



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026
23410 Catskill Ave.

Foisia Park Multipurpose Room
6:30 PM

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioners

Chair Shannon Lawrence | Vice-Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet | Secretary Kisa Hilliard |
Kim Cortado | Cesar Dahilig | Walter Gonzalez | Edwina Hunter | DeAnthony Langston |
Jo Jacqueline Johnson

Alternates

Kelvin Brown (Alternate 1) | Vacant (Alternate 2) | Rudolfo Brillantes (Alternate 3)

Staff

Michael Whittiker, Jr. Director | Tim Grierson, Recreation Superintendent | Bobby Grove,
Community Services Superintendent | Modesto Bolanos, Park Maintenance
Superintendent | Kimberly Madrigal, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Lawrence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Shannon Lawrence, Commissioners Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Walter Gonzalez, Edwina Hunter (entered 6:41 PM), DeAnthony Langston, Jo Jacqueline Johnson, Kelvin Brown, Rudolfo Brillantes

Excused: It was moved to excuse Commissioner Cainglet and Hilliard's absence on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and carried by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PARKS/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATES

Attachments: Parks/Construction Projects Update_PPT

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson and Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos shared the progress that has been made regarding construction and landscaping at Carriage Crest Park, Mills Park, and other city sites. Foisia Park recently hosted their grand opening, displaying upgraded tennis courts, a resurfaced basketball court, and new stage with a picnic shelter.

One of the residents asked when the pool and court resurfacing would be completed. Director Michael Whittiker clarified that since the pool is a multi-million-dollar project, it will take longer to complete. However, the smaller scale projects like resurfacing will be completed within the next 12 months.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked if the snack bar would be ready for the upcoming baseball season.

Superintendent Grierson & Foisia Park Supervisor Janny Noa responded that the snack bar is fully functional and has a fresh coat of paint inside, along with new appliances; it is ready for baseball season.

Commissioner Cortado asked if there will be any upgrades to the Boxing Center.

Director Whittiker replied that as the Boxing Center is fully functional, there will be no structural upgrades or renovations. However, all fitness equipment will be upgraded at this site and all other city sites.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested hosting practices for professional boxer Manny Pacquiao. Director Whittiker responded that he does stop by Carson periodically, and the team can send

out letters of interest.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The public may address the Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission or on any items on the agenda of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission, prior to any action taken on the agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes, speaking once. Oral communications will be limited to one (1) hour unless extended by order of the Chair with the approval of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. JANUARY 29, 2026, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: January 29, 2026, PRCAC Minutes

3. JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

Attachments: January 2026 Monthly Report

4. MARCH 2026 PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE-THE SPOTLIGHT-PARK ASSIGNMENTS

Attachments: March 2026 Programs At-A-Glance-The Spotlight-Park Assignments

Action: It was moved to accept items 3 and 4 on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and carried by a unanimous vote of 8-0. Item 2 was tabled for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The public may at this time address the members of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission. No action may be taken on non-agendized items except as authorized by law. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes each, speaking once.

Resident Carmelita Permison stated that she was happy to see that parks are open early. She asked if there will be any pickleball courts at Foisia Park and Calas Park in the future.

Director Whittiker confirmed that Foisia Park currently does not have a pickleball court; there are many tennis players and there is not enough information that signals there is a demand to

convert them. However, there is a handball wall that will be demolished and converted into a pickleball court by the end of the year. When Carriage Crest Park opens, there will be courts there as well. There are pickleball courts at Stevenson Park, Dolphin Park, Carriage Crest Park (currently being built), Foisia Park (in the next few months), and Dominguez Park. Calas Park does have a pickleball court- survey results determined that many people did favor the installation of a court.

COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Brown/Mills Park: Visited the park this afternoon and after speaking with the supervisor, he found that the roof caved due to the rain. Residents have signed a petition for parking permits after having issues with parking. In response, the City has removed the signs and is revising the ordinance.

Commissioner Cortado/Calas Park/Event Center/Enrichment: She inquired about the closure timeline for the field repair at Calas Park. She stated that the snack bar walkway at Calas Park needs renovation. She also asked for an update on the wading pool. The Event Center is hosting a Black History Month celebration tomorrow, with doors opening at 6 pm.

Commissioner Johnson/Anderson Park: Reported that the park looks beautiful and green and there are tons of visitors since Mills Park is not open for business yet. While the inside and outside restrooms are both functional, the tiles are very outdated and could be remodeled.

Commissioner Brillantes/Carson Park: Stated that the park is a lot cleaner than last month (regarding loose leaves) and visitors are happy. He invited everyone to the Friendship Club for seniors.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: Reported that the park looks much better and the water fountain is functioning once again. She asked if she should contact Public Safety regarding cameras to figure out which ones are functioning properly. Parents are concerned about faulty lighting in the baseball field.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: He is happy to see that many residents attended this meeting. Aside from the lights, everything seems to be in order at the park.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans Park: Stated that there is no information regarding senior discounts in the Veterans Park pamphlet. He asked for an update on the scoreboards and also mentioned that he will be sharing photos with Superintendent Bolanos about balls that appear to have been sitting on the roof for some time.

Commissioner Langston/Del Amo Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson: Reported that Stevenson Park will be hosting their banquet on March 15.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson:

- Windscreens for Tennis Courts: They have already been purchased, and we will reach out to Public Works again to have them installed.
- High Level Concepts for Calas, Reflections, and Friendship Mini Park: The size of the snack bar will be increased. It will also address the wading pool area and possibly new picnic shelters. There is a tree with roots that is tearing up the sidewalk, and it will likely be taken out.
- Spelling Bee Champions: Will be recognized at the next meeting in March.
- Sports Lighting: Supervisors have been advised to submit service requests.
- Senior Discounts on Veterans SportsComplex Pamphlet: Please refer to the back of the pamphlet for senior discounts.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove:

- State of the City: Will be hosted at the Carson Event Center on Thursday, March 19. Anyone who is interested in attending should register via Active Net. It is currently open to all residents.
- Autism 5K Walk/Run: Please sign up via Active Net. Registration includes a T-shirt and medal.

Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos:

- Pest Control Mitigation: Brought in pest control due to mosquitoes from the heavy rain and puddles.
- Field Laser leveling: Completed.
- Purchased Billy Goat vacuum for the weeds.
- Dominguez Park: Currently laser leveling the large diamond and it will be ready in time for the baseball season. Park Maintenance worked with Public Works to fix the lighting. The light fixtures have been ordered and will be installed soon.
- An RFP will be posted soon for lighting at Hemingway and Dolphin Park.
- The playground equipment has been repaired at Dolphin Park.
- Veterans Park: Will work with the Senior Groundswoker at the park to remove the balls from the roof.
- Del Amo Beautification: Will be held in April or May. Some of the tasks will include painting, sand scraping, and planting. We will provide an update as soon as there is new information.

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal:

- Will be sending out an email next week with more information regarding headshots of

each commissioner for the Annual Report. Please wear your polos for the photo.

Community Services Director Michael Whittiker:

- Storm Water Capture: There is no specific date yet, but we will give multiple notices to the commission before it begins, at least 2 months in advance. This project will bring us additional funds.
- Calas Park: Will undergo changes in the future, which include a new gazebo. The current wading pool will be transformed into a picnic shelter, and the snack bar will have benches. We are currently in the design stage. Superintendent Grierson works well with architects for designs. Designs are completed ahead of time, so we can move forward quickly when funding is secured.
- Windscreens: They will all be installed within 60 days.
- Anderson Park: Will be upgrading restrooms in the future. Portable restrooms will be rented for this year's Jazz Festival.
- Dominguez Park Camera: There are newly approved funds for security cameras.
- New Social Media Team: The new department will be working to post more relevant information on our social media pages.
- Carson 311: Is a stand-alone app that residents can download. However, the same information can be found on the website.
- Dominguez Park Lighting Issues: Unfortunately lighting at this park needs constant repair since copper is stolen from the poles and/or the lights are shot out.
- Del Amo Park: Met with City engineers last week and there is already an RFP out to repair the ground and standing water.

Commissioner Cortado exited the meeting from 7:37 PM- 7:39 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

This Board/Commission/Committee is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Board/Commission/Committees agenda be posted at least 72 hours in advance of each meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Board/ Commission/ Committee and items not on the Board/Commission/Committee agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board/ Commission/ Committee. The Board/Commission/Committee may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

Action: It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and was unanimously carried on a vote of 9-0.