

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh Peoples. (pronounced “Keech”)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
 - A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Read by Chair Solomon.
 - B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Ragno (he/him);
Commissioner Krishna (she/her);
Commissioner Jackson (she/her);
Commissioner Mason (he/him);
Commissioner Payton (she/her) - Arrived at 6:34pm;
and Chair Solomon (he/him).

ABSENT: Vice Chair Karliss (he/him).

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services
Division Manager (she/her); Erin Hamant,
Senior Administrative Analyst (she/her);
Debbie Gonzalez, Administrative Coordinator
(she/her); Janet Jimenez, Director of
Administrative Services (she/her); and Melissa
Crowder, City Clerk (she/her).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Erin Hamant.
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the June 12, 2024, Agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Krishna, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Ragno – Y**
- Commissioner Krishna – Y**
- Commissioner Jackson – Y**
- Commissioner Mason – Y**
- Chair Solomon – Y**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the prior Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting dated May 8, 2024. **Motion by Commissioner Krishna, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and approved with one abstention noted below.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Ragno – ABSTAINED**
- Commissioner Krishna – Y**
- Commissioner Jackson – Y**
- Commissioner Mason – Y**
- Chair Solomon – Y**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Wojtkielewicz, WEST HOLLYWOOD, made positive remarks regarding the Plummer Park community garden and expressed gratitude to the Commission for their efforts in the project.

Crescencia Owens, WEST HOLLYWOOD, complimented the Plummer Park community garden and spoke of a low-income senior provision in the program.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRIORITIZATION OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

SUBJECT: The Commission will review its Look Ahead Calendar for Agenda Prep and Subcommittee tasks and work with staff to create a prioritization schedule for items on hold and/or delayed.

Staff presented the item to the Commission.

Chair Solomon inquired about the implementation of the budget recommendations and how they will affect the agenda item prioritization. Staff provided a response.

Commissioner Mason, Commissioner Jackson, and Commissioner Krishna agree with the prioritization of upcoming agenda items as outlined in the staff report.

Commissioner Ragno inquired if there is a location for the LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial. Staff provided a response. Ragno suggested bumping up the PP Farmers Market Parking and Street Cleaning.

Commissioner Payton asked for clarification on whether this item would be brought back in August when the Commission revisits the Fiscal Year Workplan. She also asked for clarification on the timelines. Staff responded to the inquiries.

ACTION: Approve the prioritization of upcoming agenda items with an amendment to revisit Commission priorities in August once the Commission's FY24-26 budget recommendations are adopted by the City Council and move the Plummer Park Farmers Market Parking and Street Cleaning item from TBD 2 to TBD 1. **Motion by Chair Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Mason, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Payton – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Mason – Y
Chair Solomon – Y

B. ELECTION PROCEDURES OVERVIEW

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an overview of the election procedures to select the next Chair and Vice-Chair at its next regular meeting.

Staff presented the item and went over the election procedure as outlined in the staff report.

ACTION: Receive and file.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY24-26 BIENNIAL CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on the status of its FY24-26 Biennial Capital Budget recommendations and consider selecting a representative and an alternate to speak on behalf of the Commission in support of its budget recommendations at the June 24, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Staff presented the item as outlined in the staff report.

ACTION: Chair Solomon will serve as primary and Commissioner Ragno as the alternate to speak on behalf of the Commission in support of its budget recommendations at the June 24, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Payton – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Jackson – Y
Commissioner Mason – Y
Chair Solomon – Y

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The City Clerk spoke regarding the attendance and participation of five Commission members at the previous City Council meeting where they provided public comment on a Recreation item. Although the Tennis and Pickleball Concessionaire RFP and vendor selection does not fall under the Commission’s purview and they did not violate the Brown Act, they did impact the City Council’s action. The City Clerk advised the Commission to seek assistance from the City Clerk’s Division on how to handle future public meeting participation when/if a quorum of the Commission is involved. **She informed the Commission that the City Council added a standing item to their agenda to receive feedback from community members and stakeholders on Tennis and Pickleball Operations.**

Chair Solomon asked a clarifying question regarding the protocol on appointing a Commission member to something that is not in their purview. Staff provided a response.

Helen Collins shared that there is a Naming item and a Tribute item coming to the Commission next month. Additionally, the commission will receive an update on the Aquatics and Recreation Center locker room seating and the water polo netting at the next meeting. Staff reminded the commission of the upcoming Juneteenth celebration on June 18th.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR AGENDA PREP & COMMISSION ITEMS TRACKER

Commissioner Payton thanked staff for their hard work. She asked for clarification on why the Plummer Park stand-alone restroom item was not included in the budget request. Staff responded to the question.

Commissioner Ragno attended the Mayor’s Pride Kickoff party. He shared that the Pride parade was a success and thanked everyone involved.

Commissioner Krishna asked if the Plummer Park stand-alone restroom item will remain with the Commission. Staff responded to the question. Krishna asked about the grand opening for the Plummer Park Community Garden. She shared more information regarding how the community garden program in New York functions.

Commissioner Jackson also attended the Mayor's Pride Kickoff party and the Pride parade and concert over the weekend.

Commissioner Mason thanked the Facilities field crews for their efforts. He gave a shout out to JJLA and the WeHo Pride producers for their excellent work.

Chair Solomon wished everyone a happy Pride. He thanked the Facilities field staff for their hard work.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. to its next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Community Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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