the Los Angeles Lakers and the National Basketball Association (NBA) held a special clinic at Edward Vincent, Jr. Park.
- Capital Improvement Projects Update:
 - Edward Vincent Park Restroom improvement project scheduled to begin after the Super Bowl activities. Wednesday, February 9, 2022, is the NFL Play 60 event with around 700 participants. Construction will begin when the event is over with an anticipated completion date being in the second week of August.
 - Currently in development is a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Vincent Park irrigation system improvement project which will improve the irrigation infrastructure as well as the landscaping. Expecting proposals to be submitted within the next two (2) weeks.
 - Darby Park's Restroom Improvement Project is set to get underway in the coming months. We anticipate project approval by the City Council by April 5, 2022, with a tentative construction date of May 22, 2022 and completion by December 22, 2022. Construction will start with the restroom closest to the main building relocating the restroom to the current pool area. Remain a portion of the restroom will be used for storage or as a concession stand.
 - Vincent Park pump track is scheduled for construction by the end of February with a 10-week completion status.
 - The maintenance area will also be replaced at Vincent Park, RFP process is currently underway.
 - Discussions have been held regarding the picnic structure area and ball diamonds with Dodgers RBI and Major League Baseball to complete a project. Additional information to come in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Brown stated the Golden Shovel event was excellent and commended staff on a great job with the Turkey Giveaway at SoFi Stadium. Sabrina Barnes thanked Commissioner Brown for supporting and volunteering at all three (3) events.

Commissioner McLemore asked if the Senior Center was open. Bharat Devlia stated it is currently not open. Commissioner McLemore asked when it will be opened. Mr. Devlia stated they're watching the Omicron numbers and although they want to open it's best to stay closed until it's safe. Sabrina Barnes informed the Commission that the Senior Center was opened with limited access due to the numbers. Los Angeles County enacted restrictions including meals and activities on or around January 6 or 7, 2022 due to the surge. City Hall was also restricted to appointment only. Recreation Center classes and activities except for the Early Learners Program were also suspended.

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Public Comments

Imhotep Coleman introduced himself and gave an introduction to Urban Academy, a film academy for high school students located on Van Ness Avenue and Manchester Boulevard. They meet on Saturdays and are working on shooting a small film on March 5, 2022, at Darby Park. He looks forward to working with staff.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Brown was sorry that the city's Annual Dr. King Day Parade and Festival was cancelled.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.