

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 20, 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, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, 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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020. Commissioner Halper made such motion and it was seconded by President Patsaouras. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0 as Vice-President Alvarez was not eligible to vote on this matter.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 9 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, shared that as RAP continues to offer homeless shelter services, there are over 300 available beds at Woodland Hills, Pan Pacific, Cheviot Hills, Westwood, Rancho Cienega, Granada Hills Recreation Center, and Friendship Auditorium. RAP continues to work with local partners to provide more long-term solutions, such as Project Roomkey. Mr. Diaz also updated the Board on RAP's cooling centers at Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center, Canoga Park Senior Center, Lafayette Multipurpose Center, Slauson Multipurpose Center, Pecan, and Ritchie Valens Recreation Center.

Mr. Diaz then gave a brief update on RAP's plans for a pilot program designating social distancing areas in City parks to safely reopen in the near future and the availability of Wi-Fi at potential learning sites on RAP property, as a response to more parents going back to work. He stated that RAP is expecting to receive additional funding from City Council so that RAP may provide this program to the neediest families and give parents more alternatives.

Joe Losorelli, Chief Park Ranger, provided a verbal update on Park Rangers Response to current challenges and responsibilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Losorelli began by announcing that none of the Rangers have been infected by this virus, and he credits the safety measures that this unit has implemented and followed. He provided a brief overview of how the duties of the Rangers have evolved during this pandemic while making sure the new social distancing guidelines are adhered to.

BOARD REPORTS

20-162 L.A. For Kids Program 10th Funding Cycle – Parks First Trust Fund (Parks First) Grant Proposal – Barnsdall Park – Restroom and Park Improvements – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; Resolution

Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-162.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-163 Highland Park Recreation Center – Sports Court Lighting (Aka Proposition K Sports Lighting Improvements: Highland Park Recreation Center) (PRJ21328) (W.O. #E170505) Project - Final Acceptance

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate I, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-163.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-164 Reallocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees from Non-Department of Recreation and Parks Owned or Operated Facilities

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-164.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-165 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (RCSC) Project — Phase I (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O. #E1907694) Project- Acceptance of Amended Stop Payment Notice and Acceptance of Bond for Release of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3645 for Pinner Construction Co., Inc.

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-165.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-166 Rancho Cienega Park – Celes King III Pool Demolition (PRJ21412) Project – Authorization to Demolish and Approval of Demolition Plans – Commitment of Park Fees – Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations and Accompanying Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Rancho Cienega Celes King III Pool Demolition Project EIR (SCH No. 2018061048), Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article

II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-166.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-167 Parcel Map No. AA-2020-0461-PMLA – 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. 20-167.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-168 Greek Theatre - Amendments to the Oversight and Management Contract of the Greek Theatre and to the User Agreement for Booking and Use of the Greek Theatre

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Board Report No. 20-168.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports No. 20-162 through 20-168 were requested; no such requests were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD REPORT NOS. 20-162 THROUGH 20-168

The Board decided to consider Board Report Nos. 20-162 through 20-168 first so that the following Report could be considered separately. President Patsaouras requested a Motion to approve these Board Reports as presented. 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 5-0.

20-169 Venice Beach Pier Maintenance and Repair – (W.O. #E1907957) (PRJ20587) Project – Review of Bids and Award of Contract

President Patsaouras recused herself from consideration of this Report due to her husband having a professional relationship with AECOM, a company that provided consulting services on this Project, though his services were not related to this Project. President Patsaouras left the meeting.

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-169.

Vice-President Alvarez called for a presentation from RAP staff. After hearing from staff and Commissioner questions and comments, Vice-President Alvarez called for Public Comments on

this Board Report, no such requests were made. Vice-President Alvarez then called for a motion to approve this Board Report as presented. Commissioner Halper made such motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

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. Vice-President Alvarez requested an update on the Greek Theatre and effects of today's approved Board Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY