

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 4, 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, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Tafarai Bayne, and Commissioner 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

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, shared that RAP had 24 shelter sites with this Pandemic response began, and with recent demobilization and residents being moved to other housing alternatives within the City, RAP will have 20 active shelter sites. Mr. Shull shared that RAP continues conversations with partners at the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and Los Angeles Department of Public Health to develop a phased reopening plan. He stated that RAP plans on having a summer childcare program, commonly called Summer PlayLA, in order to support the reopening of the economy and as many parents return to work. Mr. Shull then announced that after the installation of park visitor counters, RAP had over 19,000 hikers in Runyon Canyon from May 26 to June 3. He then reported that RAP will also be installing counters at Griffith Park in order to track visitors and better implement safety guidelines. Mr. Shull concluded his General Manager's report by recognizing several of the written and oral comments received regarding equestrian operations and expects RAP staff to address these comments.

Mr. Shull then presented the Social Distancing Monitoring and Enforcement at RAP Facilities verbal update. He remarked that the implementation of these guidelines has largely been done by RAP staff and the public has generally responded in a positive manner. Mr. Shull stated that as more facilities open to the public, RAP may have more issues implementing social distancing and face coverings requirements.

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning Maintenance and Construction Branch, then presented the verbal report on Quimby/Park Fees Collection and Allocation. Mr. Ford provided an overview of the process by which RAP receives and spends these monies, as well as the limitations on how and where they can be used.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020. Commissioner Bayne made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 5 such requests were submitted.

ITEM NOTICED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

20-089 Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Pool Replacement and Bathhouse Renovation (PRJ21117) (W.O. #E170293f) Project – Public Hearing on Subcontractor Substitution Request Pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.14.3

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

BOARD REPORTS

20-090 As-Needed Fence and Wall Installation, Maintenance and/or Repairs – Award of Contracts

Robert Feld, Senior Management Analyst II, Contracts Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-090.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-091 Griffith Park – Seismic Retrofit and Renovation of Greek Theatre North and South Terraces (PRJ21381) (PRJ21384) Project – Allocation of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby Fee Interest – 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], Class 2(1) [Reconstruction of Existing Recreation Structures to Provide Earthquake Resistant Structures which Do Not Increase Capacity More Than 50 Percent], and Article 19, Sections 15301(d), 15302, and 15331 [Historical Resources Restoration] of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-091.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-092 Dorothy J. And Benjamin B. Smith Park – Security Lighting Installation (PRJ21347) 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 12 [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-092.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-093 Park Fee Ordinance - Changes to the Park Fees Section of the Schedule of Rates and Fees - Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.o(4) [Approval of Rates for the Purpose of Obtaining Funds for Capital Projects Necessary to Maintain Service within Existing Service Areas] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15273(a)(4) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-093.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-094 Reallocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees from Completed Capital Improvement Projects

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-094.

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 all 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 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. President Patsouras requested an in-depth discussion of the budget allocated to RAP and its impact on RAP operations and service availability. Commissioner Halper addressed the Board requesting issues of equity and allocation of resources to park areas of under-represented individuals be

made a priority. Vice-President Alvarez requested an update on the Greek Theatre regarding construction and upgrades, as well as the fiscal impact of this season being canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patsouras reminded the audience that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY