

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 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
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

President Patsouras began the meeting by requesting for a moment of silence in memory of Danny Salazar, a longtime RAP employee who recently passed away due to complications from COVID-19. On behalf of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, President Patsouras offered condolences to Mr. Salazar's family, colleagues, and friends.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 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 3-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 8 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began his report by sharing some background and personal experiences with Danny Salazar. Mr. Shull mentioned some of Danny's accomplishments and legacy that he leaves behind. He then updated the Board on RAP's Alternative Learning Centers program at over 60 Recreation Centers throughout the City and nearly 1,200 participants. Mr. Shull provided a brief overview of Park Maintenance during this pandemic, highlighting the increased attention to park restroom maintenance and the homeless population through the CREFT program, consisting of 20 crews. He pointed out that employees will be furloughed 8 hours per pay period beginning in October and with 150 RAP employees accepting the early retirement program, some RAP programming and operations will be impacted.

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, provided the Update on Hollenbeck Park Improvements and Maintenance. Mr. Ford shared the background of some of the projects at Hollenbeck Park that have been approved by the Board and the estimated construction start date.

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, also presented the Update on Mathews Property Park Development. Mr. Ford spoke of the steps that have been taken to get to the current status of this future park as well as the timeline expectations for the project to be completed. He also shared how community input will be solicited and how RAP will be working with the Department of Cultural Affairs to implement art components once the park is completed and open to the public.

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented the Update on the Greek Theatre's 90th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Diaz heralded some of the Greek Theatre's history and outlook for the 90th season which will happen next year. He shared some of the expected public messaging and fan engagement plans with the Greek's media and sponsorship partners to commemorate this great venue.

BOARD REPORTS

20-176 Summer Night Lights Program and Related Activities - Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Joshua Beltran, Budget Section, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-176.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-177 Lemon Grove Recreation Center – Donation and Installation of Twelve (12) 24-Inch Box Trees and a Two-Year Forest Maintenance Plan for a Los Angeles Park Forest to be Planted in Fall of 2020; Approval of Donor Recognition Signage; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping] and Class 11(1) [Placing of On-Premise Signs] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-176.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-178 Mar Vista Recreation Center – Donation and Installation of Twenty (20) 36-Inch Box Trees and a Two-Year Forest Maintenance Plan for a Los Angeles Park Forest to be Planted in Fall of 2020; ; Approval of Donor Recognition Signage; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping] and Class 11(1) [Placing of On-Premise Signs] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-178.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-179 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Proposed CD15 Tiny Homes Village Project – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for the Construction of and Use as a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period not to Exceed Three (3) Years of Operation – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] Reflected in California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) as well as PRC Section 21080.27 [Any Activity Approved by or Carried Out by the City of Los Angeles in Furtherance of Providing Emergency Shelters or Supportive Housing in the City of Los Angeles] and California Governor’s Order N. 32-20 [Suspension of Division 13, Commencing with Section 21000, of the Public Resources Code and Regulations Adopted Pursuant that Division for any Project Using Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funds, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Funds or Fund Appropriated in Senate Bill 89, Signed on March 17, 2020]

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-179.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION:

Recommendation No. 4 to now read: Authorize RAP’s General Manager or designee to approve technical revisions to the plans as necessary, to complete the construction of the proposed Project, ~~and authorize RAP’s General Manager;~~

20-180 Various Locations – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Forty-Five Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to Host Vote Drop Boxes to Collect Ballots from the Public–Approval of Plans to Install Vote Drop Boxes at Forty-Five Designated RAP Facilities and Additional Facilities as may be Determined; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use If Required for the Public Convenience] and Class 4(7) [Issuance of Any Lease, License or Permit to Use Land Involving Minor Alterations to the Condition of the Land] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15303 and 15304 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-180.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-181 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 – VA Form 6211 - Categorical Exemption from the

Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Renewal 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

Bryan Miller, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-181.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-182 Alpine Recreation Center – Doors and Fence Replacement (PRJ21367) 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 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, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-182.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-183 Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees 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 Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-183.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-184 Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Security Lighting Installation (PRJ21347) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Allocation of Funding for an Activity for Which the Underlying Project has Already been Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-184.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-185 Eleanor Green Roberts Aquatic Center – Pool Improvements (PRJ21431) 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 Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-185.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-186 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Facility Assessment and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21432) 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(3) [Minor Alterations of Existing Pedestrian Trails], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Fencing for Security and Operations] and Class 6 [Data Collection, Research and Resource Evaluation] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c) and 15306 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-186.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-187 Roof Renovation Projects at Various Facilities (South Park Recreation Center, Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center, Wabash Recreation Center, Queen Anne Recreation Center, El Sereno Recreation Center, Glassell Park, Valley Plaza Park, Winnetka Recreation Center) – Allocation of Quimby Fees 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) [Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 2 [Replacement or 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 Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-187.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-188 Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21419) 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) [Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] And Class 1(3) [Minor

Alteration of Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-188.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-189 Sylmar Park – Roof Renovation (PRJ21426) Project – Allocation and Reallocation of Quimby 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 Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-189.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-190 Tract Map No. VTT-82282 – 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. 20-190.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE TRACT MAP NO. VTT-82282 (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

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 requests were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented and Board Report No. 20-179 with the correction as noted previously. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by President Patsouras 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. Commissioner Halper requested an update on concessions operations during this pandemic and an update on RAP camp properties outside City limits

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m, closing in memory of Danny Salazar.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY