

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, March 17, 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, 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

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 March 3, 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 4-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 19 such requests were submitted.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Michael Shull, General Manager, began with an update on the upcoming summer and the opportunities the department will have for hiring. He mentioned that we will be hiring for PlayLA instructors. Mr. Shull stated we plan to have a variety of new sports and fitness programs. Mr. Shull stated that we will be hosting a job fair at Mar Vista Recreation Center on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Shull stated that if you want to learn more about these job opportunities you may contact us at 213-485-8743 or visit [laparks.org/jobs](http://laparks.org/jobs). He stated there will also be opportunities for camp counselors. Mr., Shull mentioned the department has plans to hire 200 more lifeguards for the summer season. There will be an open water test administered this Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Expo Center pool at 3900 Bill Robertson Lane. He stated there will be another opportunity on March 26, 2022 at the same location.

Mr. Shull mentioned the re-opening of Muscle Beach. He also mentioned an event we hosted at Alglin Sutton pool on March 16, 2022 in which there was free swimwear attire giveaway. Mr. Shull

mentioned a health wellness and resource event being hosted this Friday, March 18, 2022 at San Julian Park. Mr. Shull mentioned the groundbreaking of Senator Bill Greene Park scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Mr. Shull mentioned the Arbor day celebration scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Mount Carmel Recreation Center located at 830 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

Assistant General Manager Jimmy Kim provided us with an update on Devonshire House. He stated the Devonshire House has several classes that are run by staff from the Northridge Recreation Center. He stated we also provide private and commercial use of the property. Mr. Kim stated that the Devonshire house is currently being used by the Boy scouts for meetings.

**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**

22-053            Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in The Department of Recreation and Parks

Joshua Beltran, Management Analyst, Budget Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 22-053.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-054            Oakwood Recreation Center – Proposed Agreement with The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Oakwood Recreation Center to Host a Voting Center for the Upcoming Special Primary Election for Assembly District 62 – Categorical Exemption from The Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Agreement to Use Existing Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA

## Guidelines

Jimmy Kim, Assistant General Manager, Executive Office, presented Board Report No. 22-054.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-055 Northeast Valley Multipurpose Senior Center – Building and Outdoor Fitness Improvements (PRJ21602) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from The Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Minor Interior Or Exterior Alterations to an Existing Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] And Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Required For Safety Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15303 Of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-055.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-056 Angels Gate Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21457) 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(3) [New Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] and Class 11(6) [Construction and Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302; 15304(b); 15304(f) And 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-056.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-057 Van Norman Lakes Reservoir – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21603) 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 4(1) [Grading on Land With a Slope of Less Than Ten Percent] and Class 4(3) [New Landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15304(A) and 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-057.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-058 Main Street (A.K.A. Southeast Yard) Maintenance Yard – New Maintenance Yard (PRJ21622) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Cancellation of The South Park – New Maintenance Yard (PRJ21104) Project

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-058.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-059 Taxco Trails Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21459) 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 Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of The City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(b), and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-059.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-060 Reseda Park – Grant of Easement to The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering for a Perpetual, Non-Exclusive Street Easement to Install, Inspect, Maintain, Repair, Reconstruct, Replace and Upgrade Any and All Appurtenances and Structures Related to The Public Street Known as Victory Boulevard; Categorical Exemption From The Provisions Of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations of Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities] and Class 1(14) [Issuance of a License or Permit to Use an Existing Property Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ian Kim, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-060.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-061           Amendment of The Department of Recreation and Parks Urban Forest Program and Tree Preservation Policy

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-061.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-062           Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83436– Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-062.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED IN LIEU PARK FEE PAYMENT

22-063           Award of Contract for As-Needed Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services – Use of the Sourcewell Contract No. 010521-LSI With Landscape Structures Inc

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-063, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED AS CORRECTED

22-064           Award of Contract for As-Needed Outdoor Fitness Equipment with Related Accessories and Services – Use of the Sourcewell Contract No. 010721-LSI with Landscape Structures Inc.

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-064, and requested that a correction be noted.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED AS CORRECTED

22-065           Amendment Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Aquatic Veterinarian – Award of Contract to Lance Adams, D.V.M.

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-065.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-066           El Sereno Arroyo Playground – Approval of a Rental Lease Amendment with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); Preliminary Authorization to Proceed with the Acquisition of Property for Park Development;

Categorical Exemption from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Renewal of a Lease to use an Existing Structure or Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use]

Darry Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-066.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-067 Griffith Park – Greek Theatre – Revised Second Amended and Restated Agreement with SMG for Oversight and Management of The Greek Theatre and Franklin’s Market & Café at the Roosevelt Golf Course and Amendment to the Greek Theatre User Agreement

Rachel Ramos, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-067.

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; two such requests was submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with corrections to 22-063 and 22-064. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Chase 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 did not meet.

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

Commissioner Halper stated that this Task Force met and discussed Potrero Canyon and the damage caused by storms to the bridge and how the funding has been depleted. Commissioner Halper mentioned that the department was checking on securing more funding for repairs. Commissioner Halper also stated they discussed the Friend Street entrance and how the community had concerns with the parking on their residential street. He also stated they discussed the naming of the Bandshell at Warner Center 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 requested staff to report back on information and outreach required for recognition of sponsors, donors, and contributors who support the City's parks." Commissioner Chase requested a report back on the Greek Theatre.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST**

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PRESIDENT

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BOARD SECRETARY