

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at Woodland Hills Recreation Center at 9:35 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Melba Culpepper, Commissioner Pilar Diaz and Commissioner Misty Stanford. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, and Deputy City Attorney IV Mike Dundas.

The following Department staff members were present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch
Sophia Pina-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

President Patsaouras congratulated Sophia Pina-Cortez as the Department's new Assistant General Manager of Special Operation Branch, acknowledged Armando X. Bencomo was promoted to Management Analyst with DWP and thanked him for his service to the Board of Commissioners, and welcomed Iris L. Davis as the new Commissioner Executive Assistant II.

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Glick, Woodland Hills Field Representative for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's Office, presented opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Third Council District.

Charles Singer, Superintendent of the Valley Region, introduced Department staff and noted that under the leadership of Lee Marks, they were able to move their operations and programs to other park and school locations while Woodland Hills was closed for construction. Mr. Singer introduced Bill Lee, Sr. Architect, BOE who shared information about the design and other unique features of the facility and noted that the facility qualified as a Gold LEED certified Recreation Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A special presentation by Judith Kieffer, Executive Director of Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) highlighted various projects, programs, and support the Foundation has provided. Through its efforts, over 19 Million Dollars has been raised in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

President Patsaouras thanked Judith Kieffer and the Foundation for the valuable service is has provided to the City and acknowledged Barry Sanders for starting the Foundation.

Commissioner Lynn Alvarez also thanked Judith Kieffer for the remarkable job that she has done as leader of the Foundation and recognized the value of the Foundation to this Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion for the approval of the minutes with corrections to the original minutes, the exclusion of Report 17-171, which will be included for a later approval. For the record, on page one (1) the corrected minutes reflect that the approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Culpepper, the original minutes reflect Commissioner Sanford. The motion to approve the minutes with the corrections was moved by Commissioner Culpepper and seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

BOARD REPORTS

17-183

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL RESOLUTION NO. 10493 – SECTION 1A (REGULAR AUTHORITY POSITIONS)

Harold Fujita, Director of Human Resources presented this report to remedy an oversight in their Personnel Resolution, to delete the position of Chief Clerk and add in the position of Chief Clerk Personnel

17-184

EXPO CENTER – AUTHORIZATION TO ENCUMBER AND PAY COMMITTED FUNDS TO EXECUTE THE EXPOSITION PARK MASTER PLAN

Belinda Jackson, Executive Director of EXPO Center requested to encumber funds to pay \$75,000.00 to the Office of Exposition Park Management for their share cost for obtaining a consultant to develop the Exposition Park Master Plan. The Board and department staff discussed the proposed Exposition Park Master Plan, its scope of work, deliverables, and its timeline. The Board requested a status report on the Exposition Park Master Plan.

17-185

CLEAN AND SAFE SPACES (CLASS) PARKS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUND

Chinyere Stoneham, Recreation Supervisor presented Report 17-185 to authorize the General Manager to accept a grant of \$504,030.50 from the Los Angeles County Probation Department to provide youth services through the Clean and Safe Spaces Park Youth Employment Internship Program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

17-186

PEDAL BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FREETIME, INC. DBA WHEEL FUN RENTALS (CON-M16-003); CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(14) (ISSUANCE OF LICENSE TO USE AN EXISTING STRUCTURE)

Rachel Ramos, Senior Management Analyst I, Concession Division, submitted this report to award a contract for the Pedal Boat Rental Concession to Freetime, Inc. DBA Wheel Fun Rentals for a term of five years with one five-year renewal option exercisable by Recreation and Parks. Also for the approval to provide a check of \$75.00 to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act. There was discussion by the Board and staff on the pedal boats being provided and the pricing structure.

17-187

6TH & GLADYS STREET PARK – RESTROOM BUILDING (PRJ21130) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITY WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented this report to approve the scope of work of the 6th & Gladys Street Park – Restroom Building. Rap Staff has identified Quimby funds that can be used to fund the construction of the 6th & Gladys Street Park – Restroom Project. There was further Board discussion on this item regarding costs.

17-188

1ST AND BROADWAY CIVIC CENTER PARK – PARK DEVELOPMENT (PRJ20655) PROJECT – FINAL ACCEPTANCE; 1ST AND BROADWAY CIVIC CENTER PARK – NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT (PRJ20781) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

Meghan Luera, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented the department's request to accept the work performed by pre-qualified on-call vendors and to authorize the department staff to reallocate \$17,206,812.03 in Quimby fees to the 1st and Broadway Civic Center Park New Park Development.

17-189

FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS QUIMBY FUNDED PROJECTS – MOORPARK PARK – PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20071) PROJECT; NORTH HOLLYWOOD PARK – PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20818) PROJECT; VALLEY PLAZA PARK – POOL REHABILITATION (PRJ20536) PROJECT; VALLEY VILLAGE PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20069) PROJECT; VICTORY-VINELAND RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20832) PROJECT; VAN NUYS MULTIPURPOSE CENTER (BERNARDI CENTER) – BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20333) PROJECT

Meghan Luera, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented the department's request to accept the work done on various RAP projects, and that any available funds can be reallocated to other projects.

17-190

VENICE BEACH – PIER REFURBISHMENT (PRJ20587) PROJECT –
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented the department's request to rescind the Recommendation No. 5 of Report No. 17-149 for the work performed for the Del Rey Lagoon and to rescind the approval of Recommendation No. 30 of Report No. 17-149 which approved the allocation of \$5,420,196.39 to Venice Beach – Pier Refurbishment. They requested the allocation of \$5,367,241.45 in Quimby Fees to the Venice Beach – Pier Refurbishment.

17-191

VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) NO. 77105 – RECOMMENDATION
TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY FOR LAND DEDICATION OR IN-LIEU
PARK FEE PAYMENT

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-191 for approval of the recommendation that the Advisory Agency require Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT)-7705 to dedicate land to the City in order to fulfill the Project's requirements under provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33; and authorization of the General Manager or Designee to provide a Report to the Advisory Agency informing them of the Board's recommendation. The Board and Department staff discussed the Project design, and the land dedication requirements.

17-192

VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) NO. 74891 – RECOMMENDATION
TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY FOR LAND DEDICATION OR IN-LIEU
PARK FEE PAYMENT

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-192 for approval of the recommendation that the Advisory Agency require Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT)-7705 to dedicate land to the City in order to fulfill the Project's requirements under provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33; and authorization of the General Manager or Designee to provide a Report to the Advisory Agency informing them of the Board's recommendation. The Board and Department staff discussed the Project design, and the land dedication requirements.

17-193

ALGIN SUTTON RECREATION CENTER – POOL REPLACEMENT AND
BATHHOUSE RENOVATION (W.O. #E170293F) (PRJ21117) PROJECT
– APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

Cathie Santo-Domingo, Superintendent of the Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-193 for approval of the final plans and specifications for the Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Pool Replacement and Bathhouse Renovation Project; and approval of the date to be advertised for receipt of bids as Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

17-194

CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH – REHABILITATION PROJECT (PRJ20361) (W.O. #E170331F) – RELEASE OF PARTIAL RETENTION TO AMERICAN FIRST INTEGRATED SERVICES, INCORPORATED WITH CONTRACT NO. 3528

Cathie Santo-Domingo Superintendent of the Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 7-194 for the release of partial retention funds to American First Integrated Services, Inc., for the Chatsworth Park South – Rehabilitation Project.

17-195

CABALLERO CREEK – NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – APPROVAL OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR USE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT – CONSIDERATION OF EXISTING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-195 for the approval of the revised Use Agreement of a 25-Year Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) for use of LACFCD property for public recreational purposes. He has two (2) corrections on the Use Agreement on page 7 to remove the phrase "or sole negligence" from 6.1.1.1 at the end of the sentence and the same phrase from 6.1.1.2 at the end of the sentence.

17-196

WARNER RANCH PARK – WALKING PATH AND OUTDOOR FITNESS (PRJ20088) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING MINOR CONSTRUCTION], CLASS 4(3) [LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACING OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING FACILITIES], OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch presented Board Report 17-196 to approve the scope of work of the Warner Ranch Park; to reallocate funds to the Project; to find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and that a check be given to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were invited for the Board Reports; there were 10 public comments regarding Board Reports that were presented to the Board.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented; with the exception of Board Report No. 17-195 which was amended. Commissioner Culpepper moved that the Board Reports be approved, and that the Resolutions recommended in the Reports be thereby approved. Commissioner Diaz seconded the Motion. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited. Three requests for public comment were submitted, and such comments were made to the Board.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions Report (Commissioners Patsouras and Diaz)

There is no report.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance (Commissioners Sanford and Alvarez)

The Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force discussed several items, including: Renaming the Mid Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center, discussion of selected Prop K funding on Sports Courts and Field Lighting Projects, discuss the final plan approval for Via Dolce Park, and an implementation update on the Quimby Fee Ordinance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT REPORT AND UPDATES

- The Various Communications Report was noted and filed.

General Manager Michael Shull reported that RAP extended cooling centers in the Valley and South LA areas for extra days. During the extended hours period over 1500 people utilized the cooling centers along with 80 pets.

RAP celebrated the opening of two (2) new renovated parks: Woodland Hills Park- extensive renovations that include a state-of-the-art Gold LEED certified Recreation Center with a new gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, an indoor stage, and new outdoor playground equipment. Chatsworth Park South - This park had been closed since 2008. Improvements include new walking paths, new asphalt paving, replacement of a wood deck bridge, gymnasium and parking lot improvements, perimeter fencing, and landscaping and irrigation.

CLASS Parks held its first annual Beach Sports Day on Saturday, August 26, at Hansen Dam Aquatics Center. 150 teens from 27 CLASS Parks sites attended. Activities included rubber ducky relays, aqua treadmills, wet noodle race, tub toss, live music, lunch and much more. It was a great event, and it was the first time that many of these teens had been to Hansen Dam.

The Griffith Observatory will light the front of its building on both evenings of September 12-13 to celebrate the anticipated IOC selection of Los Angeles to host the 2028 Summer Olympic Games.

Upcoming Events are Saturday, September 9, 2017 (11am-3pm) Jackie Tatum Harvard RC will host a community celebration event to kick off their Community Safety Partnership and introduce Community S.T.E.P.S., a program of the American Heart Association. The event will include health screenings, resource booths, free food, and other activities.

Sunday, September 10, 2017 (7:00am-9:30am) Shane's Inspiration's 20th Annual Walk, Run & Roll marathon will be held at Griffith Park. This annual marathon supports Shane's Inspiration's mission of helping to bring the joy of play to children of all abilities through social inclusion. Our

partnership with Shane's Inspiration has resulted in 33 inclusive playgrounds in Los Angeles – making LA the most playable city in the world for children with disabilities.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 (10am-12pm) Easton Rancho Park Archery Range ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at Rancho Park located at 2455 S. Motor, to celebrate the newly renovated archery range. The event will include demonstrations, refreshments, and information about program and operations. This event is sponsored by CD5, LAPF, and Easton Sports Development Foundation.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

The Board has received a number of complains about graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park problem, this was discussed with by the Board and staff. Commissioner Sanford asked that the Elysian Park proposal be brought to the Facility Repair Task Force before going to the Board.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited. Two requests for public comment were submitted, and such comments were made to the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 9:30 a.m., at Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center, 1535 West 62nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90047.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:37 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY