

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 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) – Arrived at
6:35 p.m.;
Commissioner Payton (she/her);
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; Debbie Gonzalez,
Administrative Coordinator; Yvonne Quarker,
Director of Community Services; Stephanie
Martinez, Recreation Services Division
Manager; Cortez Jordan, Aquatics Supervisor;
Kim Hubbard, Aquatics Coordinator; Clavon
Jubrey, Recreation Supervisor; Michael Gasca,
Recreation Supervisor; Susy Salazar,
Recreation Coordinator; Dana AlHaddad,
Recreation Coordinator; Andrea Yanez,
Recreation Coordinator; and Destiny Nieto,
Recreation Coordinator

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Kevin Burton.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the April 10, 2024, Agenda

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

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ragno – Y

Commissioner Payton – 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 March 13, 2024.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ragno – Y

Commissioner Payton – Y

Commissioner Krishna – Y

Commissioner Jackson – Y

Vice Chair Karliss – Y

Chair Solomon – Y

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ric Abramson, Urban Design and Architecture Studio Manager, WEST HOLLYWOOD, shared information about the upcoming event, Water Wise, Water Works Symposium that will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the Bus Priority Lanes project on La Brea Avenue. Kevin spoke about the need for wayfinding signage to direct people to the West Hollywood Gateway parking garage.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION SEMIANNUAL UPDATE

SUBJECT: The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission (PFC) will receive an update from the Recreation Services

Division for Fall 2023 and Winter 2023-2024. The division will present a semiannual update from the Recreation Services Division, focusing on the exciting programs and services offered during Fall 2023 and Winter 2023-2024. Division staff will provide a comprehensive overview of programs, services, upcoming events, and facility reservations, showcasing the division's commitment to enhancing recreation programs for community members.

The Recreation Services staff provided a semiannual update on the programs and services offered during Fall 2023 and Winter 2023-2024.

The Commissioners thanked the Recreation staff for the presentation.

Commissioner Payton asked a clarifying question regarding reservations. Staff replied to the inquiry.

Commissioner Jackson asked a question about summer camp registrations. Staff provided information regarding the upcoming summer camp registration.

Commissioner Krishna asked clarifying questions regarding marketing facility reservations and the community garden waitlist. Staff provided a response. Commissioner Krishna would like to see an item on the community garden brought back to the commission. Lastly, she asked how Recreation staff gauges interest in new classes. Staff replied to the question.

Commissioner Mason is happy to see the work that the Recreation Division is doing and is excited to see the youth programming expand. He sees the importance of adult programming as well. He commented on publicizing non-city classes using community bulletin boards.

Vice Chair Karliss shared what the water exercise program means to him personally. Karliss asked clarifying questions regarding the 20 percent increase in programming and regarding the revenue in previous months not listed in the staff report. Staff provided a response. Karliss inquired if staff has sought out trainers to do dog training classes. Staff replied to the question. Vice Chair Karliss asked for an update on the pool changing rooms. Staff provided an update.

Chair Solomon commented on the Facility Rentals revenue chart, he would like to see that for classes as well. Solomon provided feedback on the reservation platform, Active Net. He asked if there is interest in volleyball classes. Staff responded to the question. Solomon shared about the difficulty in booking rooms at the Aquatics & Recreation Center and commented on the need for more room availability. Solomon commented on the parking availability near Plummer Park on Mondays during the Farmers Market. Staff responded to the comments. Solomon inquired if the

public will have input in the selection process for the tennis concessionaire. Additionally, he asked how long the term will be. Staff responded to the inquiry.

Commissioner Ragno suggested partnering up with the City of Los Angeles to assist with the tennis and pickleball demand.

ACTION: Received and provided feedback.

B. WEHO PRIDE 2024 PARADE FLOAT PARTICIPATION

SUBJECT: The Commission will call for volunteers of members interested in riding on the WeHo Pride Parade float on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Volunteers will be entered into a random selection drawing, conducted by the City Clerk.

ACTION: Commissioner Ragno and Vice Chair Karliss volunteered to ride on the WeHo Pride Parade float on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff provided updates on the following projects: Holloway project, the Crescent Heights Parking Lot project, Plummer Park Security upgrades project, and the Plummer Park Dog Park. Staff reminded the commission of the upcoming Arbor Day event.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR AGENDA PREP & COMMISSION ITEMS TRACKER

Commissioner Payton provided feedback on the public comment regarding wayfinding signage to the Gateway parking garage. She expressed interest in revisiting the Kings Road Park Playground. Payton expressed concern with the mosquitoes at Kings Road Park.

Commissioner Jackson invited the commission to an upcoming senior community prom event. She attended Girls Play LA.

Commissioner Mason spoke highly of the City's parks and commended the recreation staff for their great work.

Vice Chair Karliss acknowledged the good work staff has been doing with the sidewalk improvements. He inquired about the broken glass window in the space

next to the council chambers. Staff provided an update.

Chair Solomon made a motion to add an item to the lookahead calendar to discuss parking and street cleaning on Mondays during the Plummer Park Farmers Market. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ragno and approved unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to its next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 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