

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2023  
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS  
5:30 P.M.

**The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Jenner called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Vice Chair Cayley Jenner; and Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb, Suzanne Guldemann, and Alicia Peak

ABSENT: Chair Dane Skophammer

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Acting Community Services Director; Kate Gallo, Recreation Manager; and Chris Orosz, Recreation Supervisor

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Jenner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Commissioner Goldfarb moved, and Commissioner Peak seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Chair Skophammer absent.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Recreation Manager Gallo reported the agenda for the meeting was posted on February 21, 2023.

**ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Rodney Wallace stated there was a need for additional playing fields and the Ioki property would be a suitable location.

**ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION** Commissioner Guldemann moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Chair Skophammer absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the December 20, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting and the January 17, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Special meeting.

2. Community Services Department Monthly Report

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department during December 2022 and January 2023.

**ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS**

A. Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award

Recommended Action: Discuss the nomination process for the 2023 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Guldemann nominated Sara Wan for the 2023 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award. She stated Ms. Wan established recreation programs, including youth sports, and contributed to the efforts of Malibu cityhood.

Commissioner Goldfarb indicated agreement with Commissioner Guldemann. She stated Ms. Wan improved public beach access and preserved native habitats in Malibu and the Santa Monica Mountains.

Vice Chair Jenner and Commissioner Peak indicated agreement with Commissioners Goldfarb and Guldemann.

Commissioner Guldemann stated Ms. Wan also focused on conservation, open space, equality, and providing recreational access to underprivileged children.

**MOTION** Commissioner Peak moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to recommend Sara Wan as the recipient of the 2023 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award for City Council consideration. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Chair Skophammer absent.

**B. Earth Friendly Management Policy Update**

Recommended Action: 1) Appoint a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Earth Friendly Management Working Group; and 2) Receive and file a report on the Earth Friendly Management Policy activities and quarterly report for the months of October to December 2022.

Recreation Supervisor Orosz presented the staff report.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated she wanted to join the Earth Friendly Management Working Group.

Commissioner Peak stated she had difficulty attending the Earth Friendly Management Working Group meetings due to her schedule and asked if a Commissioner wanted to join the group.

**CONSENSUS** By Consensus, the Commission agreed to add Commissioner Goldfarb to the Earth Friendly Management Working Group with Commissioner Peak.

In response to Commissioner Guldemann, Recreation Supervisor Orosz stated he had not seen Western Screech Owls in City parks.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Recreation Supervisor Orosz stated City dumpsters were locked, and facility exclusion methods were monitored. He stated the owl boxes contained wood chips and following the EFMP, rodents would not be eliminated.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Commissioner Guldemann stated staff could not regulate snakes to reduce the ground squirrel population at Malibu Bluffs Park.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Recreation Supervisor Orosz stated the City could not purchase or add to the snake population, and native snakes were present at Malibu Bluffs Park.

**ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES**

Recreation Manager Gallo provided updates on the Spring Recreation Guide and City Newsletter, Youth and Middle School Basketball, Senior programs, and Student Art Exhibit.

Recreation Supervisor Orosz provided an update on Legacy Park.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo provided updates on the Permanent Skate Park and pending Commission projects.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated that staff would apply the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) approved fertilizer to the multipurpose field at Malibu Bluffs Park.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Recreation Supervisor Orosz stated staff would complete a soil analysis at Malibu Bluffs Park.

In response to Commissioner Peak, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated the phone number to the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station is listed on the park rules signs. She stated park patrons could report incidents and accidents to Malibu Bluffs Park staff.

Commissioner Jenner suggested including a quick-response code (QR code) to park signs, including phone numbers to the sheriff's station, fire department, and animal control. She stated the QR code could give park patrons an option to report an incident or accident report.

## **ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES**

Commissioner Guldemann stated the parks were in excellent condition.

In response to Commissioner Guldemann, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated the City was in the process of selecting a Community Services Director.

Commissioner Peak thanked staff for their hard work and inquired about moving forward with the Aquatics Center. She indicated agreement with the public speaker regarding limited playing fields.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated playing fields and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Master Joint Use Agreement would be added to a future agenda. She requested Commissioner discuss the need for playing fields and an Aquatics Center with their appointed council members.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Playing Field Usage at City Parks  
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Master Joint Use Agreement

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Goldfarb moved, and Vice Chair Jenner seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Chair Skophammer absent.


Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on ~~March 21, 2023.~~



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DANE SKOPHAMMER, Chair

ATTEST:



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BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant