

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, March 3, 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, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, 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

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 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 5-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael Shull, General Manager, began with an update on the re-opening of Mac Arthur Park. Mr. Shull went on to thank all staff who worked on the project as well as City Council District 1. Mr. Shull shared some of the beautification efforts that were done to the park. Mr. Shull mentioned that on March 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. we plan to reopen Muscle Beach in Venice.

Mr. Shull mentioned the registration numbers for the winter quarter. He mentioned that the sport and fitness numbers were at around 24,000 registrations. He also stated that the cultural number registrations are only at about 30 percent of what we used to receive. Mr. Shull mentioned that the department opened registration for our spring programs on February 15, 2022 and it is open until April 11, 2022.

Anthony-Paul Diaz provided an update on the Covid-19 restrictions. He mentioned the departments priority for the past two years has been the safety of the public and the Recreation

and Parks employees. And that we have really worked hard to follow and implement all Department of Public health's protocols. Mr. Diaz mentioned we are currently working with DPH on the lifting of some of the restrictions that were currently in place.

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 5-0.

BOARD REPORTS

22-040 State Specified Grants for The Southeast San Fernando Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink in Sun Valley (Aka Sheldon Skate Park); Authorization to Apply and Submit Application, Approval of Project Scope; Acceptance of Grant Award if Awarded (State Contract No. C5054039)

Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Grants Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 22-040.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-041 Measure A – Revised Authorization to Submit Grant Applications for 10 Capital Improvement Projects and to Accept Grants if Awarded – Rescission of Previous Authorization

Steven Tran, Sr. Management Analyst, Grants Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 22-041.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-042 Measure A – Authorize Grant Agreement Amendments for Time Extension for Valley Plaza Park Playground Replacement Project and Venice Beach-Rose Ave Playground Replacement Project

Steven Tran, Sr. Management Analyst, Grants Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 22-042.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-043 Proposition A – Sepulveda Recreation Center Aquatic Pool Equipment Improvement Project and Sun Valley Recreation Center Sports and Area Lighting Project: Grant Agreement Amendments for Time Extension

Yumi Sangen, Management Assistant, Grants Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 22-043.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-044 Retirement of Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and Donation of the Horse to Private Citizen

Adam Dedeaux, Sr. Park Ranger , Park Ranger Division, presented Board Report No. 22-044.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-045 California Department of Parks and Recreation – Outdoor Equity Program (OEP) 2021 Application Cycle Grant – Retroactive Approval of Application, Program Scopes and Budget, and Approve Resolution; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-045.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-046 California Department of Parks and Recreation – Outdoor Equity Program (OEP) 2021 Application Cycle Grant – Retroactive Approval of Application, Program Scopes and Budget, and Approve Resolution; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-046.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-047 Tujunga Greenbelt and Pedestrian Bridge – Landscaping and Park Improvements

(PRJ21380) (PRJ21598) 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(12) [Outdoor Lighting For Security or Operations]; Class 3(4) [Installation Of New Equipment Required For Safety Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 4(3) [New Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored], and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-047.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-048 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83538 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-048, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-049 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83669 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-049, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-050 Granada Hills Park – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement (PRJ21109) (W.O.# E170517f) Project – Approval of Final Plans; Call for Bids; Categorical Exemption From The Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) [Minor Alterations of Mechanical Systems Serving Existing Facilities], Class 2(3) [Reconstruction of Existing Utility Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion Of Capacity] and Class 11(6) [Construction Of Minor Structures Accessory to Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301(b),15302(c) And 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-050.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-051 Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – First Amendment to Contract No. 3516 With Los Angeles Petanque Club, Inc. to Expand the Permitted Times of Program Operations

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-051.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-052 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10592 – Section 1c (One -Time Positions)

Harold Fujita, Personnel Director, Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 22-052, and requested that a correction be noted.

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; no such request was submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with corrections to 22-048, 22-049 and 22-052. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Halper that the Board Reports be approved as listed above. 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 had a Special meeting on February 17, 2022 regarding the Griffith Park pony rides. Commissioner Chase mentioned they had a chance to listen to all constituents and stake holders that had concerns in favor of or against the current pony rides. Commissioner also mentioned that RAP gave the Commissioners' and update on the Concessionaire Steve Weeks on how he was addressing the concerns raised by the Equine veterinarian. She also stated the department has been doing drop-ins on the Concessionaire to ensure that Mr. Weeks is upholding the agreement.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Alvarez stated that this Task Force met and discussed a spreadsheet the Department is working on for naming requests to name parks or park infrastructure. Commissioner Alvarez mentioned they also discussed Quimby.

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 would like an update on Devonshire House. Commissioner Chase thanked the department on their efforts at the Equestrian centers. Commissioner Halper requested a status report on Rustic Canyon Pool. Commissioner Halper requested the department provide a report on the Forestry division.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY