

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 5, 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 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

Matthew Rudnick, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2022. Commissioner Halper made such motion, and it was seconded by President Patsaouras. 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

Michael Shull, General Manager, began with a few highlights from the Rap Budget. Mr. Shull mentioned our SwimLA a subsidized learn to swim program and our PlayLA is the subsidized youth sports program. Mr. Shull mentioned that registration for both programs will be opening this Saturday, May 7, 2022. He stated the SwimLA program tends to fill up rather quickly so he encourages signing up right away. Mr. Shull also mentioned new programs opening up this summer, Camp Splash, surfing and Para equestrian clinics. These new programs were made possible through our agreement with LA28. Mr. Shull mentioned if you want a full list of our summer programs you may visit www.laparks.org.

Mr. Shull mentioned upcoming ribbon cuttings and celebrations. There is one scheduled this Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Venice Pool from noon until 2 p.m. with Commissioner Mike Bonin. Next Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a kick off of the Youth sports program with four free sports clinics at EXPO, Van Ness, Lincoln and Hubert Humphrey Recreation centers. There

will be free lunch and lots of giveaways. Mr. Shull mentioned that on Saturday May 14, 2022 we will be breaking ground on the new Watts skate park.

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 Chase 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

22-097 As-Needed Brush Clearance, Weed and/or Refuse Abatement Services RFQ – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-097.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED - A letter of protest was submitted to the Board of Commissioners by a representative of a firm who failed the RFP process during the review and was not recommended by staff for award of the as-needed contracts, and the firm's representative addressed the Board regarding the protest.

Staff will report back to the Board as to when a new RFQ will be released for as-needed brush clearance, weed and/or refuse abatement services. Staff will also report back on any information available on the demographics of the recommended responders.

22-098 California Department of Education – Summer Food Service Program 2021 -2022 – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Summer Lunch Program; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-098.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-099 First Amendment to Contract No. 1155 Between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and NYLA PRODUCTIONS INCORPORATED for Instructional and Consulting Services in Media Production for the Expo Center

Belinda Jackson, Director of EXPO, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-099.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-100 Retirement of Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and Donation of The Horse to Private Citizen

Sharie Abajian, Sr. Park Ranger , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-100.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-101 Griffith Observatory – Memorandum of Understanding with Griffith Observatory Foundation (2022-2032)

Mark Pine, Sr. Observatory Director, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-101.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-102 Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – Resubmission of Agreement Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and Miracle League Los Angeles for the Operation of a Baseball League for Persons with Special Needs

Priya Macwan, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-102.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-103 Sherman Oaks Castle Park – Batting Cage Concession Amendment No. 1 to Supplemental Agreement No. 254 With A.J. Family Entertainment, LLC To Extend

Term

Rahulan Kathir, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-103.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-104 Sherman Oaks Castle Park – Arcade Concession - Amendment No. 1 To Supplemental Agreement No. 256 with Butterfield Games, Inc. to Extend Term

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

22-105 Barnsdall Art Park - Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and Barnsdall Art Park Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Forty (40) 15-Inch Box Mature Trees and a Two (2) Year Forest Maintenance Plan; Approval of Donor Recognition Signage; 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], Class 4(3) [New Tree Planting] and Class 11(5) [Signs Located on City Property Managed by a City Department which has a Sign Policy Adopted by its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(h), 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-105.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-106 Central Recreation Center – Pool Building Improvements (PRJ21623) 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) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-106.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-107 El Sereno Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21572) Project – 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], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching

and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored], and Class 11(6) [Construction or 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 State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-107.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-108 Pio Pico Park and Underground Parking Structure (PRJ20934) (W.O.# E1908188) Project – Approval of Memorandum of Agreement; Approval of Final Plans; Concurrence with the Los Angeles Public Library Department Board of Commissioners' Adoption of the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration and Related Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-108.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-109 Claude Pepper Senior Citizen Center – Building and Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21453) 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) [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], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing For Security and Operations], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping], 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored], Class 6 [Information Collection], 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), 15301(c), 15304(b), 15304(f), 15306 and 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-109.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-110 Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Parking Lot Development (W.O. #E170515F) Project – Approval of Final Plans - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(2) [Construction of Parking Lots Under 110 Spaces where no Decking or Undergrounding Is Involved] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-110.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-111 Porter Ranch – Approval of Revised Plans for Porter Ranch Sesnon Property Project

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-111.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-112 Elysian Valley Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21474) 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]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations]; 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]; Class 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems]; Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] and Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-112.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-113 Rancho Cienega Park - Installation of Donor Recognition Signage at Barack and Michelle Obama Sports Complex in Appreciation of the LA Clippers Foundation for their Generous Donation Towards the Completion of The Clippers Community Courts Project

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-113.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-114 Los Angeles Equestrian Center – Issuance of Notice of Termination to LAEC, Inc.; Appointment of ASM Global as Interim Facility Manager; Approval of Proposed Facility Management Agreement with ASM Global - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of a License to Use an Existing Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

(The Commission recessed to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(5) in order to confer with legal counsel concerning significant exposure to litigation in the form of a threat of litigation regarding the matter described in Board Report 22-114 hereinabove.)

Rachel Ramos, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-114.

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; twenty one such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports with a report back on board report 22-097. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Chase that the Board Reports be approved minus board report 22-114 as presented. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. We returned from closed session to conduct a vote on report 22-114. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report 22-114. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne. 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 did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Alvarez stated that this Task Force met and listened to a presentation regarding the thirteen acre park under the 6th Street Bridge which will be presented to the full commission

soon. Commissioner Alvarez stated there was also a brief presentation on the Clippers Plaque that the Commissioners have already voted on.

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 film permits. Commissioner Halper is interested in discussing a revamp of our Park Advisory Boards throughout Recreation and Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY