

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Regular Meeting at 9:31 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Commissioners Tafari Bayne and Joseph Halper. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Assistant City Attorney Mike Dundas and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager Elect, Recreation Services Branch  
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch  
Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acknowledgement of Service – Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, Vicki Israel

This matter was moved to a future meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 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 3-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 5 such requests were submitted.

*Commissioner Nicole Chase joined the Meeting during General Public Comment.*

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, shared that the County and City of Los Angeles has moved into the "Red Tier" of the State's Public Health Guidelines. As a result, this will allow RAP to open more amenities, including museums and aquariums at 25% capacity, and the permitting of several youth and adult league sports. Mr. Diaz also mentioned that RAP continues to support 60 Alternative Learning Sites and they may be pared down as the State and LAUSD allows in-person learning for students. He also announced that RAP continues to provide facilities for mobile and pop-up vaccination sites. Mr. Diaz advised that RAP continues to meet with other City partners to focus on maintenance and cleanliness as more facilities become available, as State and County health authorities allow. Lastly, Mr. Diaz reminded the Board that

RAP continues to track communications received to better respond and provide feedback to the Commission on comments received.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

21-039 Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Naming of the Playground As “Latasha Harlins Playground” — Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Placement of a Sign Located on City Property Managed by a City Department which Has a Sign Policy Adopted by its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-039.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-040 As-Needed Roofing Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, and/or Repairs – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Senior Management Analyst I, Contracts Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-040.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-041 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Discovery Cube Los Angeles – Preliminary Conceptual Approval of Outdoor Exhibits

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-041.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-042 Griffith Park – Naming of an Overlook area at Mount Hollywood as “Tom LaBonge Panorama” — Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Placement of a Sign Located on City Property Managed by a City Department which Has a Sign Policy Adopted by its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-042.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-043 Robertson Recreation Center (PRJ20021) (W.O. #E170266F) Project – Contract No. 3595 – Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-043.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-044 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83227 – 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. 21-044.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-045 Echo Park – Park Improvements (PRJ21471) 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 Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity], Class 4(3) [New Gardening and Landscaping] and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15302, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-045.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-046 Griffith Park Performing Arts Center – Phase II – Outdoor Performing Stage, Lighting, and Paths of Travel (W.O. #E170202A) Project – Approval of Final Plans

Aren Galustians, Architectural Associate II, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-046.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-047 Pico Union Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21420) Project – 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], Class 1(3) [Repair and Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], 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], Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use if Required for Safety and the Public Convenience], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, or Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] and Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-047.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-048 Downey Recreation Center – Site Improvements (PRJ21243) Project; Approval of Final Plans; 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 No or Negligible Expansion of Use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Fencing for Security and Operations] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-048.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-049 Queen Anne Recreation Center – Lighting and Security Cameras (PRJ21339) 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) [Exterior Alterations Involving Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] and Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use if Required for Safety and the Public Convenience] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301, 15302 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-049.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-050 Allegheny Park – New Park Development (PRJ21325) Project – Approval of Final Plans; Consideration of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Included in Report No. 19-200

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-050.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-051 Brooklyn Heights Park – New Park Development (PRJ21254) Project – Approval of Final Plans; Consideration of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Included in Board No. 19-200

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

21-052 Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Park Improvements (PRJ21376) Project – Approval of Final Plans; Consideration of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Included in Board Report 19-200

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-052.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-053 Whitnall Dog Park – Dog Park Refurbishment (PRJ21359) (PRJ21485) Project — Allocation of Quimby 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 Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Access Trails], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, and Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] and Class 11(6) [Construction and Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a), 15301(c), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-053.

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; 3 such requests were submitted, and Joanne Kim, Senior Adviser to the Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, also addressed the Board. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Report as presented, except for Report No. 21-051 which was withdrawn. 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 4-0.

### **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. President Patsouras requested a report on the document to be developed on lessons learned on change orders. Commissioner Chase requested an update on the security camera usage throughout RAP's park system. Commissioner Halper also requested an updated Organizational Chart for the Department. President Patsouras also reminded the Board that the Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force is scheduled to meet on April 1, 2021 and the Concessions Task Force is scheduled to meet on April 15, 2021. Both meetings will precede the Board Meeting scheduled for those dates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**