

SPECIAL MEETING M I N U T E S

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Friday, October 9, 2015

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Special Meeting at EXPO Center Comrie Hall at 8:35 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Melba Culpepper, Commissioner Misty M. Sanford, and Commissioner Iris Zuñiga. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, and Deputy City Attorney IV Anthony-Paul Diaz.

The following Department staff members were present:

Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, Operations Branch
Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Partnership and Revenue Branch
Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

ITEM OF DISCUSSION:

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 BUDGET

General Manager Michael A. Shull presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 budget. The Board and Department staff discussed the projected sources of funding, baseline expenditures by budgetary program, and proposed new expenses which include obligatory expenses, support for existing programs, proposed increases in service level, and continued funding for City services. The proposed increases in service level include new and expanded facilities, additional restroom cleaning as part of the Park Restroom Enhancement Program, expansion of the Park Ranger Program, enhancement of the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Program, the Gender Equity/Girls Play L.A. initiative, new Joint Use Agreements with the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Reforestation Program. The Board and Department staff further discussed the projected revenue increase from property tax assessments and the Greek Theatre, the hiring process for the Park Ranger Program, and workforce planning measures to fill vacant positions and address potential vacancies due to eligible retirements.

President Patsaouras requested a discussion on the development of the Strategic Plan and how park users can be surveyed to determine what issues can be addressed through the FY 2016-17 budget, how projects are prioritized, and a schedule for the development of the Strategic Plan. General Manager Shull discussed that a status update on the Strategic Plan will be included on the Board Agenda on a monthly basis. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Board approved an allocation of \$100,000 to assist the Department in contracting a strategic planning consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment on matters within the Board's jurisdiction was invited; however, no requests for public comment were received.

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NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 9:30 a.m., at EXPO Center Comrie Hall, 3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY