

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, November 5, 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, and Commissioner Tafarai Bayne. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, 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

Acknowledgement of Service – Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch, Sophia Piña-Cortez

Ms. Piña-Cortez was celebrated and commended for her over 37 years of City service. Several RAP staff commented on the many positive experiences they've had with Ms. Piña-Cortez and highlighted her various professional and personal attributes. President Patsouras and the Board congratulated and thanked Ms. Piña-Cortez for her many accomplishments and wished her a joyous retirement. Ms. Piña-Cortez then thanked the many people she met over her career and shared how humbling this experience has been for her.

Commissioner Nicole Chase joined the Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2020. Commissioner Chase made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. 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, 4 such requests were submitted.

Commissioner Joseph Halper joined the meeting during General Public Comment.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began his update by recognizing Neil Drucker, Assistant Division Head and Program Manager for Prop K, Bureau of Engineering, who is also retiring. Mr. Shull provided some background regarding their interactions, fond memories, and completed projects. The Board also thanked Mr. Drucker for the many positive experiences and accomplishments over his distinguished career with the City.

Mr. Shull then asked Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, to provide an update on the operating procedures and guidelines that RAP is adhering to, as set forth by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Mr. Diaz shared some health and infection figures as a result of the pandemic. Mr. Diaz then stated that Friendship Auditorium and Pan Pacific Recreation Center will soon transition to winter sheltering operations. Mr. Diaz also announced the many RAP amenities are available for public use, as well as some organized activities and concessions, including pony rides, batting cages, and miniature golf. Mr. Diaz reminded the Board that playgrounds are also in the process of being open, while maintaining proper social distancing protocols, and skate parks will be open soon, too. Mr. Diaz concluded his remarks by stating that further details are available on laparks.org/covid-19. Mr. Shull then provided an update on the Alternative Learning Sites program, as RAP is only funded through the month of December. Mr. Shull then announced that he will provide further budget updates at the next meeting, including information on how RAP is being asked to meet the budget reduction mandate.

BOARD REPORTS

20-208 Various Donations: 2020 At-Home Concert Series - Pershing Square

Patricia Delgado, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-208.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-209 Partnership Section – Suspension of Imposition of Cost Recovery Reimbursement Fees (CRRF) to Organizations Operating on Department of Recreation and Parks Property during the Temporary Closure of Park Operations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-209.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-210 Proposition 68 Specified – Rhodes Park (AKA Valley Plaza Park) Project (PRJ21331) – Rescission of State Grant Contract No. C5052013; New State Contract (State Contract No. C5053013) Acceptance

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-210.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-211 Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) 2020 Round Grant; Preliminary Authorization to Submit Grant Applications

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-211.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION AS FOLLOWS:

REPLACE THE DATE "DECEMBER 14, 2020"
WITH "MARCH 12, 2021" ON PAGES 2 AND 3 OF
REPORT

20-212 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) 1600-2020-0072-R5 with California Department of Fish and Wildlife to Remove Vegetation - Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Native Growth and Landscaping] of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15333 of California CEQA Guidelines

Elena Maggioni, Environmental Specialist III, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-212.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-213 Griffith Park – Maintenance Yard Security Improvements (PRJ21434) 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(12) [Installation of Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operation] and Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use Required for Safety and the Public Convenience] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15304 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-213.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-214 Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) 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(11d) [Demolition of Accessory Structures which are Not of Historical, Archaeological or Architectural Significance], Class 4(3) [Planting of New Trees] and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines And Article 19, Sections 15301(14), 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-214.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-215 Griffith Park – Fern Dell Restroom Demolition (PRj21417) 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(11d) [Demolition of Accessory Structures which are Not of Historical, Archaeological or Architectural Significance] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(I4) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-215.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-216 Bellaire Avenue Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21435) 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 [Replacement of Existing Structures and Facilities 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

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-216.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-217 Vineyard Recreation Center – Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Improvements (PRJ21415) 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(6) [Replacement of Existing Air-Conditioning Systems] 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. 20-217.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-218 South Victoria Park – Shade Structures Installation (PRJ21351) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 20-218.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-219 Concessions Operations Status Update; Amendment to Concession Agreements to Waive Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) Payments for Concessions Impacted by Business Closures Resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst and Rachel Ramos, Concessions Manager, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-219.

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; no such request was submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented and Board Report No. 20-211 with corrections as noted previously. 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.

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 Griffith Observatory Plans and Projections for Programming in 2021, and an update on the Venice Beach Bathroom Attendant Pilot Program and how it could be implemented at Hollenbeck Park . Commissioner Chase requested an update on how non-operating hours activity is being addressed at Hansen Dam and Lake View Terrace. Commissioner Halper asked staff to look into the implementation and adherence of COVID-19 measures at various RAP facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY