

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday October 21, 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, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, 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 Meeting of October 6 2021. Commissioner Bayne made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. 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, one such request was submitted.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, began his comments by sharing that RAP was going to participate in the simulated earth quake drill known as the "Great California shake out" at 10:21 am. Mr. Diaz updated the Commissioners' on two motions that had been approved by City Council. The first motion that was approved would generate seventy-five million dollars for the department, to be used to address our most pressing infrastructure needs. The second motion that was passed would generate 20 million for an Emergency child development and preparedness plan. He went on to share how the department plans to handle the new COVID-19 vaccine mandate in regards to our Recreation programming. Mr. Diaz mentioned that RAP plans to have a public information system in place by November 29, where eligible participants will be responsible for providing proof of full vaccination before having access to indoor activities. Mr. Diaz stated that our fall programming has begun. Such sports as flag football, soccer, girls' volley-ball, dance classes and other sports and fitness programs. He shared a couple of upcoming events, one is planned for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Glen Alla Park. There will be a park renaming celebration to name the park Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park in honor of the late Councilman. He also mentioned Movies by the Sea at Venice beach a series of Thursday night

movies planned for the month of October. “Mr. Diaz praised Superintendent Sonya Young Jimenez on her excellent job at Venice Beach”. He also thanked all of our other Superintendents on their roles of beginning movie nights in the park at most of our Recreation Centers. He mentioned the P-22-day International Urban Wildlife Festival which was scheduled to take place October 23, online. He mentioned the Pershing Square’s Celebration of Latino and Hispanic Heritage event Latinx scheduled on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Diaz mentioned several Halloween themed activities, such as Sea Scare at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Fright Night at the Loz Feliz golf course and the Haunted Hay Ride located at Griffith Park. He mentioned the (YSP) Youth Sports Program launch to be held on November 6th at Algin Sutton Park, which will be a huge community event.

**VERBAL REPORT AND FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)**

President Patsouras reported that the board must consider a determination, Board to Consider a determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of this Board, and the ability of the members of all of this Board’s advisory bodies, including, but not limited to, all park advisory boards, the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee, and the Golf Advisory Committee, as well as the public who might attend these meetings, to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

President Patsouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Alvarez seconded the motion.

Public comment relevant to this item were invited, with no requests submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

**BOARD REPORTS**

21-170 National Recreation and Parks Association / Disney 2021-2022 Youth Sports and Play Grant – Approval of Submission of Funding Application; Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

21-171 Valley Plaza Park – Memorandum of Understanding for License with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the North Hollywood West Wellhead Treatment Project; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) [Construction of Accessory Structures] and Class 4(7) [Issuance of a License to Use Land involving Minor Alterations to the Condition of the Land] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15303(E) and 15304 of California CEQA Guidelines

Bryan Miller, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-171.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-172 Measure A – Request Authorization to Submit Competitive Grant Applications for Capital Improvement Projects at Griffith Park (Riverside Drive) and Venice Beach Pier; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded

Steven M Tran, Sr. Management Analyst, Grants Administration, presented Board Report No. 21-172.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-173 Proposition 68 Per Capita Program Grant – Authority to Apply and Submit Application, Resolution; Acceptance of Grant Funds for Normandale Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21458)

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, presented Board Report No. 21-173.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-174 Westwood Park – “Tommy’s Field” Multipurpose Synthetic Field (PRJ21329) Project – Approval of Memorial Plaque Installation to Commemorate Tommy Mark – Approval of Donor Plaque Installation to Recognize and Acknowledge Project Donors – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Installation of Signs Located on City Property Managed by a City Department Which has a Sign Policy Adopted By Its Board of Commissioners] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-174.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-175 Urban Land Institute – 10-Minute Walk Campaign – Donation of Funds for Planning Activities

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-175.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-176 Devonshire-Arleta Park – Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation

Consisting of the Installation of Twelve (12) 24-Inch Box Mature Trees and a Two (2) Year Forest Maintenance Plan; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Tree Planting, or Landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst II, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-176.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-177 Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21444) 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(3) [Repair of Existing Parking Lots]; Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping]; Class 1(12) [New 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 Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use, if Required for Safety]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where The Surface is Restored], and Class 11(6) [Placement of Accessory Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(f) And 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-177.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-178 Griffith Park – LA Shares Building Demolition (PRJ21500) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) as a Specific Action Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-178.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-179 Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21499) (PRJ21501) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby 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 Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Walkways], Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures and Facilities where

the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced]; Class 4(1) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less than Ten Percent (10%)]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15304(a) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-179.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-180 As-Needed Entertainment Production – Award of Contract

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst I, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-180.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-181 Palisades Park and Recreation Center – Veterans Gardens; Approval of Amended and Restated Agreement with Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation for the Installation of Park Improvements, Including Approval of Revised Recognition Signage

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst II, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-181

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-182 Bellevue Recreation Center – Third Amendment to Contract No. 3625 With Hilltop Nursery School to Temporarily Increase the Allowable Maximum Percentage Request for Yearly Increases to the Tuition Rate and Fee(S) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Due to COVID-19; Tuition Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst II, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-182.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-183 Rancho Cienega Park - Michelle And Barack Obama Sports Complex – Ballfield Fencing and Netting (PRJ21515) 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 3(6) [Installation of Accessory Appurtenant Structures Including Fences] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-183.

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 Patsaouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. 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 5-0.

**COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

**Commission Task Force on Concessions**

Commissioner Chase reported that this Task Force met and discussed several Request for Proposals (RFP's)

**Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance**

Commission Vice President Alvarez reported that this Task Force met and discussed an item before the full Commission regarding Pacific Palisades Park. There was also a new item to address Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center which will be coming to the Commission in the near future to request to name the Gymnasium after athlete and community activist Rafer Johnson. She mentioned regular Quimby updates, and future agenda items to be brought to the Commission.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

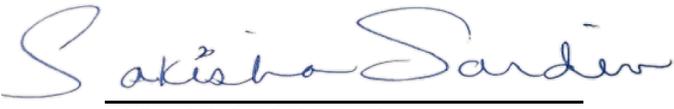
Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. Halper requested an update on the Department's Strategic Plan Goal of providing to all City residents parks within walking distance. Lynn Alvarez requested an update on two projects, First & Broadway and Pershing Square.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**