



# Board of Park Commissioners

## Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, April 28, 2020

9:00 A.M.

RWP Dalrymple Boathouse

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This meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Jorge O. Elorza; Commissioner Nicholas Narducci; Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin; Commissioner Marilyn Cepeda-Andujar; Commissioner Sara McConnell; Commissioner Elli Panichas– 6 .

**ABSENT:** Commissioner John J. Igliazzi; – 1.

**Also present** were Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent; Brian Byrnes, Deputy Superintendent; Katherine Berroa, Assistant to the Superintendent; Monsurat Ottun, Associate City Solicitor; Karen Gomez, Fiscal Advisor; Alex Ellis, Principal Planner, Planning & Development; Pete Peterson Executive & Creative Director at My Home-Court; Cynthia Langlykke Community Development Consultant; Brant Gawrys, City Center Manager; and Ashlynn Rickord, City Cemetery Director.

### APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Narducci, seconded by Commissioner McConnell; it is voted to approve the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Narducci
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner McConnell
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments were made.

### APPROVAL FOR FIVE YEAR RE-APPOINTMENT OF PARKS SUPERINTENDENT.

Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

**CHAIRMAN ELORZA:** Entertains a motion to approve item number V.

**COMMISSIONER NARDUCCI:** So, moved.

**COMMISSIONER MCCONNELL:** Seconded.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those opposed. The motion carries.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Narducci
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner McConnell
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.** Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: Can I have a motion to approve item number VI.

COMMISSIONER NARDUCCI: So, moved.

COMMISSIONER CEPEDA-ANDUJAR: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those opposed. The motion carries.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Narducci
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE FOUNTAIN STREET BIKE LANE TO PASS THROUGH BILTMORE PARK.** Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: Entertains a motion to approve the extension of the Fountain Street Bike Lane to pass through Biltmore Park, item number VII as presented by Alex Ellis in the Planning Department.

COMMISSIONER NARDUCCI: So, moved.

COMMISSIONER CEPEDA-ANDUJAR: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those opposed. The motion carries.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Narducci
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADD BIKE LANES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON EXISTING PATH AT DAVIS PARK.** Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: Entertains a motion to authorize the addition of bike lanes and infrastructure on existing path at Davis Park, item number VIII.

COMMISSIONER MCCONNELL: So, moved.

COMMISSIONER GORDON-MARTIN: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those opposed. The motion carries.

**RESULT:** APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Commissioner McConnell  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Gordon-Martin  
**AYES:** Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADD BASKETBALL COURT TO CRANSTON STREET PARK.** Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: Entertains a motion authorizing to add a basketball court to the Cranston Street Park, item number IX.

COMMISSIONER GORDON-MARTIN: So, moved.

COMMISSIONER NARDUCCI: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: All those opposed. The motion carries.

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**RESULT:** APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Gordon-Martin  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Narducci  
**AYES:** Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR NATIONAL GRID EASEMENT FOR 35 SHERIDAN STREET THROUGH RIVERSIDE PARK.** Cynthia Langlykke, Community Development Consultant and Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Chairman Elorza requested Monsurat Ottun, Associate City Solicitor to discuss the process for amending and rewording agenda item number X. Associate Solicitor Ottun addressed the board and explained that this matter can be discussed but voting in favor or against will not be necessary as this matter is for the City Council to decide on.

Chairman Elorza reiterated that a vote is not necessary, therefore a motion to amend line item to read as follows: ONE Neighborhood Builders seeks permission to run utility lines through small section of Riverside Park and authorization for the City to grant an access easement(s) as may be required by the utility companies will not be necessary. Therefore, Chairman Elorza requested to have a discussion regarding item number x, relative to Riverside Park.

CHAIRMAN ELORZA: There being no questions or concerns, the committee moved to the next item on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion of Commissioner Narducci, Seconded by Commissioner McConnell, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 o'clock a.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Narducci
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner McConnell
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairman Elorza, Commissioner Narducci; Commissioner Gordon-Martin, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Cepeda-Andujar, Commissioner Panichas– 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner John J. Igliazzi – 1.

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