

# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



*Chair Chris Lang  
Vice Chair Julian Ibañez Mandujano  
Commissioner Alexandra Oliva  
Commissioner Vince Carpio  
Commissioner Anthony Guzman  
Commissioner Donna Otero  
Commissioner Audrey Olmos-Govea*

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful  
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of  
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

6:00 PM

Philadelphia Park Community Center

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Lang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Chris Lang  
Vice Chair Julian Ibañez-Mandujano  
Commissioner Alexandra Oliva  
Commissioner Anthony Guzman  
Commissioner Donna Otero  
Commissioner Audrey Olmos-Govea

Absent: Commissioner Vince Carpio

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director  
Danny Whaley, Parks and Facilities Manager  
Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager  
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor  
Ricardo Aguilar, Recreation Coordinator  
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alice R. Gomez spoke about the significance of Memorial Park and the importance of keeping up the park. She recommended placing photos of those who served and are deceased on the walls of the community center, once it has been refurbished.

## **V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Ibanez-Mandujano reported that the Los Angeles County mobile library goes to Tony Cerda Park on Wednesdays. He said it is a great resource for the community and helps activate the park. He announced that Latino/Latina Roundtable is hosting a cleanup at Cesar Chavez Park this Saturday at 10am.

Commissioner Guzman stated he has been playing pickleball at Palomares Park and that residents have expressed an interest in having lights at the court. He asked if the condition of the turf at Veterans Park is being addressed because he would like to propose a new sports league for next summer.

Commissioner Otero thanked staff for hosting a community karaoke night. She said she attended the event and she had a great time. She said she is happy that Garfield Park has lights now.

Commissioner Audrey Olmos-Govea said that it is been good to see many people playing pickleball.

Chair Lang reported that Measure Y, the Kids First Initiative will have a public forum on Wednesday, September 25 at Pilgrim Church Sanctuary at 7pm for residents interested in learning more about the initiative.

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the meeting minutes of August 15, 2024.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER OTERO, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OLIVA, CARRIED 6-0 approving the August 15, 2024 meeting minutes.**

## **VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **1. Call for Art 2022-23: Request for Approval of Artwork Relocation at MLK Jr. Park**

Staff requested to pull item due to additional information pending.

### **2. 2024 Summer Recap of City Activities, Events, and Programs**

Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation recapping Community Services' offerings, activities, events, and attendance numbers.

### **3. Park Restroom Door Update**

Parks and Facilities Manager Danny Whaley presented an update on the Park New Restroom Project and spoke about privacy doors on restroom stalls. Mr. Whaley provided a brief overview of the \$2.5 million in ARP funding that City Council had allocated for park restroom construction and replacement at Tony Cerda Park, Washington Park, Palomares Park, and Ted Greene Park, which were identified for the greatest need of new restroom facilities.

Mr. Whaley spoke of the drawbacks that privacy doors have, such as vandalism and graffiti. The parks without privacy doors are Ganesha Park, Lincoln Park, La Casita at Palomares Park, Westmont Park, and Washington Park. Mr. Whaley displayed photos of the restrooms without privacy doors and spoke of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, in which doors must swing in. This would require major tile and wall construction or custom partitions. At Lincoln Park, a challenge may be that it is designated as historic and ADA requirements must be complied with.

### **VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

- Staff reported that City Council approved retroactively the purchase of equipment for the pools.
- City Council approved the appropriation of \$100,000 for the La Casita Project.
- A contract was awarded for Library renovations that include replacing the roof, HVAC, and lighting.
- At the October 7, 2024 meeting, City Council will consider an item on the Phillips Ranch greenbelt becoming a designated City park.
- The conceptual plans for Garfield Park are almost complete along with presentation materials for community meetings to obtain input for amenities.
- The wiring for the lights at the pickleball courts were vandalized and it is an estimated \$150,000 - \$180,000 to repair. Staff is searching for funding to fix the lights
- Staff will be submitting a grant proposal to the Whale Tail Grant Program for a project will provide opportunities for youth participants to learn about the marine ecosystem, engage in environmental stewardship, and participate in water-based recreation activities.
- The Youth Mentoring Program began its second year for the Youth Commission. The program matches a City staff member with a Youth Commissioner to meet once a month. The program is intended to empower youth with knowledge and skills to become a confident leader in the community.
- The After School Recreation Program is now operating at a site in each district.
- Recreation staff is participating at the Children's Festival and the Kindness Carnival.
- Planning for the Haunted House is underway and volunteers are in need.
- Teen programming includes service-learning opportunities and a youth & government program.
- Staff reported it may be an estimated \$13,000 for a concrete teqball table due to the difficulty in finding a manufacture in the states. Staff is continuing to research how much it would cost to ship from Europe.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lang adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Garfield Park Neighborhood Center, 563 N. Mountainview

Avenue, Pomona, CA 91767.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Monica Belloso  
Management Analyst

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Chris Lang  
Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission