

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, March 2, 2023

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 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
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2023. 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 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, shared that our Emergency Management section provided mass care and shelter at Glassell and Sherman Oaks Recreation center due to adverse weather. Mr. Kim mentioned that the heavy rains has caused mud slides in Griffith Park, several roof leaks as well many down trees throughout the City at many of our Recreation Centers.

Mr. Kim stated the Department has hired 29 Gardener Caretakers through the targeted local program. Mr. Kim also mentioned we have several Rangers enrolled in the academy and going through the hiring process.

Mr. Kim mentioned our Play LA registration for spring is open and still has spaces available. Mr. Kim shared a few upcoming events. On Saturday, March 4th a Judo event will be hosting at Evergreen Recreation Center and on Saturday, March 11th Highland Park will celebrate a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Kim mentioned we will be hosting our first ever career fair on March 16th and the Pretty in Pink conference on Saturday, March, 18th at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex. Mr. Kim mentioned Lincoln Park will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 18th.

Mr. Kim mentioned the department is working with staff to follow up on constituents' comments and concerns. Mr. Kim gave an update on the Community school program as well as the pickle ball consultant that they are working on hiring. Mr. Kim also gave an update on the Bocce Courts sound

equipment that should be installed soon. Mr. Kim stated the department plans to go out to bid on an RFQ for renovations at Stoner Park. Mr. Kim gave an update on the Shakespeare stage, he stated it has gone out to bid and has a scheduled project begin date in the fall of this year.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 32 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; three 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)

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

Due to technical difficulties that prevented people participating in the meeting by phone from hearing everything said at the meeting during presentation of the Board Reports, the Board did not take action on the Board Reports.

BOARD REPORTS

23-045 Various Centers – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Four (4) Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to Host Voting Centers in connection with the April 2023 Los Angeles City Council District 6 Special Primary Election and the June 2023 Los Angeles City Council District 6 Runoff 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

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

23-046 United States Tennis Association (USTA) 2022 Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant – Retroactive Approval of Submission of Funding Application; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-046.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN

23-047 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Supporting Healthy Aging Through Parks and Recreation (SHAPR) Grant -Retroactive Approval of Submission of Funding Application; Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-047.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN

23-048 Martin Luther King, Jr. Park – Park Improvements (PRJ21553) 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(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced], and Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment and/or Industrial Facilities Required for Safety, Health, the Public Convenience, or Environmental Control Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 19, Sections 15301(a), 15302, and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-048.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN

23-049 MacArthur Park – Playground Installation (PRJ21695) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, 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 15303(e), 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-049.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN

23-050 Downey Recreation Center - Albion Riverside Park Project (Project) – Property Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control to the Department of Recreation and Parks from the Department of General Services for Park Purposes; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 25 [Transfers of Ownership of Interests in Land in Order to Preserve Open Space] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15325(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-050.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN

23-051 2023 Dodgers Dreamteam Program Grant – Approval of Grant Agreement and Acceptance of Grant Funds, Equipment, and In-Kind Contributions from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in Support of the Dodgers Dreamteam Program Benefiting Youth Baseball and Girls Softball Leagues for the 2023 Season

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission recessed into **Closed Session**, pursuant to **Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**, to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation relative to two cases both entitled *LAEC, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV14719 and Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV23215, respectively, as well as *City of Los Angeles v. LAEC, Inc.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29391. (These matters arise from a contract dispute and related unlawful detainer action regarding the operation of the Los Angeles Equestrian Center).

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 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 Bayne requested a report back on the conditions of Pedlow Skate Park. Commissioner Bayne would also

like a report back on the Sepulveda Basin regarding the lighting and drainage of the soccer fields as well as the conditions of the field. Commissioner Bayne requested an update on our gopher maintenance process. Commissioner Chase requested a report back on the Sepulveda Basin soccer fields. Commissioner Chase would also like a report back on Maintenance and the locking of restrooms at night. Commissioner Chase requested an update on Dearborn Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY