

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 2, 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 Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, 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, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2021. Commissioner Chase made such motion and it was seconded by President Patsouras. 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, 10 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began his comments by sharing that RAP had over 36,000 registrations for summer camp programming, over 17,000 for youth sports programming, over 16,000 swim lessons were administered, over 2,500 aquatic team sports registrations, and over 1,300 participants in the signature judo and track and field programs. Mr. Shull thanked RAP's Recreation and Maintenance staff for working through the chlorine shortage challenges, and gave a shout-out to DWP for helping RAP meet its chlorine needs. He then stated that RAP will be offering extended pool hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m., through the end of September. Mr. Shull announced that Mathews Park will have its groundbreaking ceremony on September 3rd, Venice Beach programming will ramp up and includes the Muscle Beach body building championships which will take place on Labor Day, Shane's Annual Inspiration Walk, Run & Roll event will take place on September 12th, Hansen Dam SunnySlope Baseball Fields will reopen September 12th with many improvements, Trinity Skate Park will open later in September. 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.

BOARD REPORTS

21-150 Skid Row Community Vaccination Outreach Grant by the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for Vaccination Outreach at San Julian and Gladys Parks; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Angela Williams, Acting Facility Director, Skid Row Parks, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-150.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-151 "Louder than Words" Grant from the Finish Line Youth Foundation and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for Support of Girls Play LA; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Austin Dumas, Acting Principal Recreation Supervisor, EXPO Center, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-151.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-152 As-Needed Tree Pruning and Removal / Urban Forestry Consulting Services and Tree Inventory Data Collection – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Senior Management Analyst I, Contract Administration, Special Operations Branch presented Board Report No. 21-152.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-153 Will Rogers State Beach – Marvin Braude Beach Trail Gap Closure Project – Project Approval – Consideration of Los Angeles County December 1, 2020 Approval of a Notice of Exemption, Filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on May 12, 2021

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-153.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-154 Westwood Park – Aidan's Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d) [Demolition of Accessory Structures], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] and Class 11(6) [Installation of Accessory Structures to Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19 Sections 15301(l4), 15304(b) 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-154.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-155 Martin J. Bogdanovich Recreation Center – Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21498) 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(32) [Modification of Public Convenience Devices which are Accessory to the Use of the Existing Structures or Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Kehnavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-155.

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; 12 such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne 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 5-0.

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 Alvarez reported that this Task Force met and discussed the Park Renaming of Chase Park.

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 Venice Beach, Westchester, and Debs Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY