

**MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

**CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh Peoples. (pronounced “Keech”)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Payton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Read by Chair Payton.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Cottrell (he/him);
Commissioner Karliss (he/him);
Commissioner Krishna (she/her);
Commissioner Ragno (he/him);
Commissioner Rogers (she/her);
Vice Chair Jackson (she/her); and
Chair Payton (she/her).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Collins, Director of Public Works (she/her);
Phillip Ticun, Facilities & Field Services Manager
(he/him); Stephanie Martinez, Recreation
Services Manager, via Zoom (she/her); Clavon
Jubrey, Sr. Recreation Supervisor (he/him); Erin
Hamant, Sr. Administrative Analyst (she/her);
David Fenn, Sr. Planner (he/him); and Debbie
Gonzalez, Secretary (she/her).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Rogers.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approved the agenda for January 14, 2026. **Motion by Vice Chair Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Cottrell, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y

Commissioner Karliss – Y

Commissioner Krishna – Y

Commissioner Rogers – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Vice Chair Jackson – Y
Chair Payton – Y

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: Approved the minutes of the prior Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting dated December 10, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Karliss, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Karliss – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Vice Chair Jackson – Y
Chair Payton – Y

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. PLUMMER PARK BASKETBALL COURT TEMPORARY MURAL

SUBJECT: The Commission will consider approval of a temporary mural to be installed at the Plummer Park outdoor basketball court adjacent to the Community Center located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.

ACTION: Approve the creation of a temporary mural to be installed at the Plummer Park outdoor basketball court adjacent to the Community Center located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Agenda Approval.**

B. ANNUAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: The Commission will review a proposed special meeting date in November to finalize its Annual Calendar for 2026.

ACTION: Select Wednesday, November 4, 2026 as a Special Meeting. **Approved as part of the Agenda Approval.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. METRO K LINE NORTHERN EXTENSION LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive a brief update on the Northern Extension of the Metro K Line and consider appointing a member to represent the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission by providing public comment on behalf of the Commission at the Metro Planning and Programming Committee and Board of Directors meetings when the locally preferred alternative for the project is considered.

Staff provided an overview of Metro K Line Northern Extension and upcoming Metro hearings. Staff explained the need to appoint a Commission representative to provide public comment supporting the City's preferred route.

Commissioner Karliss spoke in support of the change from having a surface rail line to an underground rail line coming into the City, which would reduce neighborhood impacts.

Commissioner Cottrell asked for clarification on the public comment the appointed Commissioners will be making. Staff explained the Commissioners messaging would align with the City Council's position in supporting the San Vicente-Fairfax Alternative route. There will be other staff, stakeholders and community members speaking in support of the extension.

Commissioner Karliss asked the locations of the other West Hollywood stations. Staff provided a list of locations.

Commissioner Cottrell asked for background information on why the City has made the San Vicente-Fairfax Alternate route recommendation. Staff provided background information on the City's preferred line citing access to the Rainbow District and other iconic destinations, job access, higher population to be served in comparison to other alternate routes, and access to Cedars-Sinai.

Commissioner Ragno asked what the timeline for project completion looks like. Staff provided a rough estimate of a decade.

ACTION: Appoint Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner Krishna to represent the Commission by providing public comment on behalf of the Commission supporting the City's preferred route (the San Vicente-Fairfax Alternative) at the Metro Planning and Programming Committee and Board of Directors meetings when the locally preferred alternative for the Metro K Line Northern Extension is considered. **Motion by Vice Chair Jackson, Seconded by Commissioner Ragno, and approved with one No vote, noted below.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – No

Commissioner Karliss – Y

Commissioner Krishna – Y

Commissioner Rogers – Y

Commissioner Ragno – Y

Vice Chair Jackson – Y

Chair Payton – Y

B. FY26-28 BIENNIAL CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive a presentation on the biennial budget process and consider approving proposed Capital Work Plan budget requests for the FY26-28 biennial budget.

Staff gave a presentation outlining the Commission duties, providing budget context, organizational structure, status updates on previously approved projects, and proposed items for the FY26-28 biennial capital budget.

Commissioner Karliss inquired about the water polo netting project and whether we should move forward with it. Staff provided an update explaining that the project has proven to be complex and costly due to structural, safety, and wind-load challenges requiring multiple design iterations and additional structural engineering.

Commissioner Krishna inquired about the current funding for the water polo netting project and whether the funding covers the implementation. Staff shared that while funding is available for design, sufficient funding for construction has not been identified, and final costs are expected to be significantly higher than originally anticipated. Krishna raised concerns about the high cost and will leave it to staff to determine whether it is feasible to move forward with the project. Staff advised that completing the design phase would allow for an informed decision on whether to proceed with the project.

Commissioner Rogers asked how this is affecting the water polo group. Staff remain in communication with the water polo players, which continue to support moving the project forward despite the delays.

Commissioner Krishna asked for more information on the Plummer Park Community Center item and asked questions about the budget. Staff shared that the Plummer Park project would include security upgrades, exterior restroom upgrades, and outdoor space upgrades. Krishna commented on items that the Commission has brought up in the past that can possibly conflict with future visioning projects and how they can be included in the budgeting request process as a lookahead item.

Commissioner Rogers commented on the dim lighting at Plummer Park and asked if the lighting is being addressed in areas other than the tennis courts. Staff confirmed not at this time but will be included in the larger visioning project.

Vice Chair Jackson commented on grant money opportunities for fitness equipment.

Chair Payton asked for clarification on the resurfacing of the Plummer Park tennis courts.

ACTION: Approve the FY26-28 proposed Capital Work Plan budget requests as

part of the biennial budget submissions for the Facilities and Field Services Division and Recreation Services Division and asked staff to return in February with recommended budget amounts which will be included in the draft budget recommendation letter to be presented to the City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee. **Motion by Commissioner Karliss, seconded by Commissioner Krishna, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Karliss – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Vice Chair Jackson – Y
Chair Payton – Y

C. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW UPDATES TO CITY POLICIES

SUBJECT: The Commission will consider forming an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to conduct a comprehensive review of City policies under the purview of the Commission.

Staff introduced the item as outlined in the staff report and expressed the need to form an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to conduct a comprehensive review of City policies under the purview of the Commission (Naming Policy and Commemorations, Tribute Trees, and Plaques Policy). Staff explained that existing policies are outdated and difficult to implement. Staff have reviewed comparable policies from other cities and identified the need to revise multiple related policies currently.

ACTION: The Commission created an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to conduct a comprehensive review of City policies under the purview of the Commission (Naming Policy and Commemorations, Tribute Trees, and Plaques Policy); and appointed Vice Chair Jackson, Commissioner Karliss, and Commissioner Rogers to serve on the Ad Hoc. **Motion by Commissioner Krishna, seconded by Commissioner Ragno, and approved unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cottrell – Y
Commissioner Karliss – Y
Commissioner Krishna – Y
Commissioner Rogers – Y
Commissioner Ragno – Y
Vice Chair Jackson – Y
Chair Payton – Y

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.
10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

- 11. ITEMS FROM STAFF – None.
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
- 13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
LOOK AHEAD CALENDAR FOR AGENDA PREP & COMMISSION ITEMS
TRACKER – No changes.

Commissioner Ragno reported a light out at Plummer Park court #6. He commented on the lighting along Santa Monica Boulevard and suggested Holiday lighting in the future.

Commissioner Rogers reported a broken paper towel dispenser at West Hollywood Park and noted that it continues to break.

Commissioner Karliss highlighted the great work the Recreation division is doing with promoting events and programming. He informed staff that the foliage near the ARC respite deck continues to struggle and pointed out that it could be an irrigation issue. He asked for an update on the parkway at Dorrington and Ashcroft.

Commissioner Cottrell asked about the City Service Request App metrics and response time.

Vice Chair Jackson shared about an upcoming MLK event at Veteran’s Park on 1/17.

Chair Payton followed up on the West Hollywood Park playground seating, rat mitigation process, and general park maintenance. She raised concerns about winter recreation class enrollment decline and discussed the value of community feedback and surveys. She mentioned upcoming community events including the West Hollywood Beautification and WeHo Stories.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT
The Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. to its next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Community Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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