



CITY OF SANTA MONICA

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF THE
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION**

**CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER
1685 MAIN STREET, ROOM 213
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
MEETING STARTING TIME 7:30pm**

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call**

(Please note that Agenda Items may be reordered during the meeting at the discretion of the body.)

1. **Special Agenda Items** – None
2. **Reports of Staff/Members** -
 - A. Director's Report: *Karen Ginsberg, Director, Community & Cultural Services*
 - B. Chair's Report: *John C. Smith*
3. **Public Input** -

Public input is permitted only on items not on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation & Parks Commission. State law prohibits the body from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item.
4. **Consent Calendar** –
 - A. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2017 meeting
5. **New Business** –
 - A. ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. Review of Letter from FSAC regarding safety concerns at Memorial Park for consideration and possible action (To be considered concurrently with item 5Ba)
 - B. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Presentation on sports, recreation and Police Activities League (PAL) activities at Memorial Park

6. **Continued Items –**
 - A. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:
 - a. Community Gardens Advisory Committee Liaison – *Commissioner Toy*
 - b. Planning Commission Liaison – *Chair Smith, alternate Vice Chair Brown*
 - c. Field Sports Advisory Committee (FSAC) Liaison – *Commissioner Schwengel, alternates Vice Chair Brown, Commissioner LaGuardia*
 - d. Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board Liaison – *Commissioner Gielicz, alternate Vice Chair Brown*
 - e. California Association of Park and Recreation Commissions and Board Members (CAPRCBM) – *TBD*
 - f. Urban Forest Task Force Liaison – *Chair Smith*
 - g. Park Creation Committee – *Chair Smith, Vice Chair Brown, Commissioner Schwengel*

7. **Written Communication** – Review of any written communications received from the public

8. **Future Agenda Items** – Review of Long Range Agenda

Adjournment

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- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
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Santa Monica Recreation & Parks Commission
Administration Division
1685 Main Street, Room 210
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Re: Memorial Park

Dear Commissioners:

Memorial Park needs immediate resources to supervise the homeless population and protect all youth sports participants. In recent months, our members have witnessed the Memorial Park homeless population both increase in size and change in temperament. Our children are exposed to open drug use, erratic and dangerous behavior, indecent exposure, unsanitary conditions, and a generally unsafe environment. Memorial Park is a disaster waiting to happen.

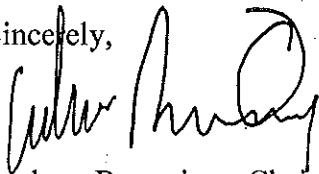
We strongly urge the Commission to appear before the City Council and request the following:

1. That the City reallocate Public Service Officers to Memorial Park during peak youth sports hours of Monday through Friday from 4pm to 9pm and on weekends from 7:30am to 7pm.
2. The City Council dedicate discretionary funds for Memorial Park "ambassadors" to help patrol and create a deterrence to illegal and illicit activity.

Time is of the essence. Both girls' softball and Little League baseball are now fully operational. Please act before tragedy strikes.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Andrew Browning - Chair
Santa Monica Field Sports Advisory Committee