

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

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| Chairperson Motta | - | Present |
| Vice Chairperson Watson | - | Present |
| Commissioner Cavagnolo | - | Present |
| Commissioner Lubs | - | Present |
| Commissioner Stolnack | - | Present |

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

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Vice Chairperson Watson, SECONDED by Commissioner Cavagnolo, approving Regular Commission meeting minutes of April 16, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 5/0

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Employee Spotlight: Adriana Muro

Senior Librarian Julie Todd spoke about Senior Library Assistant Adriana Muro's achievements. Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini commended Adriana Muro for her hard work and dedication. Adriana Muro provided comments and thanked staff and the Commission for the recognition.

3. Quarterly Participation Report

Item was unable to be discussed due to lack of time; will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

4. Update on Tree at Library Park

Parks Superintendent Christopher Hentzen provided an update on the tree replacement at Library Park. He reported that the Big Leaf Maple Tree, selected as the replacement tree during last month's meeting, has proven difficult to find. Efforts to locate the tree included contacting the supplier used for Polliwog Park as well as reaching out to native plant nurseries in both Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Chairperson Motta inquired about the next steps to resolve this inconvenience. Vice Chairperson Watson suggested that

the limited availability might be due to the late planting season for native species. Commissioner Stolnack asked whether Polliwog Park had the same issue of the tree being backordered or if it was readily available. Commissioner Cavagnolo questioned why the tree is unavailable and whether the search radius had been expanded. Commissioner Lubs asked if the Norfolk Island Pine Tree was the species originally planted at the site. Parks Superintendent Hentzen provided additional information. Director Mancini recommended proceeding with staff's recommendation, Norfolk Island Pine Tree.

MOTION by Chairperson Motta SECONDED by Commissioner Lubs, approving staff's tree recommendation, the Norfolk Island Pine Tree, to be the replacement tree at Library Park, MOTION PASSED. 3/2

5. Approval of the Revised Athletic Field/Facility Use and Allocation Policy

Recreation Manager Linnea Palmer presented the Revised Athletic Field/Facility Use and Allocation Policy. Commissioner Cavagnolo inquired about how the "primary season" is defined and how organizations are prioritized between seasons. Commissioner Lubs asked whether the goals for the working group aligned with the concerns that had led the City Council to delay the policy. Recreation Manager Palmer provided additional information.

Commissioner Lubs expressed his support for the revised policy and thanked the Field Allocation Working Group for their efforts. Commissioner Cavagnolo also acknowledged the hard work involved and extended his appreciation to the team. Chairperson Motta and Director Mancini both thanked the team for their dedication, with Director Mancini noting the significant time invested and expressing appreciation that key issues are now clearly addressed in writing.

MOTION by Commissioner Lubs SECONDED by Vice Chairperson Watson, approving the Revised Athletic Field/Facility Use and Allocation Policy, MOTION PASSED. 5/0

6. Joslyn Center Update

Recreation Supervisor Ryan Delgado presented the Joslyn Center Update. Vice Chairperson Watson inquired about the Meals on Wheels program. Commissioner Stolnack asked questions regarding the Daytrippers program, Striders Walking Group, game days, and the Dial-A-Ride program. Commissioner Cavagnolo asked if any programs have been discontinued. Recreation Supervisor Delgado provided additional information.

Director Mancini commended Recreation Supervisor Delgado for his dedication and collaborative spirit. Chairperson Motta shared that he attended ElderFest, expressed his pride in being honored as the El Segundo Older American, and noted that attendees spoke highly of Recreation Supervisor Delgado and his contributions.

7. Recreation, Parks, and Library Strategic Plan Summary

Director Mancini presented the Recreation, Parks, and Library Strategic Plan Summary. Commissioner Cavagnolo asked about the timeline for achieving the outlined goals. Director Mancini provided additional information.

8. Appointment of Commissioner to Special Events Ad Hoc Committee

Director Mancini spoke about the Special Events Ad Hoc Committee and the appointment of a commissioner to serve on it.

MOTION by Chairperson Motta SECONDED by Commissioner Stolnack, approving Vice Chairperson Watson as Primary and Commissioner Cavagnolo as Alternate for the Special Events Ad Hoc Committee, MOTION PASSED. 4/0

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mancini presented the Director's Report to the Commission, announcing that City Council had approved Camp Cowabunga. Chairperson Motta asked questions regarding the Park Matrix. Director Mancini and Park Superintendent Hentzen provided additional information.

E. STAFF COMMENTS

None

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stolnack thanked Recreation Supervisor Delgado for the detailed Joslyn Center report and acknowledged the efforts of all staff involved in preparing various reports. She announced that she's happy to help with the park inspections.

Commissioner Cavagnolo provided an update on the Aquatics subcommittee and commented on the update on tree at Library Park. While he appreciated Parks Superintendent Hentzen's efforts, he expressed disappointment with the process and outcome. He emphasized that if a similar situation arises in the future, the process should be handled with greater care and transparency.

Vice Chairperson Watson echoed Commissioner Cavagnolo's concerns regarding the update on tree at Library Park. She shared her disappointment with the outcome and noted that insufficient information was shared with the Commission and the public. She stated that the community would likely be dissatisfied with the final decision.

Chairperson Motta reported that he toured the Plunge facility and expressed skepticism that the renovation work would be completed by the December 31st deadline, based on what he observed. He commended Recreation

Coordinator Bailey Myers for doing an excellent job as a tour guide during the visit.

Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Viviann Gonzalez

Viviann Gonzalez, Temporary Administrative Specialist