

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 21, 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 Patsouras, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joseph Halper. 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

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2022. Commissioner Halper made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. 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, 10 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael Shull, General Manager, began with thanking the staff of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on receiving their accreditation. Mr. Shull mentioned few recreation highlights. Mr. Shull stated that the Spring camp was a huge success with a 70 percent increase from last year. Mr. Shull mentioned that this past Saturday was the ending of the basketball camps which included over 1400 youths. Mr. Shull mentioned the registration for summer camp will begin on May 7, 2022.

Mr. Shull mentioned that we will be hosting the Summer Play LA launch at four locations on May 14, 2022, Expo, Lincoln Park, Van Ness and Hubert Humphrey It will include sports clinics and adaptive swimming and tennis. Mr. Shull mentioned we will be having a lifeguard recruit graduation on April 30, 2022. Mr. Shull mentioned an Earth Day event taking place at Griffith Park on Saturday April 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. There will also be an event from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at MacArthur Park. Mr. Shull mentioned there will be an Earth Day event at Sycamore Grove Park from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday April 24th. Mr. Shull mentioned an event at Ascott Hills Park on

April 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. kite flying and tree give away. Mr. Shull mentioned an Earth Day event on Saturday April 30, 2022 at Tarzana Recreation Center.

Mr. Shull gave us a few highlights from the department's budget. The department received a 3 million dollar subsidy for summer camps. We received three new positions in the adaptive sports section. Mr. Shull mentioned that there was one concern on the budget requesting we generate 7 million in revenue.

There were three information reports presented to the Board: the status of the Department Logo, details of a City of Los Angeles Community Investment for Families Department Zoom meeting on May 4 for input on Housing & Community Development Funds, and a *Caliban's Hands* sculpture on display at Benny H. Potter Park until May 16 as part of an art tour.

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 Chase 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

22-080 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10592 – Section 1E (Substitute Positions) and Section 1H (Other Special Funded Positions)

Harold Fujita, Personnel Director, Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 22-080.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-081 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.

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-081.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-082 As-Needed Brush Clearance, Weed and/or Refuse Abatement Services RFQ – Award of Contracts

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

22-083 Joy Picus Child Care Center – Approval of Tuition and Fee Increase and Third Amendment to Contract No. 3538 for the Imposition of a New Facility Fee

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-083.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-084 Proposition A Grant Agreement for Tree Planting at Nine Parks in Northeast Los Angeles and Boyle Heights; Assignment and Assumption of Grant Agreement From Community Partners to Department of Recreation and Parks for Long-Term Maintenance of Completed Project - Categorical Exemption from The Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Steven Tran, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-084.

22-085 Van Ness Recreation Center - Pool and Bathhouse Replacement (PRJ20330) (W.O. #E170392f) Project – Contract No. 3660 – Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-085.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-086 Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center (Aka Albert Piantanida

Intergenerational Center) – Phase II (PRJ21267) (W.O. #E170420f) Project – Contract No. 3599 – Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-086.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-087 Point Fermin Park – Sunken City (PRJ21507) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Class 2(d) [Feasibility and Planning Studies for Possible Future Action, as Such Studies Include Consideration of Environmental Factors] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15262 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-087.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-088 Holmby Park – Lawn Bowling Improvements (PRJ21609) 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], Class 4(1) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less Than Ten Percent (10%)], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping]; and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(a), 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-088.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-089 North Atwater Park Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21618) (PRJ21559) 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 and Facilities Where the New Structure Will Be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity]; 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 and Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching And Backfilling Where The Surface Is Restored]

Class 11(2) [Construction of Parking Lots Under 110 Spaces Where no Decking or Undergrounding Is Involved] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing or 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, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-089.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-090 Reseda Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21605) 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(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Pedestrian Trails], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], Class 3(6) [New Construction Of Accessory Structures], Class 4(3) [New Gardening And Landscaping], and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15303(e), 15304(b), and 15304(f) of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-090.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-091 Van Ness Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21493) 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], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping], and 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(b), and 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-091.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-092 Griffith Park – Fern Dell Improvements (PRJ21482) 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 or Minor Construction where there be

Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations of Existing Pedestrian Trails and Parking Lots] and Class 4(3) [New Landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-092.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-093 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Trail and Fencing Improvements (PRJ21569) (PRJ21620) Project — Allocation of Quimby Fees and 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 Alterations to Existing Pedestrian Trails] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Fencing for Security And Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-093.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-094 Oakridge Estate – Indoor and Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21617) 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 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 4(3) [New Landscaping] and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15331 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-094.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-095 Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21606) 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. 22-095.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-096 Camp Seely – Proposed License Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Use of Camp Seely for Lodging; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of License to Use an Existing Structure or Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Traci Goldberg, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-096.

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; one such request was submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. 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 met and had a presentation on the Reseda Ice Rink regarding the RFP process. Commissioner Chase requested clarification on the process and how the community is notified. Commissioner Chase also mentioned they received a report on the minority outreach programs.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper stated that this Task Force met and discussed George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon in which there was a presentation that he recommends move forward to the full Commission. Commissioner Halper requested a report back on Rustic Canyon Pool.

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 that the correspondence sent to the board with the agendas for the board meeting include minutes of Park Advisory Boards (PABs). He also requested a report from staff on the status of RAP plans for addressing the interest in the sport of pickle ball, and that staff use the terms recreation and parks jointly in the department’s logo, communications, public information, and marketing program when referring to the department or its staff. Commissioner Bayne asked how the Department addresses improving safety at our facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY