

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, December 15, 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
Belinda Jackson, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations 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 and Special Meeting of December 1, 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 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, gave an Emergency Management update on the department, he shared that Mayor Bass declared a state of Emergency on homelessness on December 12th . Mr. Kim stated that our Emergency Management division is working closely with the Mayor's office to provide the necessary resources and support needed to address this crisis. On Wednesday, December 14th Peck Park was activated as an evacuation site for displaced residents in the San Pedro area.

Mr. Kim shared highlights for our Recreation and Aquatics divisions. On Saturday, December 10th South Park celebrated their grand opening of their new tech lab, featuring ten new apple computers. Which was made possible by Snap Incorporated. Mr. Kim shared several upcoming events Our Winter camps will begin at several Recreation Centers throughout the city. Mr. Kim stated there will be Holiday festivities planned at many Recreation and Senior centers, such as a visit with Santa, snow sledding, games, gifts and entertainment and more. On Saturday, December 17th the fall sports championship will take place at Ferraro Fields and Westwood Recreation Center. Mr. Kim ended his update by sharing that the department is hosting a special concessions task force meeting directly after this board meeting so that constituents could provide the department with comments and concerns regarding the Griffith Park pony rides.

Two informational reports were presented - one on the status of the Proposition A grant and one on the status of the Measure A Grant.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 10 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no such request was submitted.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

There were no comments from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

BOARD REPORTS

22-302 Board Office – Appointment of Secretary, Acting Secretary and Signature Authority

Sondra Fu, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-302.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-303 Proposition 84 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grants (Prop 84) – Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park (PRJ20833) Project and West Lakeside Street Park (PRJ20398) Project – Grant Extension Contract Amendments

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Grants Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-303.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-304 Proposition 68 and State Specified Grants – Rhodes Park Project (PRJ21331), Sheldon-Arleta Sports field Phase IIIC (AKA Cesar Chavez Park) Project

(PRJ20817)(E170163B), and Southeast San Fernando Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink in Sun Valley (AKA Sheldon Skate Park) Project (PRJ21671)(E170390A) – Grant Extension Contract Amendments

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Grants Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-304.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-305 State Specified Grant for Rio De Los Angeles State Park – Outdoor Improvement Project (PRJ21462)(E1908950); Authorization to Apply and Submit Application; Approval of Project Scope; Acceptance of Grant Award if Awarded

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Grants Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-305.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-306 South Park Recreation Center – Lighting and Security Cameras Installation (PRJ21674) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) [Installation Of New Equipment and/or Industrial Facilities Required for Safety, Health, the Public Convenience, or Environmental Control Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzyee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-306.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-307 Fremont High School Pool – Pool Renovation (PRJ21483) Project – Final Acceptance; Fremont High School Pool – Retrofit of Pool Building Roof and Ventilation System (PRJ21686) 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], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], Class 2 [Replacement Or Reconstruction Of Existing Structures or Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] and Class 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-307.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-308 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83835 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ajmal Noorzyee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-308.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-309 Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center – California Department of Education 2023-24 California State Preschool Program – Approval of Submission of a Continued Funding Application for Contract Renewal; Adopt Resolution

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-309.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-310 As-Needed Athletic Surface Inspection, Testing and Related Professional Services – Award of Contract

Harold Arrivillaga, Management Analyst, Contract Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-310.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-311 Glassell Park – Conceptual Approval of Childcare Renovations (PRJ21683) Project

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-311.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-312 Granada Hills Park – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement (PRJ21109) (PRJ21642) (W.O.# E170517F) Project – Review of Bids and Award of Contract – Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees – 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 Section 21082 of California Public Resource Code (PRC)

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-312.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-313 Griffith Park – Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of The Installation of Various Native Plant Shrubs and Four (4) 24-Inch Box Trees and a

Two (2) Year Forest Maintenance Plan; 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, Native Growth, Water Supply Reservoirs; and Brush Clearance for Weed Abatement And Fire Protection] and Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping, but not Including Tree Removal Except Dead, Damaged or Diseased Trees or Limbs] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(h) and 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Priya Macwan, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-313.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-314 Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center- Approval and Acceptance of Tennis Court Improvements as a Donation from the United States Tennis Association; 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 Can Be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] 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(a) And 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Melissa Bettis, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-314.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-315 Echo Park Boathouse Café Concession – Approval of Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Food and Beverage Concession; Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance, Renewal or Amendment of Any Lease, License or Permit to Use an Existing Structure or Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Rahulan Kathir, Management Assistant, Concessions Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-315.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-316 Los Angeles Plaza Park – Proposed Renaming of a Portion of Los Angeles Plaza Park, to be Called Yaangna Park - Categorical Exemption From The Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Installation Of 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 Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-316.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be approved as presented.. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

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 Halper 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 5-0.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Chase reported that this Task Force will meet directly after the regular meeting today and she will give an update at our next meeting..

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Alvarez stated that this Task Force met and discussed the Autry Museum of the American West wanting to hang informational signage regarding the Rodger Young village. She requested staff seek the public outreach process before bringing it to full Commission. . Commissioner Alvarez mentioned the second Item discussed was a mural at South Park by a non-profit organization. Commissioner Alvarez also stated that both her and Commissioner Halper would like an update at the next task force meeting on the Venice Beach lifeguard tower.

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 a status update on the Community School Park program. Commissioner Halper also requested an update on the pickleball efforts throughout the department. He also requested copies of the wall street journal and California Parks and Recreation magazine be distributed to all board members. Commissioner Chase requested that the Stoney Park horse boarding be added to the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY