



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Decker, Kamar, Kambe, Koblin and Olson present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

Don Witteman, 669 Foxwood Road, informed the Commission of his tree encroaching over a County trail. He stated his concern regarding the tree begin removed by County.

Senior Management Analyst Parseghian stated Mr. Witteman's concerns will be passed on to the City's Trails Coordinator, Greg Kwolek, who will work with Mr. Witteman and County to resolve the matter.

5. Approval of July 13, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Kamar to Approve the July 13, 2016 Commission Special Meeting Minutes (5-0), approved.

NEW BUSINESS

6. The Girls on the Run of Los Angeles Permit and Fee Waiver Request for FIS Lower Field.

Molley Snow, Executive Director of Girls on the Run, presented the request for use of the track on the FIS Lower Field. She stated not having lights at the FIS Lower is not a concern.

M/S/C: Commissioner Koblin/Decker to approve the Girls on the Run of Los Angeles Permit and Fee Waiver Request for FIS Lower Track Athletic Field. (5-0) Approved.

7. LC Spartans Permit and Fee Waiver Request for Cornishon Field.

Tracy Lee, presented the LC Spartans request. She stated lighting will not be an issue.

M/S/C: Commissioner Koblin/Decker to approve the LC Spartans Permit and Fee Waiver Request for Cornishon Field. (5-0) Approved.

8. La Cañada Kiwanis Association Permit and Fee Waiver Request for Memorial Park.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Decker to approve the La Cañada Kiwanis Association Permit and Fee Waiver Request for Memorial Park. (5-0) Approved.

9. Discussion of potential locations for a City Dog Park.

Director of Administration Services Alameda presented the staff report. He provided history of the dog park consideration. He stated since the January 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, staff had been working with Southern California Edison (Edison) in creating an off leash zone on Edison property off of the Cross Town Trail. He stated after many discussions and specifications sent from the City to Edison, Edison has stated it would not allow any such areas on their properties. Director of Administration Services Alameda stated few factors have changed that could impact the need for a dog park, including the new dog park in neighboring community, La Crescenta, and the possibility of making Mayors' Discovery Park into a dog park on a pilot basis. He stated with this decision the item was coming back to the Commission to see if there is interest to continue pursuing other options.

Chair Olson stated his interest to re-gauge the public interested on the matter. He stated his interest in hearing from the advocates who originally brought this item to the Commission.

Commissioner Kambe also stated his interest to re-gauge the public interested on the matter. He stated his recollection that the main concern residents had at the time was with a Pasadena Humane Society Enforcement officer regarding the leash law.

Vice Chair Kamar stated his concern on the effect Mayor's Discovery Park dog park would have on LDS Field access. He also stated the continued enforcement issues at other facilities.

Commissioner Decker stated her concerns with Mayors' Discover Park being a multi-use as a park and a part-time dog park. She stated her concerns with enforcement and clean-up efforts.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

11. Staff Comments.

Senior Management Analyst Parseghian listed the future agenda items to come to the Commission: Mayors' Discovery Park Fountain and Olberz Park Gazebo Project. In addition, he provided an update regarding the Cornishon Tennis Court Resurfacing Project. The item was discussed by the Joint Use Sub-Committee group and is going to the full board for further discussion on September 22, 2016.

12. Items for Future Agendas.

Commissioner Decker reminded staff regarding her future agenda item to discuss recreational programs and events to promote health, wellness, and active lifestyles.

Senior Management Analyst Parseghian stated this item is on the list. He stated staff will need further direction from the Commissioner prior to agendaizing the item.

Commissioner Kambe requested the following future agenda items: discuss Music in the Park and an update about the Cherry Canyon Signage project.

Senior Management Analyst Parseghian stated the City's Trails Coordinator is working with the Trails Council to finalize the design and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Caroline Craven, La Cañada Trails Council President, stated there will be a reveal of the proposed trails signs at the Mayor's hike celebration on October 22, 2016.

Commissioner Kambe requested a future agenda item to incorporate the Youth Council into the projects the Parks and Recreation Commission is working on.

Senior Management Analyst Parseghian stated he has been working with the Youth Council liaison for a partnership possibility between the Youth Council and Parks and Recreation Commission during the Music in the Park. He stated the Youth Council may have an interest in hosting a Battle of the Bands event before a Music in the Park Concert.

13. Comments from the Commission.

Vice Chair Kamar asked for an update regarding the FIS and Cornishon Gate improvement project.

Director of Administration Services Alameda stated the project will commence in December during the field closure.

ADJOURN

Chair Kambe adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

**Arabo Parseghian, Senior Management Analyst
(Staff Liaison to the Commission)**