

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, October 20, 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 Joe Halper. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Assistant City Attorney, Mike Dundas, and Steven Hong Deputy City Attorney III

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, started with an Emergency Management update. Mr. Kim shared that the department continues to monitor COVID 19 and monkey pox's viruses. Mr. Kim also mentioned that there is a potential new virus to be aware of the avian flu. Mr. Kim shared that the department will participate in the Great Shake out at 10:20 a.m. this morning it is a worldwide earthquake drill.

Mr. Kim stated that our Park Ranger Division is hiring part time security officers. Mr. Kim also stated that the department is hiring full time Park Rangers. Mr. Kim mentioned that he will provide a report back to the Commission on the arming of the Park Rangers sometime in November.

Mr. Kim shared several upcoming events and highlights, Saturday October 22nd Griffith Park will celebrate P22 day and urban wild life day. Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Ken Malloy Park will host the opening of the disk golf course. Mr. Kim mentioned that the department will be hosting over 100 Halloween events. On October 29<sup>th</sup> Los Feliz golf course will be hosting the Hollywood nights golf. On November 5<sup>th</sup> RAP will kick off the PlayLA Youth adaptive sports fall program at three Recreation Centers and three Aquatic Centers.

Mr. Kim mentioned that the Maintenance pilot program is set to begin early December. Mr. Kim stated that there has been signage created and posted at Dearborn park to address concerns from the citizens.

Bill Jones shared a brief presentation on Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program - Hollywood Central Park Project Submission

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2022. Commissioner Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

## **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, no such request was submitted. There being no objection to the motion, 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, 3 such requests were 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)

The Board received a Community Impact Statement from the Reseda Neighborhood Council and the Northridge East Neighborhood Council- Glenn Bailey and Judy Diamond spoke on behalf of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council.

## **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 2 such requests were submitted.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

22-261 Griffith Observatory – Award of Contract for Performance Director to Christopher Shelton

Mark Park, Griffith Observatory Director, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-261.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-262 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Chuck Wilkie, Sr. Management Analyst, Budget Administration , presented Board Report No. 22-262.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-263 Dearborn Park – Fencing Installation (PRJ21659) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, Fences, Game Courts (Including Tennis Courts Accessory to Residential Developments), Play Areas and Retaining Walls] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-263.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-264 Griffith Park – Pote Field Accessibility Improvements (PRJ21666) 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 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 will have Substantially the Same Purpose] 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), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-264.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-265 Wilmington Town Square Park – Phase II Improvements Project– Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [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 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. 22-265.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-266 Queen Anne Recreation Center – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21661) (PRJ21654) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – 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) [Interior or 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] and Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-266.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-267 William S. Hart Park – Hart Park Neon Dog Sign Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) [Construction or Placement of On-Premise Signs] 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 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-267.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-268 Branford Recreation Center – Donation from the Annenberg Foundation Through The Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Twelve (12) 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 Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-268.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-269 Glassell Recreation Center – Donation from the Annenberg Foundation Through The Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Twelve (12) 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 Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-269.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-270 L.A.P.D. S.W.A.T. Officer Randal D. Simmons Park – Donation from the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Through The Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Fifteen (15) 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 Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-270.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-271 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Donation from Wells Fargo Through The Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Twelve (12) 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 Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-271.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-272 Lake Balboa / Anthony C. Beilenson Park – Donation From Thomas Safran & Associates Through The Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Fifty (50) 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 Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-272.

22-273 Various Locations – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the use of Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to Host Voting Centers in Connection with the November 2022 General Election– Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Metro Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-273.

22-274 Expo Center - Donation from the Play Equity Fund for the 2022 and 2023 Summer Youth Job Corps Program

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Executive Administration, presented Board Report No. 22-274.

22-275 Proposition 40 Youth Soccer (Prop 40 YS) Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Field Project (PRJ21065) - Modification of Project Scope — Not Subject to Further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consideration

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, presented Board Report No. 22-275.

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 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 reported that this Task Force did not meet.

**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 that staff address the suggestion from the acting chair of the PAB regarding additional signage at the George Wolfberg Park so the signs are approved by the Commission and ready for placement at the park's three entrances by the December third park opening. Commissioner Halper also requested that staff explore ways to increase the availability of facilities for pickleball courts, with recommendations within 30 days on a policy regarding the noise created by this activity in proximity to residences. Commissioner's Halper third request was for another staff report within 30 days regarding signage indicating specific authorized hours of use of the Bocce Courts at Palisades Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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BOARD SECRETARY