

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 18, 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, Nicole Chase and Joe Halper. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, 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
AP Diaz, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Belinda Jackson, 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 August 4, 2022. Commissioner Chase made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. 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, 11 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, started by thanking AP Diaz for his service as Executive Officer for the past several years. He went on to share that Matthew Rudnick has been appointed as our new Executive Officer. Mr. Kim shared an update on Covid 19 restrictions and working closely with the department of Public Health. Mr. Kim stated we are in the hiring process for more maintenance staff. He stated our summer camp program ended last Friday with a participation of over 54,000 participants. Mr. Kim thanked all staff for a successful summer. He mentioned our summer Splash program had almost 700 participants. Mr. Kim mentioned our brand new learn to surf program had about 130 participants. He stated the Play LA fall programming is now open for registration. Mr. Kim mentioned upcoming events. This Friday, August 19th at Griffith Park, Saturday August 20th there will be a nature walk at Fern Canyon, there will also be the 14th annual Phineas Banning Birthday celebration beginning at 5 p.m. at the Banning Museum, Monday, September 5th, Venice

Beach will host a Labor Day tradition, the muscle beach Championship for body builders. Mr. Kim stated he plans to provide an update on the Community School program at our next board meeting.

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

President Sylvia Patsaouras 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 Patsaouras 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

22-211 Ernest E. Debs Regional Park – Rose Hill Park Playground Replacement (PRJ21585) 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(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails], Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] and 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, Sections 15301(c), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-211.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-212 Westminster Dog Park – Approval of Amended and Restated License Agreement with Urban Alchemy for Continued Use of Facility to Operate the Venice CIRCLE Pilot Program -- Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency], as also reflected in Article 18, Section 15269(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Sonya Young Jimenez, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-212.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-213 Rosecrans Recreation Center – Methane Gas Monitoring System and Roof Replacement (PRJ21645) 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 or Reconstruction 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-213.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-214 Golf Division Schedule of Rates and Fees – Various Changes to Existing Fees

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-214.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-215 Golf Division – Changes to Contributions into the Golf Capital Improvement Account - Transfer of Funds from Golf Operation Account to Golf Capital Improvement Account

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-215.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-216 Griffith Park: Donation of Planning and Consulting Services and Products from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for the Griffith Park Active Transportation Improvements Project; Approval of Griffith Park Drive Road Segment Closure; Approval of the Griffith Park – Roadway Closure Improvements (PRJ21656) Project and Authorization of Associated Expenditures; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing

Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-216.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-217 Department of Public Works Sixth Street Viaduct PARC Improvements Project – Report regarding Proposal for Final Plans and Specifications

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-217.

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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; five 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 presented. 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 the Merry go round repairs being held up because the property is in probate. Commissioner Chase stated they also discussed the RFP process for bar and beverages services. Commissioner Chase mentioned a workshop in which people will be trained on the RFP process. Commissioner Chase mentioned they discussed some of the challenges regarding the Racho Park Clubhouse renovations. Commissioner Chase also requested a report on private/public partnerships.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Alvarez stated that this Task Force did not meet.

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 park permit process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY