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A meeting of the Inglewood Park and Recreation Commission was convened on March 3, 2022, via Zoom. Commissioner Denmon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Lee Denmon, District One
Commissioner Jacob Fragoso, District Two
Commissioner Cynthia, McLemore, District Three
Commissioner Christopher Beck, District Four
Sabrina Barnes, Director-Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Geoffrey Okamoto, Transportation Supervisor
Juan Mata, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Teresa Estrada, Recreation Superintendent
Stephanie Maldonado, Senior Management Assistant

Absent

Commissioner Henry Brown, Commissioner at Large

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Fragoso made the motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2021.
Commissioner McLemore seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners McLemore, Fragoso, and Denmon

Nays: None

Commissioner Mc Lemore made the motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2021.
Commissioner Denmon seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners McLemore, Fragoso, and Denmon

Nays: None

Commissioner Fargoso made the motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2022.
Commissioner Mc Lemore seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners McLemore, Fragoso, and Denmon

Nays: None

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Staff Report

Staff presented a staff report recommending the Park and Recreation Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members take the following actions:

- a) Approve Amendment Nine (9) of the Elderly Nutrition Program Services Subaward Number ENP202107 (City Agreement No. 20-201) with the County of Los Angeles Workforce Development Aging and Community Services (WDACS) to allocate CDA ARP Act funding in the amount of \$236,000 for provision of the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) (Grants Fund); and
- b) Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to receive \$236,000 from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Development Aging and Community Services for the provision of the Elderly Nutrition Program.

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

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

Public Comments

None

Verbal Reports

Geoffrey Okamoto 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 mandated face masks coverings. We have also been scheduling our drivers to transport our seniors and persons with disabilities to other next-day requested appointments. Super Bowl LVI provided our drivers and opportunity to assist in transporting several hundred safety personnel mainly police officers. Due to recent decline with the Omicron virus, we were able to re-introduce our local Inglewood Trolley which started back into service as of March 1, 2022. We hope to get back to normal transportation operations soon but also understand the concerns that our seniors may have in getting re-acclimated to a new normal.
- Nutrition: Our Nutrition program provides seven (7) meals per week to approximately 300 senior residents of Inglewood. We continue to provide monthly shelf-stable meal packages in collaboration with the Los Angeles Food Bank, and weekly fresh produce deliveries in collaboration with the Social Justice Learning Institute.

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- Summer Food Program: The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides 450 Grab-N-Go meals per week to youth 18 and younger at three sites (Crenshaw Library, Rogers Park, and Darby Park).
- Senior Center Operations: The Inglewood Senior Center recently shutdown the limited classes and activities due to the recent Omicron variant surge as we continue to monitor its effects. We want to ensure our seniors are as safe as possible during this time. We recently re-opened our doors on March 1, 2022, to continue with the limited classes that had begun before the Omicron virus took effect. We hope to get back to normal operations soon to be able to better serve our seniors.
- Super Bowl LVI provided an opportunity for our senior center to house the EOC headquarters for the JOC, JIC, Human Trafficking Division as well as the Communication Center. All emergency personnel was well received and the emergency response teams were all able to provide the necessary emergency services for Super Bowl LVI.

Commissioner Denmon asked are constituents getting the Grab-N-Go food. Mr. Okamoto responded yes. Director Barnes explained the difference between the nutrition program and the Grab-N-Go meals which is the youth nutrition program located at the parks. The seniors are still receiving their meals by home delivery.

Juan Mata gave a verbal report on behalf of the Parks Administration regarding the following:

- Parks Maintenance Division assisted:
 1. NFL 360 event at Edward Vincent Jr, Park: planting seven (7) 24" Camphor trees, 70 flats of begonias, and 20 flats of primroses
 2. Replanting 35 flats of primroses and 20 flats of begonias on Hillcrest Boulevard in front of the United States Post Office.
- The Graffiti Abatement staff also assisted with the NFL 360 event at Edward Vincent Jr, Park painting a mural alongside the pool area walls and repainting the Amphitheater walls.

Teresa Estrada introduced Brian Sousa, new Recreation Supervisor (oversees the Westside Recreation Facilities, Rogers, Siminski, and Ashwood Parks). Mr. Sousa introduced himself and shared his previous job experience, education, and the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) District 9 where he serves on the board.

Brian Sousa gave a verbal report on behalf of the Recreation Division regarding the following:

- Youth Baseball: We are excited to announce that the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation has approved our 2022 Dodgers Dreamteam Affiliate Partner application. The City of Inglewood will partner with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for the 2022 Youth Baseball Season.

The foundation has approved a grant to support the Dodgers Dreamteam program with the City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department in the amount of

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- \$40,260. The grant will offset staffing to include a Dodgers Dreamteam Coordinator, field maintenance, and umpire fees. The grant will support 480 players ages 5-18. In addition to the grant funds, the foundation will provide in-kind contributions to include; uniforms, equipment, recruitment and marketing materials, educational & health resources, coach mentors and training, player development clinics, incentives, and giveaways. This year marks our 6th consecutive year collaborating with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation to bring the Dodgers Dreamteam Program to Inglewood. Over six years, we have served over 1,500 youth from the local community. Our Spring League will begin on March 21st for T-Ball (ages 5-6) and Coach Pitch Divisions (ages 7-8) at Darby and Edward Vincent Park. Registration for these divisions will close on March 11. The Summer League for the older divisions (ages 9-18) including the Minors, Majors Junior, Senior and Softball divisions, will begin in June. Registration will be conducted from April 18 – to May 6, 2022. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$15 per player. To register visit www.Dodgers.com/Dodgersdreamteam.
- STEM Fest: The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department in partnership with Science of Sport will host the first annual Inglewood STEM Fest on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Edward Vincent Park. The free event is open to local youth in grades kindergarten through sixth. The event will expose students to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through unique experiences that focus on several familiar sports. The event will also show participants real-world applications of STEM that focus on kinesthetic learning, scientific methods, and curriculum that align with California Math, Science, and Physical Education standards. This inaugural event is designed to bring in Los Angeles-based sports organizations to provide an engaging day of STEM and sports to the Inglewood community. Activity stations will be set up throughout the event providing STEM lessons centered on basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball, football, and Olympics sports. The event will also feature a STEM presentation by Science of Sport and a panel discussion with industry professionals. The department is eager to collaborate on this joint effort. Our goal is to excite local youth about STEM and open students' eyes to the possibility of a career in a STEM profession. Registration for the event is FREE and will open on March 10. Register at www.parksrec.cityofinglewood.org.

Commissioner Beck welcomed Brian Sousa.

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes gave a verbal update regarding the following Capital Improvement Projects currently in progress:

- Construction is underway for the pump track at Edward Vincent, Jr Park. Construction began on February 18, 2022. A groundbreaking will take place Wednesday, March 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. This is phase one (1) of the project. There are plans to add other amenities and improvements. They will be leasing of an unused building as a bike hub where the public

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can come to get their bikes repaired, training on bike education, exposure to the pump track environment and awareness of cycling. We anticipate the track will be completed by early May.

- Also at Edward Vincent Jr, Park preparation is underway for repairing and replacing some of the playground surfacing pending Council for approval of the contract on either March 22, or April 5, 2022.
- Vincent Park restroom construction should be getting underway, notice has been given to proceed.
- Bids for the restroom project at Darby Park are due March 9, 2022, with an expectation to go before Council on April 9, 2022, for approval. Anticipating construction will start in May and be completed by December 22, 2022.
- Updating the RFP for the irrigation system at Vincent Park, no bids were received. Staff will re-issue the updated bid.
- Finalizing bid documents for the picnic area tables, covers, seats, and sinks at Edward Vincent Park. The arbors will look similar to those at Ashwood Park giving a more modern look.
- Darby Park basketball courts were renovated by Nike, Jumpman, and Shoe Palace.
- Sunday, March 6, 2022, HBO will unveil the outdoor courts at Roger Park renovation. HBO's new mini-series release: "Winning Time" is based on the glory day of the Los Angeles Lakers a famous quote "If you didn't play ball at Rogers Park then you didn't play ball". A well-known artist that does art throughout Los Angeles County was contracted and created beautiful artwork on the courts and backboards.

Commissioner Denmon asked if it was premature to put the artwork down so soon after the rain. Sabrina Barnes stated the artwork has already been completed.

Public Comments

Imhotep Coleman thanked the Commission and announced that on Sunday, March 6, 2022, he will be taking some film scholars from his academy to shoot a short film at Darby. Commissioner Beck asked Mr. Coleman what time is his event. Mr. Coleman stated from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. between the court and the open area adjacent to the baseball field.

Commissioner's Comments

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.