A meeting of the Inglewood Park and Recreation Commission was convened on February 2, 2022. Commissioner Denmon called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Stephanie Maldonado announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Commissioner Lee Denmon - District 1, Commissioner Jacob Fragoso - District 2, Commissioner Christopher Beck - District 4, Commissioner Henry Brown - Commissioner at Large

Absent: Commissioner Cynthia McLemore - District 3

City Personnel present for the meeting were as follows:

Sabrina Barnes                 Park, Recreation, and Community Services Director
Thomas Uwal                   Human Services Superintendent
Gilbert Gonzalez              Graffiti Abatement Supervisor
Teresa Estrada                Recreation Superintendent
Stephanie Maldonado           Senior Management Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

MINUTES. None

STAFF REPORTS.

Amendment No.2 to Agreement No. 21-117 with Bateman Community Living LLC dba TRIO Community Meals to Provide Food Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Staff report dated March 2, 2023, was presented recommending the Park and Recreation Commission recommend the Mayor and Council members take the following action: Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 21-117 with Bateman Community Living, LLC, dba TRIO Community Meals, extending the term of the agreement by one year (with the option to extend one additional year) to provide meals onsite for the Senior Nutrition Program, in an annual amount not to exceed $795,600, (total contract amount of $2,386,800). (Grant Fund)
It was moved by Commissioner Fragoso and seconded by Commissioner Beck that the Commission hereby approves the recommendation. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:  Commissioners Fragoso, Beck, and Denmon
Noes:  None

DIRECTOR’S BUSINESS.

REPORTS - PARKS ADMINISTRATION. The Graffiti Abatement Supervisor, Gilbert Gonzalez, reported the following: Installation of a new monument “Splendor of Trees” in the center area at Edward Vincent Jr. Park commemorating the planting of 56 trees during the 2022 NFL Super Bowl. In addition to regular duties, the wind, and rain has kept staff extremely busy cleaning up debris in both parks and the center medians. Quite a few trees have fallen, damaging fencing, and have broken irrigation lines. The Graffiti Abatement team experienced heavy tagging during the month of February in Districts 1 and 2 constantly throughout the Hyde Park Blvd. eastbound towards West Blvd. area. Vincent Park restrooms were also hit massively. North Park has been targeted this past month along with District 4’s Darby Dixon area including the Crenshaw alleys along 108th Street to Imperial Highway both north and southbound.

REPORTS - RECREATION. The Recreation Superintendent, Teresa Estrada, reported the following: Youth Sports Update - both the basketball and soccer leagues are currently in week 5 and rounding into mid-season form. Our first-year soccer league has been a success for girls and boys ages 4-7. Picture Day is this Saturday and the season will conclude on April 1st with our traditional season-ending team celebrations at Shakey’s Pizza involving food, fun, and awards for all players. Our youth basketball league in partnership with the Los Angeles Clippers continues to be one of our most exciting programs serving over 300 participants. Teams are now beginning to make significant strides in their fundamental development, team concepts, and learning to compete while having fun. Playoffs for the older groups begin the week of April 1st, followed by Championship Saturday, April 8th. Arguably, our most popular sports offering, Dodgers Dreamteam is ramping up for the “Spring Season” which begins in April. The Spring Season offers a specific focus on the younger age groups (5-8) offering T-Ball and Coach Pitch leagues for boys and girls. Registration is “sold out” for the T-Ball Division while limited space remains available for the Coach Pitch level. Due to the current construction of two new “Dodgers Dream Fields” at Edward Vincent Jr. Park, the spring season will take place solely at Darby Park. Come out to witness the action on Thursday evenings between 5:30 p.m. through 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for more information on our Inglewood Youth Sports Leagues, visit our city’s sports website at: https://cityofinglewood.leagueapps.com/
REPORTS - HUMAN SERVICES. The Human Services Superintendent, Thomas Uwal reported the following: 1) Senior Center Activities and Programs: The Inglewood Senior Center started a Social Media class that has been well received and filled to capacity. Another class started at the end of February, A Matter of Balance and it is also filled. The Voice of Experience monthly newsletter has been re-introduced and is currently in its third month. It’s a monthly newsletter provided to our seniors so they can stay informed on Senior Center happenings. Please note, in recognition of Cesar Chavez, the Senior Center will be closed on March 31, 2023. 2) Nutrition: We are serving approximately 350 seniors per week through home delivery of meals for seniors homebound and congregate lunches at our Senior Center, the lunchroom is set up to accommodate safe social distancing. We also continue to provide fresh produce weekly in collaboration with the Social Justice Learning Institute. 3) Transportation: Provides trips to critical appointments such as dialysis and doctors’ appointments as well as leisure trips to locations in and around Inglewood and Hawthorne. Drivers as well as passengers continue to wear facemasks during transport. 4) Summer Food and (CACFP) the Child and Adult Care Food Program: Serves meals to youth 118 years old and under and operates at three sites (Crenshaw Library, Rogers Park, and Darby Park). The CACFP is on hold while we contract a food vendor. The program’s hours are Monday through Friday, providing supper from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and snacks from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., serving an average of 70 meals per day at all three sites. We hope to provide more meals once we have a new vendor to benefit the youth of our community. We are currently working with the Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) to reestablish the After-School Program (ASRP) and will know in the coming weeks which schools will participate.

REPORTS - DIRECTOR. We are developing specifications at Rogers Park to add fitness stations. We also have some funding to upgrade some fencing and add some bleachers. The Clippers, as a part of their agreement with the city, have several community benefit items that will come to the city. They are committed to renovating basketball courts in the City of Inglewood, not just the courts at the parks but their mission is to renovate all basketball courts throughout the city including the school district’s courts, the city’s courts, non-profit courts. Wherever they can make an impact, they plan to do that. FYI, this includes indoor courts as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. Commissioner Brown would like to note that some of the comments were inspiring and announced there will be some good upcoming events happening at the Senior Center. Commissioner Denmon announced he’d be celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary.
There being no further business to be presented, Commissioner Denmon declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:01 p.m.