

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, September 15, 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 Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch  
AP Diaz, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations 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 1, 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, 3 such requests were submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, started with an Emergency Management update. Mr. Kim shared that the department has opened eleven cooling centers, where over 2,000 Angelenos were able to take refuge from the heat.

Mr. Kim shared several upcoming events, Saturday September 17th will be our final summer para surfing class. Mr. Kim mentioned that registration is now open for wheel chair tennis, blind soccer and adaptive skateboarding. Mr. Kim mentioned that our summer pool season ended on September 5<sup>th</sup> but some of our seasonal pools have been extended to September 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kim mentioned that on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Council District 12 will be hosting an ice cream social at Oakridge Estate. On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Griffith Park along with Inclusion Matters will host its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Run, Walk and Roll event. On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Whitnall off leash dog park we will be hosting a dog resource fair.

There were several reports on items the Commissioners had requested previously. Mr. Kim gave a report on the permitting process. Superintendent Darryl Ford reported on Hollenbeck Park and Lakeside Park. Superintendent Deanne Dedmon provided an update on the Community School Program.

## **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**

22-230            Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10613 – Section 1F (In-Lieu Positions)

Valeria Amy, Risk Manager, Human Resources Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-230.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-231            Mar Vista Recreation Center - Donation and Installation of a Chain-Link Fence Batting Cage from the Windward School Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, 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 CEQA Guidelines

Adriana Bautista, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-231.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-232 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. 22-232.

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

22-233 Normandale Recreation Center – Ballfield Renovation (PRJ21545) 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) [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 CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-233.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-234 Runnymede Recreation Center – Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21538) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, 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 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 Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f), and 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-234.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-235 Brand Park – Ballfield and Playground Improvements (PRJ21561) 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) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, Storage Areas, Parking Lots]; 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]; Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping, but not Including Tree Removal Except Dead, Damaged or Diseased Trees or Limbs]; 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, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-235.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-236 El Sereno Community Garden - Lease Renewal Agreement with State of California Department of Transportation; Categorical Exemption from 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) and Chapter 19, Section 15301 of State CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-236.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-237 Denker Proposed Acquisition of Former RKO Property Within Griffith Park for Park Purpose – Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Acquisition Activities Including Due Diligence Related to the Possible Acquisition of the Property for Open Space and or Park Development

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-237.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-238 Granada Hills Park – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement (PRJ21109) (W.O.# E170517f) (PRJ21642) Project – Rejection of all Bids; Authority to Re-Bid; Removal of Protected Trees - 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], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting and Landscaping] and Class 11(6) [Construction of Minor Structures Accessory to Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(b), 15302(c), 15303(e) And 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-238

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

22-239 Juntos Park Splash Pad Water System (PRJ20188) (W.O.#E170381f) (Contract No. 3500) Project – Final Acceptance

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-239.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

22-240 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Approval of License Agreement For The Placement, Operation and Maintenance of a Community Air Monitoring Station by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) - Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(d) [Feasibility and Planning Studies for Possible Future Action, Although Such Studies Shall Include Consideration of Environmental Factors] and Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(7) [Installation of Scientific Measuring, Monitoring and Testing Devices], Class 6 [Basic Data Collection, Research, Experimental Management And Resource Evaluation Activities which do not Result in a Serious Major Disturbance to an Environmental Resource], and Class 8 [Actions Taken By Regulatory Agencies as Authorized by State or Local Ordinance to Assure the Maintenance, Restoration, Enhancement, or Protection of the Environment where the Regulatory Process Involves Procedures for Protection of the Environment] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15262, 15303, 15606 and 15308 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-240.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-241 Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82227-CN – 942 North Broadway – Approval of Publicly Accessible Recreation Credit Per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 – Approval of Covenant and Agreement and Operation and Maintenance Agreement

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-241.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-242 Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82227-CN – 942 North Broadway – Approval of Privately Accessible Recreation Credit Per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 – Approval of Covenant and Agreement and Operation and Maintenance Agreement

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-242.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-243 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82118 – 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. 22-243.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-244 Westchester Recreation Center – 24 Hour Safe Parking LA Program at Westchester Parking Lot - Approval of Proposed License Agreement with Community Partners - Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency], as Also Reflected in Article 18, Section 15269(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Sonya Young Jimenez, Superintendent, Venice Beach and West Region, presented Board Report No. 22-244.

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

22-245 Runyon Canyon Park – Memorandum of Understanding with The Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation for Continued Support of Runyon Canyon Park

Melissa Bettis, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-245.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-246 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Award of Contract for Diving Safety Officer Services to William C Power Db a William Power

Crislyn McKerron, Chief Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-246.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-247 As-Needed Sewer Tie Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance and/or Repairs RFQ – Award of Contract

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-247.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

22-248 Pan Pacific Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21660) Project – Donation from Hackman Capital Partners Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction 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] 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 15302 and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-248.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-249 Parcel Map No. 2022-3767 – 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. 22-249.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-250 The Play Equity Fund 2022 Grant – Retroactive Approval of Submission of Grant

Application for Girls Play LA Soccer Programming at EXPO Center; Approval of Grant Agreement; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-250.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-251 Palisades Recreation Center - Tennis Court Conversion 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] and 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Sonya Young Jimenez, Superintendent, Venice Beach and West Region, presented Board Report No. 22-251.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED With a motion to amend the report with a conditional clause to perform a sound test with Pickleball equipment at the site. With the authority to move forward with the remainder of the report if the ambient noise is 5 decibels or less, if it is more than the department would have to report back to the board before proceeding further.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report 22-251 as **amended**. 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.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with corrections to board reports 22-238, 22-239 and 22-247. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Halper that the Board Reports be approved as presented with corrections to board reports 22-238, 22-239 and 22-247. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

**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 Alvarez stated that this Task Force met and discussed the tree restoration project at Ernest E. Debs park and the LA River ecosystem tree restoration project phase 1 at Griffith 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. No such requests were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**