

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, April 1, 2021**

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 Patsaouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch, Assistant City Attorney Mike Dundas and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Belinda Jackson, Executive Director of EXPO Center, Recreation Services Branch  
Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch  
Eleanor Chang, Departmental Chief Accountant IV, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2021. Commissioner Halper made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 6 such requests were submitted.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch, provided the General Manager's Report and began by updating the Board on how RAP continues to support the City and County's vaccination sites by providing logistical support at RAP facilities. He also shared that The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will continue to operate extended winter shelters for unhoused individuals at several RAP facilities and that Alternative Learning Program has started to wind down as LAUSD transitions into a hybrid in class learning. Mr. Rudnick also announced that as the County moves into the "Orange Tier" of the State's blueprint for reopening, more amenities will be available as more activities are allowed on RAP facilities. He then stated that City Council recently approved the re-establishment of the Managed Hiring Committee, which will allow RAP and other City Departments the ability to hire staff to meet operational needs and replace some of the City employees that have taken advantage of SIP. Mr. Rudnick reported that Echo Park is undergoing renovations and more updates will be provided as the maintenance repair and improvements project unfolds. Mr. Rudnick then invited Javier Solis, Superintendent of Maintenance, to address the Board regarding many of the RAP employees that will be retiring in April. Mr. Solis thanked and recognized these employees, many of whom are in the Gardener Caretaker job classification.

Mr. Rudnick concluded the General Manager's Report by announcing that the Update on Park Wide Camera System, originally scheduled to be heard today, would be presented at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

21-054            Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Agreement with the American Cetacean Society Establishing Roles, Responsibilities, and Relationship for Support of the Cabrillo Whalewatch Program

Crislyn McKerron, Executive Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-054.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-055            Griffith Park – Donation and Installation of Native Plant Tree Saplings and a Two-Year Forest Maintenance Plan for a Los Angeles Park Forest to be Planted in 2021; 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(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-055.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-056            Ross Snyder 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 Spring 2021; 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(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-056.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-057            Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Mark Taper Intergenerational Center – Approval of Proposed Community Room Project; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(5a) [Addition to an Existing Structure which does Not Result in an Increase of More than 2,500 Square Feet] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(e1) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-057.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-058 Boyle Heights Sports Center Gymnasium (W.O. #E170192A) (PRJ20061) Project – Demolition and Abatement of Buildings; Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Activity for Which the Underlying Project has Previously been Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-058.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-059 Del Rey Lagoon – Parking Lot Improvements (PRJ21456) 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(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Sidewalks, Pedestrian and Parking Lots which does Not Include the Removal of Scenic Trees], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, and Landscaping] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-059.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-060 Point Fermin Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20305) 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 Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations of Existing Parking Lots] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-060.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

**BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve 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 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. Commissioner Chase requested an update on possible swim facilities reopening. Vice-President Alvarez echoed the request by Commissioner Chase. Commissioner Halper requested an update on the Park Advisory Boards (PABs) and their related makeup.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**