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A meeting of the Inglewood Park and Recreation Commission was convened on June 6, 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, Chair–Commissioner at Large
Commissioner Patricia Patrick–District One
Commissioner Cynthia McLemore–District Three
Commissioner Fernando Meza–District Four
Sabrina Barnes, Director-Parks, Recreation and Library Services
Michael Davis, Westside Facilities Supervisor
Bharat Devlia, Food Services Manager
Stephanie Maldonado, Senior Management Assistant

Absent

Commissioner Jacob Fragoso- District Two

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2019. Commissioner McLemore seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

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

Director's Reports

None

Verbal Reports

Michael Davis gave a verbal report on behalf of the Parks Administration regarding the following:

- Graffiti: There was an increase in graffiti at Ashwood and Edward Vincent Jr. Parks. There has also been an increase in the areas around Woodworth, Darby Avenue, and Dixon Avenue. In District 3, there was increase in graffiti around La Cienega and La Brea Avenues. Graffiti was removed from 1,017 in April 2019 and 1,071 in May.

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Commissioner Agee stated that he has noticed an increase in graffiti at Edward Vincent Jr. Park. Director Barnes stated that because summer has begun there has been an increase in graffiti throughout the city. When reported, the Graffiti Division removes graffiti in 48 hours or less. Commissioner Meza reported that behind the CVS on Crenshaw there is an abundance of graffiti that should be removed. Director Barnes will pass the information to the Graffiti Supervisor.

Michael Davis gave a verbal report on behalf of the Recreation Division regarding the following:

- Summer Day Camp registration started on May 6, 2019. There are a total of four sessions. The first session is June 17-28; second session is July 1-12; third session is July 15-26; and, the fourth session starts July 29th and ends on August 9th. Four parks will be hosting camps this year. Ages 6-14 years have a choice between Darby and Rogers Parks. The 3-5 year olds can choose between Lockhaven Community Center and Siminski Park. The Commissioners are encouraged to convey this information to their community.
- The Swimming Complex opens June 19th and closes September 2nd for General swim. We have swimming lessons available for youth ages 7-17 for three sessions. Session 1 is from June 26-July 12, Session 2 July 17-August 2 and Session 3 August 7-23. We have adult swimming lessons, parent and me swimming lessons and family night swim available as well.

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

- Mother's Day Spa: a Spa Day was hosted in partnership with the National Conference of Negro Women and the El Camino College Cosmetology. The seniors were treated to prewashed hairstyling, manicures and massages, facial and makeup services. It was a wonderful experience.
- California Strawberry Festival: A group of 45 seniors traveled to Oxnard, California for a fun filled day of picking strawberries, music, activities and food.
- Senior Center Food Menu: The Inglewood Senior Center has a new food menu with the California Nutrition program. We are excited about the new menu. The quality of food has improved.

Director Barnes stated that the Department is pleased with the new food vendor. Mr. Devlia was very instrumental in getting the new vendor settled in the facility. We are pleased to offer a quality product to our seniors.

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report recommending that the Park and Recreation Commission Receive and File a report payment for unforeseen and necessary public safety related work performed at Ashwood Park in order to complete the renovation project. Director Barnes

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stated that the grand opening for Ashwood Park was extremely well received. As the project was ending heavy rain caused delays and structural damage. Some structures were repaired and other areas were improved for public safety (ADA regulations as an example). Additional funds in the amount of \$200,000 will be paid to the contractor for the extra work; bringing the cost to 1.6 million dollars. Other neighborhood parks that need renovations are expected to be similar in price.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to receive and file a staff report regarding payment in the amount of approximately \$200,000 for unforeseen and necessary public safety related work performed at Ashwood Park in order to complete the renovation project. Commissioner McLemore seconded and the motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Patrick, Meza, McLemore, and Agee

Nays: None

Sabrina Barnes presented a verbal report regarding Measure A and Prop 68 Funding and the County Wide Needs Assessment. Director Barnes stated that in 2016 there was a needs assessment completed. The community was invited to speak on what they thought was needed at the parks. A list of 10 projects was established. Measure A and Prop 68 was approved and the monies are becoming available to various cities per capita. \$570,000 has been allocated to the City of Inglewood from Measure A. The list was previously reviewed and some items have been completed since 2016. Items include: baseball field at Darby Park has been refurbished, renovating Ashwood Park with a splash pad, we have Wi-Fi at the major parks, and the tennis courts at Edward Vincent and Rogers Parks are in process of being renovated. The multi-purpose field at Edward Vincent Park, renovation at Center Park and the interior and walking path at Darby Park has also been completed. The money will become available again in November. The plan is to use those funds for the upgrading of the restrooms. Proposition 68 will also have funds available soon. Center Park's renovations were funded by Proposition 68. We will be going to Council about completion of tennis courts at Edward Vincent Park.

Commissioner Agee inquired about funds for a new sign at the Willie Agee Playhouse. Director Barnes stated that monies have been requested in the budget for air conditioning and signage at the Playhouse. Commissioner Patrick asked if the Measure A and Prop 68 funds are available immediately or disbursed as needed. Director Barnes stated that \$570,000 was recently released and is now available. Another batch of money will be available in November.

Public Comments

Mr. Hawthorne presented information to the Commission and the Director. He asked that they read the information at their leisure and requested a meeting with Director Barnes and Teresa Estrada.

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Shelli Boone of the Willie Agee Playhouse presented the Commission with flyers on a workshop that will be held at the Willie Agee Playhouse. Commissioner Patrick asked for details on the “set” workshop. It is a workshop on how to build a set for a play from scratch and to also foster jobs behind the scene.

Stewart Bailey stated that the Department is doing a wonderful job.

Mike Asfall stated that there was an issue with a neighborhood gang. The Police came out to Champions Field and the issue was resolved. He noted that the Recreation staff are younger generation(s) who may feel intimidation from older more aggressive community members and suggests that the Department hire more mature staff to enforce rules and regulations. He also stated that the fencing at Champion’s Field needs to be prepared. Director Barnes stated that there is request in place when more patrolling is needed and hopes that the community will assist by calling the police when issues arise.

Commissioners Comments

None.

The next meeting will be held July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. With no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.