

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES****BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES****Thursday, August 4, 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 Joe Halper. Also present were Jimmy Kim, 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:

Belinda Jackson, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch  
Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch

**CALL TO ORDER****APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 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 3-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 6 such requests were submitted.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, thanked Commission President Patsouras for her introduction as our new General Manager. Mr. Kim began with an update on Covid 19 in which he stated although L.A County did not reinstate a universal indoor public mask mandate the city's health orders and current requirements remain unchanged. The Recreation and Parks emergency management division continue to support Covid 19 vaccinations programs in partnership with the department of public health at Balboa Sports Complex. As of July 22, 2022, the program expanded to offer Monkey Pox vaccinations. In the past two weeks over 2,500 doses have been administered. Mr. Kim stated we are at week 8 on summer camp with over 6400 youth capacity in participation. Immediately following the conclusion of summer camp, the after-school program will begin August 15, 2022.. Play L.A fall registration opens Saturday August 6, 2022 at 9am. Information can be found on LAParks.org/play-la to register for sports clinics, classes, leagues ranging from swimming, baseball, football, and more. The Surfing program will continue in the fall and registration starts August 6, 2022, at 9am. On August 6, 2022 in partnership with our California Athletic Foundation and the Triad Foundation is the start to Play L.A adapt a program

and Surf Camp as well as wheelchair tennis and all classes are free. There are two upcoming events on Sunday August 7, 2022 from 2:15 to 4:15 the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will host a free event for all ages to learn about San Pedro's wetland habitat at Cabrillo beach. And, finally on Saturday August 6, and Sunday August 7, 2022, LA City Golf Play match championship semifinals and finals will take place at the Wilson Harding golf courses beginning at 6am. For more information visit [golf.lacity.org](http://golf.lacity.org)

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

Commissioner Chase 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.

Commissioner Chase made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Halper seconded the motion.

Public comment relevant to this item were invited, with one request submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

**BOARD REPORTS**

22-198            COMMUNICATION SERVICES - TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN FUNDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

Chuck Wilkie, SR. Management Analyst I, Finance Division presented Board Report No. 22-198

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-199            APPROPRIATION FROM UNRESERVED AND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN FUND 302 TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Chuck Wilkie, SR. Management Analyst I, Finance Division, presented Board Report No. 22-199.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-200 ROBERT L. BURNS PARK – APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA PARK IMPROVMENTS AS A DONATION FROM THE CLIFFORD FAMILY FOUNDATION THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

Adriana Bautista, Management Analyst, Partnership, presented Board Report No. 22-200

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-201 PACIFIC REGION MUSEUMS {FORT MACARTHUR MILITARY MUSEUM, LOS ANGELES MARITIME MUSEUM, POINT FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS, BANNING RESIDENCE MUSEUM, DRUM BARRACKS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM) - AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES

Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent, Pacific Region presented Board Report No. 22-201.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-202 RESEDA PARK – APPROVAL OF MURAL INSTALLATION AT ONE GENERATION SENIOR ENRICHMENT CENTER

Meghan Luera, SR Management Analyst I, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No. 22-202.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-203 MACARTHUR PARK – RESTROOM REPLACEMENT (PRJ21646) 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(11d) [DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUAL SMALL STRUCTURES SUCH AS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, EXCEPT WHERE THE STRUCTURES ARE OF HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE] AND CLASS 3(6) [CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(14) AND 15303(e) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

Meghan Luera, SR Management Analyst I, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No. 22-203.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-204 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) NO. 83482 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY FOR LAND DEDICATION OR IN-LIEU PARK FEE PAYMENT

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Analyst, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No. 22-204.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-205 PERSHING SQUARE RENOVATION PHASE 1A (PRJ21113) (W.O. #E1908536) PROJECT – REJECTION OF BID AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-BID

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No. 22-205.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-206. WESTCHESTER RECREATION CENTER – TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT (PRJ21625) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS], AND CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15301(c), AND 15302 OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No. 22-206.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-207 CHEVIOT HILLS RECREATION CENTER – TENNIS COURT & BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21253) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i), [ANY ACTIVITY (APPROVAL OF BIDS, EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS, ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, ETC.) FOR WHICH THE UNDERLYING PROJECT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN EVALUATED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AND PROCESSED ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE GUIDELINES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 18, SECTION 15061(c) OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No.22-207

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-208 VAN NUYS SHERMAN OAKS WAR MEMORIAL PARK – SOCCER FIELDS REPLACEMENT (PRJ21640) (PRJ21639) 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 AN EXISTING STRUCTURE WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning Maintenance Construction, presented Board Report No.22-208

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-209 CHESTERFIELD SQUARE PARK – APPROVAL OF MURAL INSTALLATION – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE OR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, OR TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE BEYOND THAT PREVIOUSLY EXISTING] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning Maintenance and Construction, presented Board Report No.22-209

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-210 GRIFFITH PARK – AWARD AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION FOR YOUTH, FAMILY, AND SENIORS AT TREGNAN GOLF ACADEMY TO MORGAN HAIGHT

Rahulan Kathir, Management Assistant, Rec and Parks Concessions, presented Board Report No.22-210

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION

**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; 6 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. 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 the Task Force did not meet.

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

Commissioner Halper stated that the Task Force did meet. They discussed the Griffith Park traffic study and its recommendations to be presented to the board. The second item, The Mathew St neighborhood park in Boyle Heights which is under construction. The artist presentation of the sculpture that includes QR codes to describe the history of the community. The third item, a park recreation fence for development at 942 N. Broadway, a recommendation for both land and park fees. The end result was park fees to be reduced with recreation credits. Lastly, the Boyle Heights Hollenbeck Park maintenance and security. Commissioner Alvarez wants a report back to the board on both the maintenance and the security of the 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 asked for a report on the use of artificial turf on the parks for environmental reasons. Commissioner Chase would like to request information about the WIFI project in respects to Griffith Park to allow greater access for visitors. Commissioner Chase would like an update on the cleaning of Hollenbeck Park. Lastly, Commissioner Chase would like a report on the requirements of park permits.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **ATTEST**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**BOARD SECRETARY**