

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 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	-	Absent
Commissioner Lubs	-	Present
Commissioner Stolnack	-	Present

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

Barbara Bolland, resident of El Segundo, expressed her disappointment regarding the recent decision to reverse the vote on planting a California native tree.

Rob Mckenna, Pastor of Bridge South Bay Church in El Segundo, provided public comment stating that the tree in front of the church has been causing damage to the property. He requested that the tree be removed.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Commissioner Lubs, SECONDED by Commissioner Stolnack, approving Regular Commission meeting minutes of May 21, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 4/0

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Employee Spotlight: Leah and Kayla Sandoval

Recreation Coordinator Devon Bargmann spoke about the achievements of Senior Recreation Leaders Leah and Kayla Sandoval.

3. Tree Removal Request at 429 Richmond

Parks Superintendent Christopher Hentzen presented the Tree Removal Request at 429 Richmond Street. Commissioner Stolnack inquired about the city's responsibility and liability for any damage caused by the tree and whether a replacement tree would be planted, specifically if it would be a native species. Commissioner Lubs asked for clarification on the property line and whether the tree is located on city property. Parks Superintendent Hentzen provided additional information.

MOTION by Vice Chairperson Watson, SECONDED by Commissioner Stolnack, approving the Tree Removal Request at 429 Richmond Street, MOTION PASSED. 4/0

4. Quarterly Participation Report

Recreation Supervisor Rachel Cummings presented the Quarterly Participation Report on behalf of Recreation Manager Linnea Palmer.

5. Summer Meeting Dates

Chairperson Motta led the discussion on the summer meeting dates. After careful deliberation, the Commission decided to adhere to the current schedule, unless there is insufficient quorum or a lack of number of agenda items to be discussed.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

E. STAFF COMMENTS

None

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stolnack announced that the El Segundo Public Library is now offering California State Parks passes for checkout. She also welcomed the new Senior Administrative Specialist, Viviann Gonzalez.

Commissioner Lubs reported that the Youth Sports Advisory Committee recently met to discuss due date reminders, field audits, the new athletic field allocation policy, and the schedule for annual field closures. He also clarified his role in the Land Use Element Technical Advisory Committee.

Vice Chairperson Watson provided an update on the Aquatics Subcommittee regarding the Water Polo tournament, the Plunge, the instructional pool liner at the Aquatics Facility, and the involvement of Councilman Hunsaker. She also mentioned her intention to introduce a motion in a future agenda to discontinue planting non-native trees in El Segundo.

Chairperson Motta expressed his approval of the recently updated Park Matrix. He also congratulated Commissioner Lubs on his reappointment to the Commission.

Adjourned at 6:36 PM

Viviann Gonzalez

Viviann Gonzalez, Senior Administrative Specialist