

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

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 Nicole Chase. Also present were Michael 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:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch

Matthew Rudnick, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services 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 Regular Meeting of March 17, 2022. 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 Shull, General Manager, began with an update on the upcoming events. Mr. Shull mentioned that our Spring activities are back in full swing. Mr. Shull stated there are over ninety programs scheduled from April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Shull stated that our Greek theatre concert series began last week. He mentioned this past Saturday Cabrillo Marine Aquarium displayed their life size inflatable whale. Mr. Shull went on to thank Councilman Buscaino for his community grant fund which made this possible. Mr. Shull mentioned the Griffith Observatory's upcoming show 'Signs of Life' scheduled to debut sometime in the near future.

Mr. Shull mentioned there will be a temporary fence going up on April 11, 2022 at Mac Arthur Park so we can begin phase two of the rehabilitation project. Mr. Shull mentioned there will be ribbon cutting this Friday, April 8, 2022 at Rhodes Park. Mr. Shull mentioned there will be an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Mount Carmel Recreation Center. Mr. Shull

also mentioned a re-naming of Chase Park to Sean Brown park will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2022. He mentioned the Community school parks program moving forward and how the department plans to come back to the board in the near future with a newly revised plan. Mr. Shull mentioned the departments conservation efforts.

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

President Sylvia Patsouras reported that the board must 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 Sylvia Patsouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Bayne 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 4-0.

**BOARD REPORTS**

22-068 Approval of The Department of Recreation and Parks FY2022-23 Project Plan Between the City of Los Angeles and The Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for The City's Youth Sports Program Partnership

AP Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Executive Office, presented Board Report No. 22-068.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-069 First Amendment to Youth Sport Partnership Agreement for Funding Between the City of Los Angeles and The Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028 for The City's Youth & Adaptive Sports Program

AP Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Executive Office, presented Board Report No. 22-069.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-070 2022 Dodgers Dreamteam Program Grant – Approval of Grant Agreement and Acceptance of Grant Funds, Equipment, and In-Kind Contributions from The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in Support of The Dodgers Dreamteam Program Benefiting Youth Baseball and Girls Softball Leagues for the 2022 Season

Kimberly Simonet, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-070.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-071 Measure A Round 2 Applications – Resolution

Steven Tran, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration, presented Board Report No. 22-071.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-072 Award of Contract for As-Needed Purchase of Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services – Use of The Sourcewell Contract No. 010521-LTS With PlayPower, Inc.

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

22-073 Main Griffith Observatory - Amendment to the Schedule of Rates and Fees

Mark Pine, Observatory Director, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-073, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-074 Griffith Park - “Wings of The City” Sculpture Installation Project (Wo# E1908931) (PRJ21231) - Approval of Final Plans; Commitment of Park Fees; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) [Temporary Use of Land Having no Permanent Effects on the Environment]; Class 11(4) [Placement of Temporary Use Items] And Class 11(5) [Signs 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, Sections 15304(e), 15311(a) And 15311(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Fernando A. Torres, Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-074, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-075 Monsignor Ramon Garcia Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21543) Project - Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and Werner Family Foundation - – 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]; Class 11(5) [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) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-075.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-076 Cesar Chavez Recreation Complex Phase III C (AKA Sheldon Arleta Park Phase III C) (W.O. #E170163a) (PRJ #20817) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Call for Bids

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-076, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-077 Venice Beach – Paddle Tennis Area Improvements (PRJ21495) 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 as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-077.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-078 Childcare Center Renovation Projects at Various Facilities (Banning Park, Branford Recreation Center, Downey Recreation Center, Echo Park, Evergreen Recreation Center, Hubert H. Humphrey Recreation Center, Rancho Cienega Park, South Park Recreation Center, Van Ness Recreation Center, Valley Plaza Park) –

Approval Of Scope Of Work — Banning Park: 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 or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or no Expansion of Use]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening or Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored]; Class 6 [Information Collection] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) 15306 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines.

Branford Recreation Center - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails And Parking Lots]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; Class 3(4) [Installation Of New Equipment Required For Safety And The Public Convenience Involving Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 3(6) [New Installation Of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Play Areas]; Class 4(3) [New Gardening Or Landscaping]; 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 As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Downey Recreation Center - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails And Parking Lots]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening Or Landscaping]; 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 As Well As To Article 19, Sections

15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Echo Park - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening Or Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching And Backfilling Where The Surface Is Restored]; Class 6 [Information Collection] And Class 11(6) [Placement Of Minor Structures Accessory To Existing Institutional Facilities] Of City CEQA Guidelines As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f), 15306 And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Evergreen Recreation Center - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails And Parking Lots]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening Or Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching And Backfilling Where The Surface Is Restored]; Class 6 [Information Collection] And Class 11(6) [Placement Of Minor Structures Accessory To Existing Institutional Facilities] Of City CEQA Guidelines As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f), 15306 And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Hubert H. Humphrey Recreation Center - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails And Parking Lots]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems] And Class 3(4) [Installation Of New Equipment Required For Safety And The Public Convenience Involving Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use] Of City CEQA Guidelines As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302 And 15303 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Rancho Cienega Park - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening Or Landscaping]; 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 As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

South Park Recreation Center - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; Class 3(4) [Installation Of New Equipment Required For Safety And The Public Convenience Involving Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use] Of City CEQA Guidelines As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302 And 15303, Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Van Ness Recreation Center - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails And Parking Lots]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening Or Landscaping]; 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 As Well As To Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines.

Valley Plaza Park - 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 Or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails And Parking Lots]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction 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 2(6) [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Heating And Air-Conditioning Systems]; 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 Gardening Or Landscaping]; 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 As Well As To 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. 22-078.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-079 Fremont High School Pool – Pool Renovation (PRj21483) 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 Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion Of Use] and Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction 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] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(A) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-079.

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; two such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with corrections to 22-073 and 22-074 and 22-076. It was moved by Commissioner Chase 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 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 stated that this Task Force met and discussed the fifty acre park at Porter Ranch Sesnon Property. Commissioner Alvarez stated there are some revision to the proposed project that will be brought to the full Commission. She also mentioned the temporary installation of a Sculpture at the Benny Potter Park Commissioner Alvarez stated that they discussed the renaming of Pico union pocket park and Quimby fees.

**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 Chase requested a report back on the Hansen Dam Equestrian center in regards to flying of drones. Commissioner Bayne requested an update and more clarity on the evaluation process for the Youth Sports Program (YSP), including the race and ethnicity of the participants, staff, and coaches.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**