

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, December 17, 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 Patsouras, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, 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
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

CALL TO ORDER

President Patsouras began the meeting by requesting for a moment of silence in memory of Gilbert Espinosa, a longtime RAP employee who recently passed away. On behalf of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, President Patsouras offered condolences to Mr. Salazar's family, colleagues, and friends, and requested a moment of silence.

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, recognized several employees who have recently retired and invited the Assistant General Managers to share some words regarding these RAP employees. The following employees were commended for their years of service: Benjamin Gaetos, Architect, Dave Takata, Civil Engineer, Cynthia Hirata, Principal Accountant, Robert Feld, Senior Management Analyst, Ricardo Tres, Structural Engineering Associate, Annamaria Galbraith-Stewart, Recreation Supervisor, Marc Israel, Recreation Supervisor, Gonzalo Manrique, Principal Recreation Supervisor II, Dr. Laura Danly, Curator of Griffith Observatory.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2020. Commissioner Halper made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 6 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, turned it over to Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, to update the Board on RAP's response to the current COVID-19 situation. Mr. Diaz reminded the Board that RAP maintains ongoing dialogue with local and state public health officials. Mr. Diaz shared that RAP amenities remain open for passive use; no organized sports leagues or activities are allowed in compliance with social distancing mandates. Mr. Diaz also stated that golf, tennis, and hiking amenities are open, as long as the aforementioned social distancing guidelines are followed.

Mr. Shull then asked Belinda Jackson, Executive Director of the EXPO Center, to provide an update on the Urban Garden at EXPO Center. Ms. Jackson provided a brief outline of the Request For Interest (RFI) process related to the Urban Garden. Ms. Jackson provided some background information on the historic uses of this amenity and the proposed future plans to better serve the community.

BOARD REPORTS

20-230 My LA2050 Grant by Goldhirsh Foundation and the Annenberg Foundation – Acceptance of Two Cargo Vans Purchased with Grant Funds for a Mobile Recreation Program

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst I, Program Grants, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-230.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-231 Proposition A – Alpine Recreation Center Expansion: Grant Agreement Amendment for Time Extension (PRJ20591) (E170225F)

Yumi Sangen, Management Assistant, Program Grants, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-231.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-232 Griffith Park – Seismic Retrofit and Renovation of Greek Theatre North and South Terraces (PRJ21381) (PRJ21384) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Class 2(i) [Allocation of Funding for Project Already Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 18, Section 15282 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, and Paul Tseng Contract Administrator, Bureau of Engineering, presented Board Report No. 20-232.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-233 Veterans Barrington Park – Revocable License Agreement with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of Veterans Barrington Park – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1

(14) [Issuance of a License to Use an Existing Structure involving negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Real Estate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Operations Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 20-233.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-234 Ramon Garcia Recreation Center – Authorization to Sign Access Documents to Remove Contaminated Soil - Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Common Sense Exemption] and Article 19, Section 15307 [Actions by Regulatory Agencies in Protection of Natural Resources], Section 15308 [Actions by Regulatory Agencies in Protection of the Environment] and Section 15330 [Minor Actions to Eliminate or Eliminate the Threat of Release of Hazardous Substances] of California CEQA Guidelines

Elena Maggioni, Environmental Specialist III, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-234.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-235 Final Acceptance of Various Capital Improvements Projects; Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees for Project Reconciliation

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-235.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-236 Hollenbeck Park – Restroom Replacement (PRJ21470) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-236, followed by a Spanish translation by staff for Spanish speakers who submitted comments in Spanish on this Report.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-237 Hollywood Recreation Center – Modern Gymnasium (PRJ21441) (PRJ21112) Project – Commitment of Park Fees

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-237

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-238 Pan Pacific Park – Playground Improvements (PRJ21466) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Reconstruction of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-238.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-239 Shadow Ranch Park – Ball Field, Fencing and Irrigation (PRJ20776) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-239.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-240 Holmby Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21355) (PRJ21463) Project – 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 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-240.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-241 Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21465) Project – Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations involving Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Sidewalks, Pedestrian Trails and Parking Lots], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] and Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Required for Safety and Public Convenience involving Negligible

or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-241.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-242 Vanalden Park – Building Improvements (PRJ21454) (PRJ20949) Project – Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change 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(1) [Interior and Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling and Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 2(6) [Replacement of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning System] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-242.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-243 Tract Map No. VTT-74890 – 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. 20-243.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-244 Tract Map No. VTT-82619 – 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. 20-244.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE TRACT MAP NO. VTT-82619 (PROJECT) TO PAY IN-LIEU FEES TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) SECTION 12.33

20-245 Canoga Park Senior Citizen Center – Senior Center Improvements (PRJ21449) Project – 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 and Exterior Alterations involving remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Parking Lots] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-245.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-246 Normandale Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21458) Project – Cancellation of Previously Approved Quimby Funded Projects (Normandale Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Improvements (PRJ20204) Project and Harbor Gateway – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20996) Project) – Allocation of Quimby Fees — Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-246.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-247 Ritchie Valens Park – Lighting Improvements (PRJ21392) Project – Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Structures to Meet Current Standards of Public Safety] And Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(d) and 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-247.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

BOARD REDPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; 3 such requests were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

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. No such requests were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m., closing in memory of Gilbert Espinosa

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY