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A meeting of the Inglewood Park and Recreation Commission was convened on February 7, 2019, in Community Room A, located on the 1st floor of City Hall. Commissioner Willie Agee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Willie Agee, Commissioner at Large
Commissioner Patricia Patrick, District One
Commissioner Jacob Fragoso, District Two
Commissioner Cynthia McLemore, District Three
Sabrina Barnes, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director
Teresa Estrada-Quintanar, Recreation Superintendent
Baz Devlia, Food Services Manager
Juan Mata, Park Supervisor
Stephanie Maldonado, Senior Management Assistant

Absent

Commissioner Fernando Meza, District Four

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2018. Commissioner McLemore seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Patrick, Fragoso, Agee and McLemore

Nays: None

Director's Reports

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report recommending the Park and Recreation Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members take the following actions: authorize the use of \$38,272 from the Non-Departmental/ Miscellaneous- General Fund Reserve account for the Inglewood Tennis Court Resurfacing Project with authority to expend said funds, to adopt a resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget to cover expenditures for the Inglewood Tennis Court Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$38,272; and approve amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 18-179 with Trueline Construction and Surfacing, Inc. to provide additional compensation for additional work not to exceed \$38,272. Two agreements were initiated in 2018 to

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cover the City’s resurfacing at various parks; Rogers, Ashwood and Darby Parks have been completed. There is a water membrane that has cracked at North Park additional resources are needed to replace the water membrane. The funds also include added additional elements to Darby Park for Pickle Ball. Commissioner Fragoso stated that he didn’t recall reading any information regarding Pickle Ball and what’s needed for that sport. Ms. Barnes explained that the information is actually provided within the scope of work.

Commissioner Patrick moved to recommend the Park and Recreation Commission recommend the Mayor and Council take actions to: Authorize the use of \$38,272 from the Non-Departmental/ Miscellaneous- General Fund Reserve account for the Inglewood Tennis Court Resurfacing Project with authority to expend said funds, to adopt a resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget to cover expenditures for the Inglewood Tennis Court Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$38,272; and approve amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 18-179 with Trueline Construction and Surfacing, Inc. to provide additional compensation for additional work not to exceed \$38,272. Commission McLemore seconded the recommendation was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Patrick, Fragoso, Agee and McLemore
Nays: None

Ms. Barnes explained there are contingency funds in the project and there was not enough monies in the project to complete what is needed for North Park, hence the recommendation. A portion of the contingency funds that were requested will go towards Pickle Ball Court needs.

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report (receive and file) regarding a batting facility being considered for Darby Park. Grant funds will be used to bring in batting cages to Darby Park, which will include a batting surface where youth can practice their swings. The cages will be adjacent to the Dream Field and will be constructed by the same company that constructed the Dream Field.

Verbal Reports

Juan Mata gave a verbal report on behalf of Park Administration regarding the following:
Graffiti was removed from

- 711 sites in November
- 544 sites in December
- 714 sites in January

Commissioner Patrick asked is it generally an increase in graffiti during January. Sabrina Barnes stated that in December the Graffiti crew worked a skeleton crew due to the holidays. As such, some December incidents may be included in the January count. . Commissioner Fragoso asked if there was an increase in a specific district. The Commissioner also wanted to know how

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the City can't stop graffiti from happening. Ms. Barnes stated the crew capture certain markings and reports them to IPD. The Graffiti Abatement Team's job is to remove the graffiti as expeditiously as possible.. Commissioner Patrick stated that the Graffiti Division removes graffiti within 24 hours and that deters the assailants from tagging in that location. Commissioner Agee recommends that Commissioner Fragoso help the Commission to remedy the graffiti problem.

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

- Youth Basketball: Our Youth Basketball League will begin on Saturday, February 16. This year marks our 3rd year in partnering with the Los Angeles Lakers Foundation. Together we are able to serve over 300 youth ages 4-14. The Lakers Foundation provides jerseys for the participants, free clinics and giveaways. We are excited for the upcoming season and encourage you to stop by Rogers or Darby on a Saturday and see our exciting games.
- Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation: I am proud to announce that the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation has approved our 2019 Dodgers RBI Affiliate Partner application. With that we will partner with the Los Angeles Dodgers foundation for our 2019 Youth Baseball Season. The grant amount to be received is \$10,875. This money is given to organizations to offset field maintenance and umpire fees. In addition to the grant funds, the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation will provide in-kind contributions to include; uniforms for each player, equipment, recruitment flyers, banners at all RBI Park locations, educational & health resources, coaches training, player development clinics, incentives, Dodger tickets and access to special events throughout the season. This is also our 4th consecutive year working with the Dodgers RBI Program. In 2016, we had 259 players, in 2017 we had 348 players, and in 2018 we had 462 players. Registration will begin in March and the season will begin in May. Games will be played at Rogers, Darby and Edward Vincent Parks. Commissioner Fragoso asked how many parks are involved in the Dodgers program. Ms. Estrada stated that 3 parks are involved. Commissioner Fragoso inquired about three baseball organizations. Mrs. Estrada stated that those organizations have disbanded.

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

- Food and Nutrition: The program serves 500 meals in the surrounding County. Commissioner Fragoso asked the age of the seniors that can share in congregate meals. Mr. Devlia stated 60 years old.
- The Transportation and Care Management programs are both running smoothly and receive a tremendous amount of praise.

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Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes gave a verbal report regarding Capital Improvement Projects:

- The Edward Vincent Park Pool project was stalled due to Health Department clearance. They are now moving towards completing the project. The pool bowls will be resurfaced and is next on the project list.
- Center Park project was completed earlier in the year, but needed some tiles replaced at the playground. The tiles will be replaced at no cost with a different, more durable product.
- The Ashwood Park project is now in progress. It will undergo renovations similar to Center Park which includes new basketball courts, a gazebo, new trees, fitness stations and new landscaping.

Public Comments

Brenda Haynes, Inglewood resident, stated that she plays Pickle Ball. She inquired about how the renovations are moving along with Darby Park. She asked if Pickle Ball can expand to Edward Vincent Park. Ms. Barnes stated that it's not feasible (at this time) to use Edward Vincent Park for Pickle Ball.

Emily Dickson asked if the ambassador of Pickle Ball (Kevin Hodricks) could explain Pickle Ball. Mr. Hodricks gave the history behind the sport and thanked Teresa Estrada and Ms. Barnes for assisting with bringing the sport to Inglewood.

Emily Dickson asked if the graffiti was throughout the city in all districts. Juan Mata stated that it was throughout all of the districts. Ms. Dickson also inquired the exact the location of the new batting cages. Ms. Barnes stated that the cages would be at Darby Park west of the Dream Field.

Henry Brown, chairman of the MLK Committee stated that he would like to start organizing MLK Festivities in April.

David Hawthorne, Inglewood resident, is a teacher and scuba diver. Mr. Hawthorne has developed a swimming and snorkeling program. The program is now at the First AME Church. Mr. Hawthorne would like for the city to consider implementing his program

Steward Bailey welcomed individuals to the city.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Patrick advises the audience to take a copy of the Voice of Experience.

Commissioner Agee stated that he hopes the problem at the pool is solved.

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Commissioner Agee also stated that the lighting needs to be replaced at the Willie Agee Playhouse. Ms. Barnes stated that she has met with the Councilman who is trying to move that forward.

The next meeting will be held March 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.