

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, March 5, 2020

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at Friendship Auditorium at 9:34 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Nicole Chase, and 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:

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff
Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreational Services Branch
Bob Davis, Superintendent, Venice Region, Special Operations Branch
Javier Solis, Superintendent of Maintenance, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

Sean Hilton, Park Services Supervisor at Griffith Region, introduced the Friendship Auditorium staff and provided background information about the facility

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Halper moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 4 such speaker cards were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

20-036 Westwood Park – Aidan’s Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from 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 in the Same Site and will Have the Same Purpose and Capacity], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping] and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling], of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19 Sections 15302, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-036.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-037 Westwood Park – New Restroom (PRJ21344) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Landscaping], 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] and Class 11(3) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Facilities] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-037.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-038 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O #E1907715) – Request to Reduce the Withhold of Contract Payments on Construction Contract No. 3555

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-038.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-039 Installation of Distributed Energy and Resiliency Resources – Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Recommendation to Approve Letter of Agreement for Resiliency Generation System at Green Meadows Recreation Center; 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 Existing Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Division presented Board Report No. 20-039.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED with Corrections – First correction is on Page 5, under Fiscal Impact, the first sentence to read “Funding for the Green Meadows Recreation Center Resiliency Generation System Project contemplated in Exhibit B has an estimated budget of approximately **\$3.7 million**,” the second correction is on the third to the last sentence, which shall read “DWP will be investing an estimated **\$3.5 million** for all other components of the project.”

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; 1 such speaker card was submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Reports No. 20-036 through 20-039 as presented, noting the above-defined corrections for Board Report No. 20-039. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Board Reports as noted. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions Report

There was no meeting.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

The task force met to discuss the Trinity Recreation Center – Skate Park and Site Improvements, and the Hydration Station Installation at Recreation & Parks Facilities Memorandum of Understanding between RAP and the Department of Water & Power.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES

General Manager Michael A. Shull provided an update on upcoming RAP activities and events. He began by announcing that on March 7th, the Banning Museum and Recreation Center will celebrate Arbor Day with a resource fair and tree planting of 300 new trees surrounding the Banning Museum & Recreation Center. On that same date, the CLASS Parks Self-Empowerment Girls Conference, that encourages confidence and self-acceptance by creating a safe environment, will be held at Ramona Hall for girls between the ages of 13 to 17 years old. Mr. Shull then announced that on March 21st, the Haunted Ghost Tour that takes guests on a small group exploration of the homes and families who once lived in the houses at Heritage Square Museum will take place. He also shared that on Saturday, March 28th, the Pretty in Pink youth conference created with a goal of empowering young girls in the urban community will take place. Also on this date, the Friends of Banning Museum's annual fundraiser mystery dinner at the Wisteria Regale will be staged that allows guests to travel back in time through the eyes of H.G. Wells. Mr. Shull also congratulated Assistant General Manager Vicki Israel, as the Clippers will be honoring her with the Community Women's' Hero Award. He noted that Ms. Israel's entire Recreational Services team has done a fabulous job in increasing gender parity throughout RAP's programs, and has worked diligently around the City to include and increase the number of girls participating in the sports and fitness programs. Mr. Shull concluded his report by commending the Cabrillo Beach Marine Aquarium's (CMA) effectiveness in breeding and raising of the endangered sea bass. This was part of a study conducted by CSUN, CMA, and the Aquarium of the Pacific to develop different ways of raising the sea bass population. This effort led to the development of many techniques that resulted in the release of 180 sea bass into the Santa Monica coast, as noted by an L.A. Times article. The Aquarium of the Pacific will also be releasing another 180 giant sea bass next week. To RAP's knowledge, this is the largest release of this critically endangered species ever.

Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Grants Administration, Finance Branch presented the Proposition 68 Update on Applications and Monies Received verbal report. Mr. Jones shared that the City of Los Angeles received over \$19 million, and also tied for the greatest number of awarded projects; RAP received funding for 4 projects. L.A. County received almost one fourth of the overall awards, with 15 projects being awarded to cities within the L.A. County area. He

disclosed that the State received over 478 applications requesting almost \$2.3 billion of the available \$254 million in this funding round. Mr. Jones further explained the average grant request was for \$4.8 million and the average awarded amount was about \$4.1 million. He then divulged that the 4 awards that the City of Los Angeles received were: 1) Lincoln Heights Recreation Center for \$4.8 million in Council District 1, which is for a park renovation, 2) Allegheny Park, a brand-new park in Council District 6 for \$6.986 million, 3) Brooklyn Heights in CD 14 for \$5.2 million, and 4) El Sereno for park expansion, also in CD 14 for \$2.41 million.

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, but none were presented.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center, 14201 Huston St., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY