

**MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Special Session at 7:05 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in the Community Center, 10911 Oak St., Chair Duran presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bandak, A. Duran, K. Duran, Gallagher, Murphy

Absent: Commission Members: Beck (Excused), Joseph (Absent)

Present: Staff: Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation & Community Services Department
Jennifer Sisoiev, Recreation Manager
Joanna Contreras, Recreation Supervisor
Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor
Jason Bruton, Special Events Supervisor
Gilberto Arteaga-Ceja, Recreation Specialist/
Senior Recreation Leader

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Duran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Duran opened Oral Communications. There being no one present requesting to speak, Chair Duran closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to lack of quorum from the June meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission deferred the approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2022, April 6, 2022, May 4, 2022, June 1, 2022, and Special Meeting June 29, 2022.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings

For the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission to continue to have the option to meet via teleconference during the pandemic, AB 361 requires the

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission to make specific findings at least every thirty (30) days.

Recreation & Community Services Director Emeline Noda summarized the staff report.

Motion/Second: A. Duran/Bandak

Abstain: N/A

Motion Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission the option to meet via teleconference during the pandemic.

B. Recreation and Community Services Department Budget FY 22-23

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Recreation and Community Services Department budget.

Recreation & Community Services Director Emeline Noda summarized the staff report.

C. Senior Needs Assessment Finding and Recommendations

This report provides the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Commission an update regarding the results of the Senior Needs Assessment for 2022.

Gilberto Arteaga-Ceja, Recreation Specialist/Senior Recreation Leader summarized the staff report.

D. Week of Los Al Preview

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a preview of the Week of Los Al.

Jason Bruton, Special Events Supervisor summarized the staff report.

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Ron Noda, Deputy City Manager/Development Services Director

- The Traffic Commission express how much they enjoyed attending the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at the Joint Forces Training Base.
- Street improvements on various streets throughout the City will begin soon. Please refer to the website for additional information.
- Universal Waste Systems Inc. (UWS) is offering a Free Community Event (at the parking lot) corner of Pine and Florista St. on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. This event is only offered to Los Alamitos residents. Bulky and electronic items will be accepted. Please no household hazardous waste (HHW) accepted at this event.

Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor

- Concerts in the Parks will begin next week on July 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for four weeks alternating from Little Cottonwood and Orville R. Lewis Jr. Parks. For more information on the concert series, please visit the website.

Jason Bruton, Special Events Supervisor

- July is Parks Make Life Better Month. We are very excited to bring a month full of activities for the entire family to enjoy. On July 9, 2022, we held the first Park Takeover with a Fitness event with an estimate of 25 in attendance. July 23 and July 30 are fun days with entertainment, games, crafts, bounce houses and refreshments. A Pop-Up Dog Park will be offered to the community at Laurel Park, daily from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. We are hosting a Flower Seed Giveaway at the Community Center during the month of July. We will also offer Free Pick-Up Sports and will end the month with a Mini Family Day at Little Cottonwood Park on July 21, 2022. Please refer to the website or contact the community center for additional information.

Joanna Contreras, Recreation Supervisor

- Summer Day Camp sponsored by Southland Credit Union continues its success through week 5 with the program sold out at 100 campers per day.
- A new co-ed adult sports drop-in program, Spikeball, will begin on Monday, August 29 every Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Laurel Park (10862 Bloomfield St.). Participants will pay \$5, painted courts and equipment will be available. Recreation staff are excited to provide this program.

Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation & Community Services Department

- The Los Alamitos Community Foundation met Monday, July 11 and will fundraise with a Beer and Wine Booth at the Summer Concerts at the Parks. The Foundation will also be selling canine stuffed toys for a suggested donation of \$25. Lastly, the Foundation is beginning to plan a Casino Night on November 12, 2022 at the Community Center.

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Bandak

- Attended the 4th of July Spectacular and it was a fantastic event! Impressed and thanked staff for great job, expressed how the fireworks show was better than previous years. It was an incredible event and well worth it! The only suggestion I recommend is to place signage where to exit, as some individuals were turned around and didn't know where to exit. It took us about 15 minutes to exit from the Base and others I spoke with took about 30 minutes, an improvement from previous years.

Commissioner Gallagher

- Nothing to Report

Commissioner K. Duran

- Nothing to Report

Vice-Chair Murphy

- Commended staff for an extraordinary 4th of July event and was very delighted that tables and chairs were provided at event. Loved the entire event, the fireworks show, music played throughout the evening and the beer garden adjacent to the VIP area. This truly made a memorable event for all.

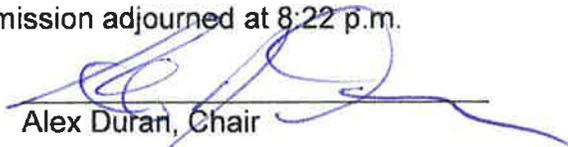
Chair Duran

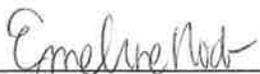
- Thanked staff for providing a wonderful experience in the VIP area. Chair Duran's out of state friends accompanied them as guests to the 4th of July event and they were very impressed. The fireworks show was great, as they had also attended Knott's firework show and both were equally amazing. Great job, as always!

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Attest:


Alex Duran, Chair


Emeline Noda
Director of Recreation & Community Services
Recreation & Community Services Department