

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Bob Motta called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Motta	-	Present
Vice Chairperson Watson	-	Present
Commissioner Cavagnolo	-	Present
Commissioner Lubs	-	Absent (Arrived at 6:05 PM)
Commissioner Stolnack	-	Present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

Barbara Bolland suggested a California Coastal Live Oak Tree to be the replacement tree at Library Park.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Vice Chairperson Watson, SECONDED by Commissioner Cavagnolo, approving Regular Commission meeting minutes of February 19, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 5/0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

2. Tree Replacement Library Park

Acting Parks Superintendent Joseph Casillas presented the tree replacement options for Library Park. Chairperson Motta commented on the replacement options being mostly surface rooted and his concerns with damages it may cause, droppings of trees, and how they hold up with strong winds. He also stated that the Canary Pine should be placed once again being that its deep rooted. Acting Parks Superintendent Casillas provided additional information.

Commissioner Stolnack stated that the location of the tree replacement is the focal point of Library Park therefore she recommends a California Sycamore Tree or a native tree. Commissioner Cavagnolo requested justification as to why the tree options were chosen. Commissioner Lubs stated that this should be an operational decision and not based on personal preference of the Commissioners. Commissioner Watson requested a list of criteria and stated that a native would be ideal.

MOTION by Commissioner Cavagnolo, SECONDED by Commissioner Lubs to bring back a tree replacement report with recommendations, MOTION PASSED. 5/0

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini presented the Director's Report to the Commission. The Commission asked questions regarding trashcans in Washington Park, fundraising for the tree relocation, and capital improvement projects. Director Mancini provided additional information.

Director Mancini introduced the new Senior Administrative Analyst, Khan Watson to the Committee.

E. STAFF COMMENTS

Recreation Manager Linnea Palmer spoke about the change in dates for the Snowboard Trip, Tiny Tot T-Rex Party, Youth Basketball season wrap up, all-star teams competing, and drama shows.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stolnack spoke about including Commissioner's names to each comment instead of generalizing the comments to the whole Committee on the minutes.

Commissioner Cavagnolo updated the Commission regarding fundraising of the Plunge, change order of the tiles and work time extending, and the creation of a working group to explore scoring adjustments for Aquatics.

Commissioner Lubs welcomed Senior Administrative Analyst, Khan Watson.

Vice Chairperson Watson updated the Commission regarding the Field Allocation Subcommittee and the work done for the policy update. She also welcomed Senior Administrative Analyst, Khan Watson.

Chairperson Motta thanked Barbara Bolland and Khan Watson for attending the meeting. He also stated that the tree replacement process should be done right with more research included.

Adjourned at 6:57 PM

Viviann Gonzalez

Viviann Gonzalez, Temporary Administrative Specialist