

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, October 6, 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

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 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 September 15, 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.

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, no such request was submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, started with an Emergency Management update. Mr. Rudnick shared that the department has lifted its masking requirements in City Buildings and facilities, but masking is still strongly recommended. Mr. Rudnick stated that proof of vaccination is still a requirement in all City of Los Angeles Buildings.

Mr. Rudnick stated that our Maintenance Division plans to begin a pilot program, with new maintenance hours to address the concerns at high use park facilities. Mr. Rudnick mentioned that we have had several brush fires at our facilities, but most have been at Hansen Dam. He went on to thank the Park Rangers for their quick and effective response as well as their coordination with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Mr. Rudnick shared several upcoming events and highlights, Saturday October 1st was the relaunch of the Community Schools program, he thanked the Commissioners who were in attendance.. Mr. Rudnick mentioned that our PlayLA and youth adaptive sports fall programs have begun. Mr. Rudnick stated on Saturday, October 8th the Westchester Recreation Center multipurpose field will reopen and there will be a groundbreaking ceremony at Lincoln Park to celebrate a new playground. He mentioned that on October 15th and 16th our gold division will be hosting a Senior Men's golf tournament at Wilson Harding Golf course. Mr. Rudnick stated the Griffith Observatory will now be open five days a week. On Saturday, October 22nd Griffith Park will celebrate P22 day and urban wild life day.

Edna Degollado shared a brief presentation on Youth Workforce Programs.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 20 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 8 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

22-252 Measure A Youth & Veteran Job Training & Placement Grant — Retroactive Approval of Submission of Grant Application for City Pathways for Youth Program Expansion; Acceptance of Grant Fund, if Awarded

Edna Degollado, Project Coordinator, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-252.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-253 Brooklyn Heights Park – Art Installation Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Installation of a Sign 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 as well as to Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-253.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-254 George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon – Approval of Final Text and Images to be Placed on Previously Approved Interpretive and Kiosk Sign Structures – Not Subject to Further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consideration

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-254.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED With a motion to amend the report with a conditional clause to approve the text and images to be placed on the previously approved interpretive signage and approve the text and images proposed for the single sided information board as the signage for the two kiosk structures.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report 22-254 as **amended**. It was moved by President Patsouras and seconded by Commissioner Halper. There being one objection, the motion was approved by a vote of 4-1.

22-255 Jim Gilliam Recreation Center – Naming of The Playground – Naming of the Splash Pad – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Installation of a Sign 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, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-255.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

22-256 Panorama City Recreation Center – Ballfield Improvements (PRJ21504) (PRJ21665) 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], and Class

1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-256.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-257 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83376 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-257.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED the recommended payment of in-lieu fees, with corrections to the Report.

22-258 Grand Hope Park – Approval of Revised Hours of Operation – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Class M [Adoption of Ordinances that do not Result in Impacts on the Physical Environment] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-258.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-259 Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21649) 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 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity], 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 Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a), 15302, 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-259.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-260 Clean and Safe Spaces (Class) Parks Youth Employment Internship – Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Acceptance of Grant Funds

Ramon Cerrillos, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-260

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with corrections to board reports 22-255 and 22-257 and an amendment to board report 22-254. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Chase that the Board Reports be approved as presented with corrections to board reports 22-255 and 22-257 and an amendment to board report 22-254 . There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

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 reported that this Task Force met, but he did not have notes to report back on. He will present the report at the next meeting.

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 a report back on Dearborn Park. Commissioner Chase would like an update on the closure of Hansen Dam on Sundays. Commissioner Chase also requested a report back on the Hansen Dam and Los Angeles Equestrian Centers. Commissioner Halper would like an update on the progress of the electronic database system.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY