

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 3, 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 and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Brenda Aguirre, Acting Aquatics Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021. 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, no such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, announced that RAP's Summer Camps will begin on June 14th and run through August 13th at over 103 sites in the City with over 3,000 registrants for first week and over 21,000 for the entire summer period and that 80% of these summer camp sites will cost \$10 per week for participants. He shared that swimming pools will be open from June 13th through Labor Day, and most pools will be open on weekends after that date. Mr. Shull stated that RAP is awaiting final guidelines from State and County public health agencies to ensure a safe reopening and mask usage is expected to be enforced. He also announced that RAP continues to work with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) to operate Summer Night Lights (SNL) programming at 32 sites. Mr. Shull then reported that RAP has started hiring part-time staff for camps, SNL, pools to ensure staffing levels meet the expected demand. He also stated that the Mayor recently signed the City adopted budget which included several allocations for RAP to address many areas of needs, including hiring over 100 full time staff that serve recreation and maintenance needs now, an \$8 million salary adjustment to allow the expedition of hires, \$20 million for 8 child care centers to open before next fiscal year, \$6 million for new position authorities, 3 additional Bulky Item Cleanup crews, \$75 million to

address deferred maintenance, and the budget also allows for RAP to backfill some recent Separation Incentive Program(SIP) retirements beginning on January 1st of next year.

BOARD REPORTS

21-096 Transfer of Appropriations within Fund 302 to Hiring Hall, Overtime Account in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Joshua Beltran, Management Analyst, Budget Section, Finance Division presented Board Report No. 21-096.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-097 Donation Acceptance of a Horse for the Park Ranger Division

Sharie Abaijian, Park Ranger Division, Special Operations Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-097.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-098 EXPO Center – Donation from the Friends of Expo Center for Youth Job Corps Program 2021

Austin Dumas, Acting Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 21-098.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-099 California Department of Education – Summer Food Service Program 2020-2021 – Retroactive Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Summer Lunch Program; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Anita Meacham, Superintendent of Operations, Metro Region, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-099.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-100 As-Needed Outdoor Sports Field Lighting Contracts – Rescission of Previous Recommendation; Award of Contracts

Jimmy Newsom, Senior Management Analyst II, Contracts Administration, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-100.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-101 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, Partnerships, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-101.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-102 Measure W Safe Clean Water Program – Conceptual Approval of Measure W Projects at Griffith Park, Valley Plaza Park, Echo Park, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, and Hollenbeck Park

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-102.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-103 As-Needed Youth Adaptive Sports and Fitness Program – Award of Contracts

Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-103.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS AS NOTED BELOW:

“SECTION 2 – TERM OF CONTRACT” for Attachment Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 SHALL NOW READ: *The term of this Contract shall be for three (3) years from the date of execution of this Contract by the City, with an option to extend the term for an additional three (3) years at the sole discretion of RAP's General Manager, subject however to earlier termination by RAP as provided in Appendix A – The Standard Provisions for City Contracts (10/17) [v.3] (or most recent).*

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 noted previously. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Halper 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 TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice-President Alvarez reported that the Task Force met and discussed the Reseda Riverloop Greenway Project and the Venice Carousel Project.

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 the Community School Parks program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY