



## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025, 6:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Chair Matt Friedlander, Commissioners Chad Young, Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Stephanie Schaefer, Joshua Kopp, Tracy Barlogio, Barry Johnson

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Anthony Zamora, Noemi Lopez, Margie Haupt, Alisa Sramala, Jordan Maus, Jovan Fontenot, Sandra Campbell, Janet Palacio

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Susan Wilson, City Attorney's Office

Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Commission, and no e-comments were received prior to the start of the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### THE BROWN ACT

Susan Wilson from the City Attorney's Office delivered an overview of The Brown Act.

#### BORDWELL GYM UPDATE

Principal Project Manager Alisa Sramala presented an update on the Bordwell Gym Renovation and introduced Recreation Supervisor Jovan Fontenot who presented updates on gym programming.

Commissioner Dawson wanted to know if the renovation was meeting the guidelines of sustainability and resiliency.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated that project is in the conceptional design stage right now. There will be another meeting in the future that will involve the Architect, and all issues will be addressed.

Director Pamela Galera stated that Department does comply with Cal Green guidelines.

#### ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Deputy Director Margie Haupt delivered an update on the Arts & Cultural Affairs Division.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the four film permits were solicited or was it passive people that came to Riverside and applied for a permit.

Deputy Director Haupt stated that they were passive.

Commissioner Dawson asked if obtaining film permits had an outreach program or is it marketed.

Deputy Director Haupt stated there is not a lot of marketing or outreach, it is more about staff capacity. There is talk with Economic Development about doing active outreach.

Commissioner Dawson asked if obtaining film permits is listed on the City Website.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it is on the City Website, and is wanting to do more active participation.

Commissioner Dawson inquired about the Arts & Culture grants, specifically asking if there is a list of the 27 groups that received funding and the amount each received.

Deputy Director Haupt stated that each group received \$500,000.

Commissioner Dawson asked how many overall applications were received and how many were rejected.

Deputy Director Haupt stated 29 applications and 2 were rejected.

Commissioner Dawson asked how grant information is provided to our community and what the process is to apply if they desire.

Deputy Director Haupt explained that a major social media campaign was conducted, and information was distributed widely to the non-profit community, Arts & Culture organizations, and The Network. Details were also shared through Councilmembers, press releases, and various other channels to raise awareness. Several organizations reached out for more information, and ultimately, a partnership was formed with the Riverside Arts Council.

Commissioner Dawson asked how the Riverside Arts Council is characterized.

Deputy Director Haupt stated they are a non-profit organization within the City of Riverside that helps support artists and art organizations.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the members are actual artists and if they have experience in making judgements.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it is a mixture of individuals in the Riverside Arts Council.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the universities or colleges are involved.

Deputy Director Haupt stated that it has to be a 501c3 organization to receive the money.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the Riverside Arts Council membership involve the colleges or universities.

Deputy Director Haupt stated they work with the colleges and universities.

Commissioner Dawson asked what the cost was for the State of the City and what support does it require.

Deputy Director Haupt stated that she does not support the event, she supports the Mayor with getting ready for her part of the State of the City such as speech development.

Commissioner Dawson asked how that involves Parks and Recreation.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it is under Arts & Cultural Affairs.

Commissioner Dawson asked what the cost was for Festival of Lights.

Deputy Director Haupt stated approximately \$1.5 million dollars.

Commissioner Dawson asked how much was put into the General Fund.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it does not go into the General Fund.

Chair Friedlander asked if the ice rink was there in 2023. Did it cost \$800 thousand.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it was not there in 2023, this is the first year it has been brought back, and it was \$230 thousand.

Chair Friedlander asked if it was compared to when it was over on Main Street.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it was the same.

#### PLANNING & DESING UPDATES

Project Manager Jordan Maus presented an overview of Capital Improvement projects.

Commissioner Schaefer asked if shade structure was on the list to be installed.

Project Manager Maus stated it is an important installment for a new playground or new features to a park.

Commissioner Shaefer asked if there were any plans to add the shade structures to existing parks.

Project Manager Maus stated that when purchasing new equipment for the playgrounds currently being replaced, built-in shade structures are being included.

Commissioner Forbes asked the time of the Groundbreaking Pickleball Ceremony taking place on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Project Manager Maus stated it begins at 1 p.m.

Commissioner Forbes asked if fencing repair is included in the budget. Particularly the fence at Andulka Park.

Director Galera stated that Parks is working with Public Works to fix that particular fence. Many fences throughout the park system are needing repair, and it is included in deferred maintenance.

Commissioner Dawson would like more information regarding the Fairmount Park Masterplan, including history of Fairmount Park.

Director Galera stated that the Fairmount Park Masterplan can be brought to a future Commission report.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the new shade covers for the playgrounds were going to be metal to look like sailcloth or is it material and what is the life expectancy.

Project Manager Maus stated that playgrounds use fabric not metal. The structure leading up to it and the laterals attached are metal. Life expectancy is unknown.

Director Galera stated the warranty is 8 years on fabric, also stated has experienced fabric last up to 15 years. The fabric can be replaced.

Commissioner Kopp asked to have “useful life of at least 10 years” explained (from presentation).

Project Manager Maus explained it is a standard for durability lasting at least 10 years in all Capital Improvement Projects.

Commissioner Kopp asked if the means it would be covered under a warranty.

Project Manager Maus states yes for playground equipment or other amenities placed in a park.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matter, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the Consent Calendar for consideration, was approved by a motion affirming the action appropriate to the item:

#### MINUTES

The minutes of February 3, 2025, were approved as presented.

Motion: Barlogio  
Second: Johnson  
Ayes: All

#### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### ELECTION OF CHAIR

Commissioner Barlogio made a motion for Chair Friedlander to remain Chair for the upcoming term. Chair Friedlander accepted.

Motion: Barlogio  
Second: Schaefer  
Ayes: All

#### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Friedlander made a motion for Commissioner Barlogio to be Vice Chair upcoming term. Commissioner Barlogio accepted.

Motion: Friedlander  
Second: Forbes  
Ayes: All

## COMMUNICATIONS

### UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Friedlander, Commissioner Dawson attended the City of Riverside Board and Commission Orientation on March 6, 2025, from 5:30-7 p.m., at City Hall.
- Chair Friedlander attended the Booker T. Washington/Frank A. Miller Plaque Dedication on February 28, 2025, from 2-3 p.m. at the Summit of Mt. Rubidoux.
- Commissioner Kopp attended the Arlington Little League Open Day on March 8, 2025, from 10-3 p.m., at Arlington Heights Sports Park. Attend the Northside Agricultural Invocation Center Groundbreaking, no date given. Also attended the Youth Innovation Center meeting, no date given.
- Commissioner Barlogio attended the Arlington Little League Open Day on March 8, 2025, from 10-3 p.m., at Arlington Heights Sports Park, the Booker T. Washington/Frank A. Miller Plaque Dedication on February 28, 2025, from 2-3 p.m. at the Summit of Mt. Rubidoux. Also attended a Ward 5 & 6, Arlington Clean-Up Event with Councilmembers Mill & Perry on March 15, 2025, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Commissioner Dawson requested a Fairmount Park Masterplan update.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Pamela Galera shared announcements:

- Young Men's Conference on March 18, 2025, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Bourns Technology Center.
- Spring Eggstravaganza on April 5, 2025, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ryan Bonaminio Park.
- Riverside Connect 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary providing Free Ride Days, there was one on February 4, 2025, to celebrate Rosa Parks. The next Free Ride Day is on April 22, 2025, to celebrate Earth Day.
- Riverside Community Services Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala on April 24, 2025, from 5-9 p.m.
- The 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on April 26, 2025, from 12-8 p.m. at Villegas Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sr. Administrative Assistant