

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 6, 2020

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joseph Halper. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Deputy City Attorney IV Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong

The following Department staff members were also present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION TASK FORCE ON CONCESSIONS

President Patsaouras removed herself from the Commission Task Force on Concessions and appointed Commissioner Bayne to said Task Force and named Commissioner Chase as its Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020. Commissioner Chase made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. Commissioner Halper was unavailable for the vote and the motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 8 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, began the General Manager's Update by announcing that RAP is now managing 8 homeless shelters, having demobilized several shelters since the last Board Meeting. He also shared RAP originally prepared to operate as many as 42 such shelter. Mr. Diaz provided an update on Summer Play LA, stating that 46 recreation centers are participating in this program, while following strict Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines, as the program will wind down and end before Labor Day. He then stated that as RAP continues to work with health experts, plans are being explored to make more park amenities available for Angelenos.

Mr. Diaz also presented the Informational Report on Racial Equity, highlighting the Executive Directive issued by Mayor Garcetti. He provided a summary of this publicly available document

and detailed how this directive will be implemented within RAP, then announced that Belinda Jackson, EXPO Center Director, has been tapped as RAP's Racial Equity Officer. He further described how Ms. Jackson has already formed a committee to meet the goals outlined in the Mayor's Directive.

BOARD REPORTS

The Board decided to consider Report Nos. 20-160 and 20-161 out of order and concurrently.

20-160 North Hollywood Recreation Center – Proposed CD2 Pallet Housing Project – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for the Construction of and Use as a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed Three (3) Years of Operation – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] Reflected in California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c)

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-160.

20-161 Valley Plaza Park – Proposed CD2 Pallet Housing Project – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for the Construction of and Use as a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed Three (3) Years of Operation – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] Reflected in California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c)

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Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Council District 2, addressed the Board and provided some background information on CD2 as well the area surrounding the sites for both of these homeless shelter projects. Mr. Krekorian further outlined the benefits these projects will bring to the community, as previously under-utilized park areas will now be occupied and staffed. He also gave an overview of the services and amenities that will be available to homeless individuals at these sites, as well as the overall vision of these projects to provide a long-term solution to homeless crisis during this COVID-19 epidemic. President Patsouras then requested Public Comment on these two reports being considered; 2 such requests presented themselves. President Patsouras then requested a motion to approve Board Report Nos. 20-160 and 20-161 as corrected. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Bayne to approve the Reports as corrected. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved 4-0.

Report No. 20-160: DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION

The last sentence in the first paragraph of Page 3 of the Report shall read: The Lafayette Shelter **is to be completed at the end of August and operations will begin on September 1.**

Report No. 20-161: DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION

The last sentence of Page 2 of the Report shall read: The Lafayette Shelter **is to be completed at the end of August and operations will begin on September 1.**

The Meeting then returned to its Agenda order.

20-146 Summer Play LA: Donations from California State Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer

Patricia Delgado, Principal Recreation Supervisor I, EXPO Center, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-146.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-147 Gladys and San Julian Parks: Donations from Humanity Heroes

Patricia Delgado, Principal Recreation Supervisor I, EXPO Center, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-146.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-148 Various Donations to Recreation Services Branch – Metro, Pacific and Valley Regions, July 2019 through June 2020

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-148

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-149 Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Hiring Hall, Overtime Account in the Department of Recreation and Parks due to COVID-19 Response

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-149.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-150 Communication Services - Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds in the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Information Technology Agency

Alex Yee, Director of Systems, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-150.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-151 As-Needed Fence and Wall Installation, Maintenance and/or Repairs – Award of Contract

Robert Feld, Senior Management Analyst II, Contracts Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-151.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-152 Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park – Baseball Field Lighting and Field Restroom (PRJ21195) (PRJ21288) Project – Modification of Scope of Work - Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] and Class 3(6) [New Construction of Accessory Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302 And 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-152.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-153 Allocation of Quimby Fees and Commitment of Park Fees to Capital Improvement Projects in Order to Reconcile Previously Issued Quimby and Park Fees Refunds

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-153.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-154 Rescission of Previous Allocations and Transfers of Quimby and Zone Change Fees and Approval of Revised Allocations and Transfers of Quimby and Zone Change Fees to Reconcile Accounts Related to Various Capital Improvement Projects

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-154.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-155 Griffith Park – Girls Camp Renovation (PRJ21197) (PRJ21373) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior Alterations of a Public Facility Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 11(3) [Construction of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-155.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-156 Griffith Park – Boys Camp Renovation (PRJ21196) (PRJ21372) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior Alterations of a Public Facility Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] and Class 11(3) [Construction of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-156.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-157 Eagle Rock Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21256) Project – Modification of Scope of Work - Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations to an Existing Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Pedestrian Walkways] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-157.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-158 Tract Map No. VTT-82178 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-158.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-159 Tract Map No. VTT-82714 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-159.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-160 North Hollywood Recreation Center – Proposed CD2 Pallet Housing Project – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for the Construction of and Use as a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed Three (3) Years of Operation – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] Reflected in California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c)

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20-161 Valley Plaza Park – Proposed CD2 Pallet Housing Project – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for the Construction of and Use as a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed Three (3) Years of Operation – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] Reflected in California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c)

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DISPOSITION: APPROVED

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; no such requests were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented except for Board Report Nos. 20-160 and 20-161 which were considered earlier. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Chase that the Board Reports be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. Commissioner Halper requested an update on park facilities outside City limits that are under the jurisdiction of this Board. Commissioner Chase requested a follow-up from RAP's Chief Park Ranger to address how Park Rangers are handling the current challenges. Commissioner Bayne requested an update on a recent Council Motion to direct funding for Summer Play LA and also a report on RAP's Park Naming Policy and Procedures. President Patsouras requested an update on a

recent City Council Motion to create a Pilot Program in Council District 1 that would designate social distancing areas in City Parks and another recent Motion on the availability of WiFi at potential distance learning sites on RAP property.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY