

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at EXPO Center at 9:34 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Deputy City IV Attorney Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong

The following Department staff members were present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreational Services Branch  
Joe Salaices, Superintendent of Griffith Region, Special Operations Branch  
Javier Solis, Superintendent of Maintenance, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch  
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Vice-President Alvarez moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2019; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Halper. 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; no such requests were submitted.

**BOARD REPORTS**

20-001 Westwood Park – Multipurpose Synthetic Field (PRJ21329) Project – Approval of Project Scope – Commitment of Park Fees – Approval of Agreement with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and the TM23 Foundation for the Design and Construction of a Multipurpose Synthetic Surface Field at Westwood Recreation Center and the Donation of Such Improvements as a Gift to the City – Approval of Donor Recognition Signage – Approval of the Naming of the New Multipurpose Synthetic Surface Field As "Tommy's Field" - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(c) [Construction of Accessory Structures], Section 15304(a) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less than 10 Percent], 15304(b) [New Landscaping], Section 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] and Section 15311(1) [On Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-001.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

*Commissioner Nicole Chase arrived after the staff presentation.*

President Patsaouras stated her appreciation for everyone coming out to share their concerns regarding the Westwood Park Project (Project). President Patsaouras commended the community for their continued care and attention to this project, and commended staff for giving the Board alternative sites and layouts for this Project. President Patsaouras also mentioned that if the Project were to be approved, she would like to ensure the field is open and available to the public. President Patsaouras then asked for comments from the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Halper complimented staff for a report he felt was thorough in addressing the needs, concerns, and growing demands of the community. Mr. Halper noted that the lighting element of the Project would increase usage later into the evening.

Vice-President Alvarez also thanked the community for making time to attend and share their comments on this Project. Vice-President Alvarez also extolled staff's efforts in presenting this Project that seeks to address the needs of a growing community, physical activity, and different park usage.

President Patsaouras then invited Public Comment on this agenda item, 85 such speaker cards were submitted.

*Commissioner Chase left during Public Comment at 11:04 a.m.*

After the completion of Public Comment, President Patsaouras made a Motion to amend Board Report No. 20-001. This was seconded by Commissioner Halper. There being no objections, the Motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 3-0 to amend the Report as follows:

**Authorize RAP staff, acting through the Director in Charge of Westwood Park, to determine the proper allocation of time for use of the multi-purpose field, as currently set forth in Exhibit E of the Agreement, subject to annual review and approval by the Board; and Direct staff to submit to the Board a twelve-month time allocation plan for such review and approval at the first Board meeting of every calendar year.**

President Patsaouras called for a break.

BREAK AT 11:34 A.M. AND RESUMED AT 11:42 A.M.

Report No. 20-007 was taken out of order

20-007 Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park Project – Rescission of Proposition K Grant Award for the Acquisition and Construction of a New Passive Pocket Park

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-007.

President Patsouras invited Public Comment on Board Report No. 20-007, no such speakers presented themselves. President Patsouras then requested a Motion to approve Board Report No. 20-007, as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Vice-President Alvarez that Report No. 20-007 be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

The meeting then returned to its scheduled agenda order.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to consider Board Reports No. 20-002 through 20-005 and 20-008 through 20-014 on Consent. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Vice-President Alvarez that the Board Reports listed previously be considered on consent. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

20-002 Sherman Oaks Castle Park Batting Cages Concession - Agreement No. 254--Approve Price Increase

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-003 EXPO Center: Various Donations from Harmony Project Inc. and Insomniac Holdings

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-004 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10547 – Section 1D (Substitute Positions) and Section 1E (In-Lieu Positions)

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-205 Measure A Grant Status Update (October – December 2019)

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-206 Measure A – Request Authorization to Submit Grant Applications for 15 Capital Improvement Projects

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

20-207 Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park Project – Rescission of Proposition K Grant Award for the Acquisition and Construction of a New Passive Pocket Park

CONSIDERED PREVIOUSLY

20-208 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Professional Services Agreement with Royal Polaris Sportfishing, Inc., to Retain the Royal Polaris Fishing Vessel for a Whale Watching and Ecological Tours Excursion to Baja California, Mexico

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-009 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O #E1907715) – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3555, for G2K Construction, Inc.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-010 Ritchie Valens Recreation Center Sports Court Lighting (W.O. #E170510) Project (aka Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Ritchie Valens Recreation Center) – Approval of Final Plans; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 Class 1(1) [Minor Exterior Alteration of Existing Public Structures involving Minor Construction], Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Structures to Meet Current Standards of Public Safety] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operation] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-011 Baldwin Hills Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting (W.O. #E170501) Project (aka Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Baldwin Hills Recreation Center) – Approval of Final Plans - Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations where there be No or Negligible Expansion of Use], Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Structures] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operation] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19 Sections 15301(a) and 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-012 Valley Plaza Park – Building Improvements (PRJ21335) Project; Allocation of Quimby 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 of an Existing Public Facility where there be No or Negligible Expansion of Use] And Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations of Existing Pathways] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-013 Montecito Heights Recreation Center – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21282) 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) [Exterior Alterations with No Expansion of Use], Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Pathways] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-014 Van Ness Recreation Center – Mural Installation Project; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) [On Premise Signs] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

### **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; No such speaker cards were submitted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 20-002 through 20-005 and 20-008 through 20-014 as consent items, as previously approved, with the exception of Board Report 20-006, which was withdrawn. Vice-President Alvarez made the motion to approve the Reports as noted above and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 in a unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

#### **Commission Task Force on Concessions Report**

There was no report.

#### **Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance**

Vice-President Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met and discussed the Stormwater Capture Parks Program and the 10 Minute Walk Final Report Update.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES**

General Manager Michael A. Shull reported that the 11th Annual Dream Games will be held at Westwood Recreation Complex on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. It also brings in a basketball exhibition, and kids and parents from all over the City to this event. Also coming up is a long-awaited opening of the Algin Sutton pool. That pool was taken out of service a few years ago, and now will soon be reopening and funded to run year-round, but the ribbon cutting date will be postponed. Mr. Shull also mentioned Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. through 3:00 p.m., at the Marine Cabrillo will be hosting its 51<sup>st</sup> Whale Festival celebration with the migration of the Pacific gray whales. He remarked that in December the Board approved a youth sports agreement to bring in \$160,000,000 in grant funds for 23 park projects within the City of Los Angeles to use by RAP for subsidizing the largest equity-based recreational program in the history of RAP. And as part of that program, the one piece that still needs to come to the Board, is the Project Plan, which is an annual plan of how RAP plans to spend the money. That plan Needs to be approved by L.A. 28, and subsequently, the Board and City Council. Mr. Shull stated that he expects to launch this plan for the Spring Quarter.

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, reported on Propositions A-I and A-II Program Project Status Report. Ms. Wong reported that RAP has finished 157 out of 165 projects, \$129.5 million has been spent on the 157 projects, and eight projects remained at an additional total of \$2.4 million. She stated that of these, there were 2 pending closeouts, 2 active, and 4 new projects that are pending grant agreement from L.A. County.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items. No future items reported.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Alvarez motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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BOARD SECRETARY