



THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026
701 Carson St.

City Hall- Council Chambers
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

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chair Lawrence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Shannon Lawrence, Vice-Chair Jesus-Alex Cainglet, Secretary Kisa Hilliard, Commissioners Kim Cortado, Cesar Dahilig, Walter Gonzalez (entered 6:40 PM), Edwina Hunter, Kelvin Brown, Rudolfo Brillantes

Absent: Commissioners DeAnthony Langston, Jo Jacqueline Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth athlete Sky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF 2026 SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Director Michael Whittiker, Jr. introduced the first agenda item. City staff acknowledged each spelling bee winner by their grade level and distributed certificates, then group photos were taken.

2. RECOGNITION OF 2025/2026 YOUTH BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Director Michael Whittiker, Jr. introduced the agenda item. Recreation Program Manager Scott Griffie provided stats from the season. There were a total of 960 participants and 618 games played. A slideshow was then presented to the public with slides of each team and their group photo. Following the presentation, park supervisors and coaches announced their winning teams and awarded them with certificates.

3. PARKS/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATES

Attachments: Parks/Construction Projects Update_PPT

Director Michael Whittiker, Jr. introduced the item, and Superintendents Grierson and Bolanos presented the PowerPoint, sharing construction and park updates. Some of the topics they discussed were high-level concept designs of Carriage Crest Park and the intent to replace outdoor fitness equipment for 5 sites (Anderson, Calas, Dolphin, Dominguez, Hemingway). They explained that Mills Park's construction is currently paused. Superintendent Grierson mentioned that the aquatic parks are overdue for resurfacing and they will be ready for the upcoming pool season. Infield laser leveling has been completed at all sites, giving athletes a better playing experience this season.

Superintendent Bolanos invited a representative from Corky's Pest Control, the city's pest management vendor. The representative explained that they use traps and carbon monoxide (CO₂) to reduce the infestation of gophers. While the fields still have some way to go, they have improved over time, and the vendor is tending to the parks aggressively.

Commissioner Hunter: Asked the representative to confirm that there were only 5 mounds found at Dominguez Park.

Corky's Pest Control: Clarified that there were only 4 mounds found.

Hunter: Thanked the vendor for their hard work.

Commissioner Hilliard: Asked which parks are being controlled aggressively.

Corky's Pest Control: There are 4 parks in total: Hemingway, Dominguez, Dolphin, Del Amo.

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

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

Attachments: January 29, 2026, PRCAC Minutes

5. FEBRUARY 26, 2026, PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: February 26, 2026, PRCAC Minutes

6. FEBRUARY 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

Attachments: February 2026 Monthly Report

7. APRIL 2026 PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE-THE SPOTLIGHT-PARK ASSIGNMENTS

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

Action: It was moved to accept all items on the Consent Calendar on a motion of Commissioner Cainglet, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and carried by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

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

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COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORT

Commissioner Brown/Mills Park: He attended the State of the City event and Nate Riddick Volunteer Banquet, stating they were both great events.

Commissioner Hunter/Dominguez Park: The park looks great, and there are no complaints from staff or residents. There is a puddle of water near the entrance, on the right-hand side of the park. She also attended the SOTC event and found the Jeopardy-style video to be interesting and interactive.

Commissioner Cainglet/Foisia Park: He was impressed with the upkeep of Foisia Park. He gave kudos to Park Maintenance, as they are there almost every day, and the park looks great. He reminded the group that the PID celebration will be held on June 6.

Commissioner Hilliard/Hemingway Park: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Cortado/Calas Park/Event Center/Enrichment: She visited Calas and Perry St. Mini Park recently and found that the playground equipment at Perry looks worn. She asked if there would be funding for the mini parks. She reported seeing scooter and bike marks on the tennis courts. While browsing the city website, she noticed that the calendar did not have any of the PRCAC meetings listed. She asked city staff if it was possible to add these meetings. She inquired about the sport refund policy for children who do not end up playing on the team. The Calas Car Show has been cancelled this year due to the possibility of the park being closed for some time. She stated that there were few attendees at the Nate Riddick Volunteer Banquet and noticed the event was not on the PAAG.

Commissioner Dahilig/Dolphin Park: He has received many compliments on the wind screens that have been installed. He also received a few complaints about the park schedules- the posted schedules and actual hours of the parks do not coincide. He once had to call Superintendent Bolanos to open the gates so cars in the parking lot could exit. The park is being closed at 5 PM even though the schedule shows a later time.

Commissioner Gonzalez/Veterans Park: Asked if the scoreboards have been installed. He noticed plenty of dogs at the parks and wondered if staff could post signage. He also asked for extra trash cans around the park.

Commissioner Lawrence/Stevenson Park: Expressed his concern over travel teams by stating that there are some coaches who bring their travel teams to the parks with fewer number of teams. They win championships and this is unfair to those athletes who solely play recreationally. He is aware that this cannot be fully prevented but wonders if there are ways that staff can try to discourage it. He attended the SOTC and was pleased to see that every year is better than the last. He asked how the city can position itself as hospitality houses for LA28 and if there will be any activation sites. He thanked staff for the Foisia grand opening coin.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Secretary Kimberly Madrigal:

- Meeting schedule: A new schedule has been given; please note the location change for April's meeting.
- Annual Report: The first draft has been delivered. There are headshots missing for two commissioners- please contact staff to get your photo taken.

Community Services Superintendent Bobby Grove:

- SOTC: The event was successful and the Mayor was pleased.
- Autism 5K: Will be held at the Carson Event Center, and the registration window is still open.
- Mental Health Forum: Will be taking place on May 23rd and there will be many resources available.

Recreation Superintendent Tim Grierson:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Farm Workers Dignity Day: Will be held tomorrow at the Carson Event Center.
 - Earth Day Kids Fest: Will be held on April 11 at Dolphin Park.
 - Cinco de Mayo: Will be held on May 2 at Carson Park.
- Perry St. Mini Park: Will reach out to Public Works regarding playground equipment.
- Marquee Glass: Will reach out to Public Works for replacement.
- Sports Refunds: On a case-by-case basis since registration is free. Will reach out to the park supervisor for a determination.
- Dogs in the Parks: Staff are making announcements regarding dogs on the parks. We cannot enforce the rule, we can only inform the public.
- Scoreboards: Was unaware that they were not functioning as he had not heard any complaints. Staff are working to replace the scoreboards in the Stevenson gym.

Park Maintenance Superintendent Modesto Bolanos:

- Standing Water at Dominguez Park: Perhaps staff were working on the sprinklers. Will discuss with them to verify the issue and resolve it.
- Lights at Dolphin Park: This is a known issue, and staff are currently working to resolve it. They should be functioning for baseball season.

Community Services Director Michael Whittiker:

- Sports Refunds: Participants are unable to receive a refund if the uniform has already been ordered, since they are purchased in bulk. Doing so would mean the park would have to take a loss.
- All parks will be receiving paint touch ups alongside other small upgrades inside the buildings.
- Windscreens: Some have already been installed, but staff will continue to push Public Works for the remaining screens.
- Marks on Basketball and Tennis Courts: We are also having issues with electric bikes at Foisia Park. Superintendent Grierson will relay this information to Public Safety.
- Park Signage: There is a standard for our park signs, and we are gradually upgrading them all.

- PRCAC Meetings on City Website Calendar: Administrative Secretary Madrigal will verify and ensure all commission meetings are added to the city calendar.
- PAAG Missing Events: The Recreation and Community Services Superintendents will ensure all events are on the PAAG.
- Nate Riddick Volunteer Banquet: The number of participants has been slowly decreasing for the last 10 years. He stated that it may be time to do something different, and the team will consider this in their debriefing. To receive an invitation to this event, one must have at least 100 volunteer hours a year.
- Dolphin Pickleball Court Construction: There are plans to convert the tennis courts into pickleball courts, but it may take some time. In the meantime, Hemingway Park has plenty of courts that are available for immediate use.
- Park Hours: All parks are closed at 5PM on the weekends, per city council policy. As the director, he would not agree with extending park hours, but we can add this idea to a future agenda and bring it to council. Our staff are busy with events and programs, and this would further stretch their resources.
- FIFA 2026: Flyers will be going out soon to advertise a watch party being held on June 12.
- Dogs on the Parks: Park staff can inform the public, but it cannot enforce the rule. He has instructed staff to make hourly announcements that inform the public that dogs are not allowed at the parks. Additionally, there are signs at every single park. After COVID, the number of people with dogs increased, so the department is working to put a dog park in every single district.
- Park Trash Cans: There are trash cans all around the parks, but when staff leave for the day (at around 3:30 PM) and students are getting out of school, they throw trash on the ground. However, Modesto will discuss this issue with his team.
- Travel Teams: Program Manager Scott Griffie has worked hard to try to eradicate this issue, but it is difficult to completely stop it from occurring
- LA28 Hospitality House: The city hosted Great Britain last week for lunch and a tour. Any funds made from hosting their events will be used to host our own events for the city during this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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Action: It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM on a motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Cortado, and was unanimously carried on a vote of 8-0.