

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE LAND ON WHICH WE GATHER AND THAT IS CURRENTLY KNOWN AS THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IS THE OCCUPIED, UNCEDED, SEIZED TERRITORY OF THE GABRIELEÑO TONGVA AND GABRIELEÑO KIZH PEOPLES. (PRONOUNCED “KEECH”)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Read by Chair Solomon.
- B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Jackson (she/her);
Commissioner Krishna (she/her);
Commissioner Mason (he/him);
Commissioner Payton (she/her) – arrived at
6:33pm;
Commissioner Ragno (he/him);
Vice Chair Karliss (he/him); and
Chair Solomon (he/him)

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services
Division Manager; Erin Hamant, Senior
Administrative Analyst; Debbie Gonzalez,
Administrative Coordinator; Stephanie
Martinez, Recreation Services Division
Manager.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Vice Chair Karliss.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the March 13, 2024, Agenda.

Motion by Vice Chair Karliss, seconded by Commissioner Mason, and approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Mason – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Vice Chair Karliss – Y
Chair Solomon – Y

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the prior Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting dated February 14, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Krishna, seconded by Commissioner Mason. Motion passes with 2 abstentions noted below.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ragno – Abstain
Commissioner Mason – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Abstain
Vice Chair Karliss – Y
Chair Solomon – Y

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY24-26 BIENNIAL CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an overview of the biennial budget process and consider the recommendations made by the Budget Standing Subcommittee for the FY24-26 biennial budget for Capital Improvement Projects.

Staff introduced the item and provided an overview of the budget process.

Chair Solomon asked for clarification on the timeline of when the Facilities Division recommendations will be submitted to the City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee. Staff provided clarification.

Staff went over the Recreation items on the Budget Standing Subcommittee list of recommendations.

Commissioner Jackson asked for clarification on the Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball item. Jackson asked about the costs associated with the Plummer Park and West Hollywood Park electronic message boards. Staff provided clarification on the items.

Commissioner Payton asked if the public's requests for more space at the Aquatics changing rooms were considered during the Budget Subcommittee's discussion. Staff is working with the City Architect team to determine what is feasible. Payton asked if there will be a collaboration with the Arts Commission for the West Hollywood Park gym mural. Staff shared that the project will be under the Recreation team.

Commissioner Mason commented that the Tennis Court fencing at Plummer Park should be prioritized. He spoke in favor of the city's courts being mixed use.

Vice Chair Karliss asked if utilities were mistakenly left out of the budgeted amount for the West Hollywood Park flex space. Staff replied that it was not a mistake. Karliss commented on the Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball item and is in favor of keeping it a dual space. He asked for clarification on the Signs & Wayfinding item. Staff provided clarification. Karliss would like to see the Electronic Messaging Boards item brought back to the Commission for discussion once the budgeting is approved.

Chair Solomon inquired if there would be a need for a bathroom in the West Hollywood Park Flex Space. Staff provided a response. Solomon commented on the Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball item and expressed concern with water accumulating on the court after it rains. He suggested putting fencing or DG around the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Xen Tara, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the prioritization of items. Xen spoke about options to improve safety at Plummer Park courts 6 & 7.

Commissioner Krishna spoke in favor of keeping things mixed use.

Commissioner Payton spoke in favor of keeping things mixed use.

Commissioner Jackson would like to prioritize Citywide Court Resurfacing, Plummer Park Tennis Court LED Lighting, Plummer Park Tennis Court Fencing, and Plummer Park Alternative Restrooms.

Commissioner Ragno would like to prioritize the Plummer Park Tennis Court LED Lighting and Citywide Court Resurfacing.

Commissioner Mason commented on the Citywide Court Resurfacing item. He spoke in favor of the Water Polo Netting item.

Staff commented that the Citywide Court Resurfacing item can be moved to the Division's capital maintenance budget request.

Vice Chair Karliss spoke in favor of the priority list that the Budget Standing Subcommittee put together. He will defer to the Commission's decision on whether to move the Citywide Court Resurfacing item.

Chair Solomon spoke in favor of the budget recommendation letter. He suggested indicating what the costs will be for Plummer Park and the costs for West Hollywood Park. Solomon spoke about the Plummer Park Alternative Restrooms item. He would like to keep the Court Resurfacing item on the list and add pickleball lines to make the courts dual use. Solomon spoke about increasing the amount being requested for the Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball item.

The Commission discussed increasing the amount requested for the Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball item and changing the name to Plummer Park Multipurpose Court.

The Commission discussed the Citywide Court Resurfacing item.

ACTION: Approve the Commission's budget recommendation letter with the following amendments to be presented to the City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee & to the City Council: 1) Move Plummer Park Alternative restrooms as a standalone item in response to previous council direction to review alternative restrooms for Plummer Park; 2) Increase the funding for Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball from \$80,000 to \$120,000; 3) Remove "if possible" from Plummer Park Basketball Court & Pickleball item; and 4) Add language to Citywide Court Resurfacing item to include "assessment for potential multipurpose uses."

Motion by Chair Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Mason, and approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ragno – Y

Commissioner Payton – Y

Commissioner Mason – Y

Commissioner Krishna – Y

Commissioner Jackson – Y

Vice Chair Karliss – Y

Chair Solomon – Y

B. PLUMMER PARK RESTROOMS & CONCESSIONAIRE PROJECT UPDATE

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on the Plummer Park Restrooms & Concessionaire Project.

Staff provided an update to the Commission.

Commissioner Payton asked how this project ties in with the Plummer Park visioning project. Staff responded to the inquiry.

ACTION: Receive and file.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL TREE PLANTING EVENT

SUBJECT: The Commission will review the proposed program for the 2024 annual tree planting event.

Staff introduced the item and provided information on the event as outlined in the staff report.

Chair Solomon inquired about the chosen tree species. Staff responded to the question.

ACTION: Approve the program for the 2024 annual tree planting event.

Motion by Vice Chair Karliss, seconded by Commissioner Ragno, and approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ragno – Y

Commissioner Payton – Y

Commissioner Mason – Y

Commissioner Krishna – Y

Commissioner Jackson – Y

Vice Chair Karliss – Y

Chair Solomon – Y

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reminded the Commission of the upcoming Water Symposium event.

Staff shared information about an upcoming event that the Urban Forest & Landscape team is doing with a local school.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR AGENDA PREP & COMMISSION ITEMS TRACKER

Commissioner Ragno is excited to see the beginning stages of the community garden at Plummer Park.

Commissioner Payton shared that she will be attending the upcoming Fountain Streetscape Steering Committee meeting. She reminded staff of a malfunctioning light at Fountain and Harper. Payton shared with staff that she attended the movie in the park event and that the sound was very loud. She shared information on the UCLA Luskin School and the Luskin Center of Innovations.

Vice Chair Karliss shared that the city has announced that they are inviting bids for the Aids Monument. He asked for the status of the traffic circle plant pallets. Staff responded to the inquiry. Karliss asked when the commission meeting minutes are posted and if the e-comments are included. Staff replied to the question.

Chair Solomon shared that he will be canvassing with Abundant Housing LA and invited anyone who is interested in joining.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. to its next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Community Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Debbie Gonzalez, Recording Secretary

Andrew Solomon, Chair