

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Special Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, 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, Recreation Services Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, 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 minutes of the Special Meeting of September 2, 2021. 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, 3 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began his comments by sharing that RAP's extended summer season ended on September 26, 2021. He also mentioned the launch of our Fall league programming which began this week and included such sports as football, soccer, girls' volleyball, cheerleading and various sports and fitness activities. Mr. Shull mentioned highlights from the past month. Mr. Shull thanked Hollenbeck Parks Foundation and the Sikand Foundation for their donation of \$ 30,000 to plant 30 trees at a tree planting at Hollenbeck Park. He then mentioned the opening of Trinity a new skate park as well as the opening of the new Tommy's Field synthetic soccer field. Mr. Shull announced the opening of two new playgrounds one at MacArthur Park and the other one at Alvarado Park. Mr. Shull wished the late Tom LaBonge a very Happy Birthday and paid a small tribute to him. He also mentioned five clean-ups scheduled for this weekend in honor of LaBonge. He mentioned the (YSP) Youth Sports Program launch to be held on November 6 at Algin Sutton Park. Mr. Shull said that he received some correspondence from a few constituents of the concerns regarding homelessness at Mar Vista and Westchester Recreation Centers. He then shared that RAP's Department Operations Center continues to be

fully activated as the pandemic continues to affect the City. Mr. Shull also provided some background regarding RAP's role in addressing the homelessness crisis in the City. He stated that the department is actively engaged in finding the best solutions for those that are facing homelessness. He also mentioned a meeting to address the concerns of residents of Oakwood park and their concerns regarding off leash dogs. There was also a presentation from Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff on the department's new branding and logos.

BOARD REPORTS

21-156 Retirement of Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and Donation of the Horse to Private Citizen

Adam Dedeaux, Park Ranger, Park Rangers Division, presented Board Report No. 21-156.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-157 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10592 – Section 1E (Substitute Positions)

Harold Fujita, Personnel Director III, Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 21-157.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-158 Appointment of Acting Secretary and Signature Authority

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Administration, Finance Division presented Board Report No. 21-158.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-159 Communication Services - Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds in The Department of Recreation and Parks and The Information Technology Agency

Joshua Beltran, Management Analyst I, Finance Division, presented Board Report No. 21-159.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-160 United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grow the Game Grant – Approval of Submission of Funding Application; Acceptance of Grant Funds, If Awarded

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-160.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-161 Alpine Recreation Center Expansion (aka Ord & Yale Street Park) (PRJ20591) (W.O. #E170225F) Project – Contract No. 3641 – Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-161.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-162 Robert L. Burns Park – Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Refurbishment and Renovation of an Existing Decomposed Granite Walking Trail; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Repair and Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails] and Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst II, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-162.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-163 Griffith Park – Approval of Proposed Earthquake Early Warning Radio Relay Station; 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 Required for Safety, Health and the Public Convenience Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ian Kim, Management Analyst I, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-163.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-164 Westwood Park – Aidan's Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project – Approval of Final Design

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-164.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-165 MacArthur Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21506) (PRJ21514) 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 and Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Parking Lots not Involving Scenic Resources]; Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping not Using Pesticides]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement 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]; Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Required for Safety and the Public Convenience Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 4(3) [New

Landscaping Including the Removal of Dead and Diseased Trees]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] and Class 11(6) [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

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-165.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-166 Whitnall Dog Park – Dog Park Refurbishment (PRJ21359) (PRJ21485) Project — Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Quimby Fees – Approval of Change Orders - 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(1) [Grading on Land With a Slope of Less than Ten Percent]; 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, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15304(a), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-166.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-167 Cabrillo Beach – Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ21508) 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 Alterations Involving Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 2(6) [Replacement of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-167.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-168 Palms Recreation Center – Child Care Center Roof and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement (PRJ21503) 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] and Class 2(6) [Replacement of Existing Air-Conditioning Systems] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-168.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-169 Chatsworth Park North – Outdoor Field Improvements (W.O. #E170488F) (PRJ21513) 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 where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] and Class 4(1) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less than Ten Percent] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15304(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst I, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-169.

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; 7 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 Chase 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 Concessions

Commissioner Chase reported that this Task Force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper reported that this Task Force met and discussed the wording on the name plaques at the Veteran Gardens.

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 Bayne requested an analysis on the process of Echo Park and Venice Beach regarding best practices and future efforts. Commissioner Chase requested an update on the Equestrian Community. Commissioner Halper requested a report on how to receive funding from the State for the Potrero Canyon Bridge and a discussion on homelessness at parks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY