

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Thursday, February 1, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:06 a.m. Present were, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch

Chinyere Stoneham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch

Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2024. Commissioner Hutton made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, provided a brief update on the Emergency management divisions efforts. The Emergency Management division is currently monitoring and stands by ready to support the department and the city on any mass care related requests due to the adverse weather that we're experiencing. Mr. Kim gave a report back on the Griffith Park tennis court restroom related issues. The Park Rangers have been monitoring the issues at the location. And I'm happy to announce that they have reported that the issues brought up by the constituents is currently resolved. And they will continue to monitor the restroom areas and the issues related to it. To ensure that those complaints don't arise again.

Mr. Kim stated the City of Los Angeles is considering an approval of a tentative agreement with the coalition of city Unions, that would provide raises of about 24% over 5 years. While these raises for both full time and part time staff will absolutely help us keep, be more competitive in the job market and assist in retaining and recruiting employees. The cost of the labor agreements that was previously approved will have a significant impact on the city's budget.

Mr. Kim shared that our RAP PlayLA Adaptive Team has been selected as the 2023 California Parks and Recreation Society, CPRS. Award of excellence in Marketing and Communications

awards of excellence category. Kim mentioned Rap's Aquatics Division is currently recruiting for Lifeguards, and we have a lifeguard test this Saturday at Cleveland Pool at 9 am.

Mr. Kim introduced Sonia Young-Jimenez, Superintendent of our West Region Recreation to introduce staff and provide a little background on Westchester Recreation Center.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 16 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 4 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-029 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 24-029 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-030 Rio De Los Angeles State Park – Synthetic Field Replacement (PRJ21749) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Reconstruction Of Existing Structures And Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-030 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-031 Lanark Recreation Center – Synthetic Field Replacement (PRJ21756) (PRJ21757) Project – Allocation of Zone Change and Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees – Decommitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [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] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-031 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-032 Yucca Community Center – Synthetic Field Renovation (PRJ21754) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [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 as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-032 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-033 Martin Luther King, Jr. Park – Synthetic Field Renovation (PRJ21755) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-033 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-034 North Hills Community Park – Synthetic Field Improvements (PRJ21761) (PRJ21762) Project – Allocation of Zone Change and Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [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] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-034 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-035 Lafayette Park – Synthetic Field Renovation (PRJ21753) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, Or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use], Section 15302 [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 Section 15304(a) [Grading on Land With a Slope of Less Than 10 Percent] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Class 2 and Class 4(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-035 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-036 Prospect Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21583) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [The Activity is Covered by the Common-Sense Exemption that CEQA Applies Only to Projects Which Have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment; Where it can be Seen with Certainty that There is No Possibility that the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i), Class of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-036 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-037 Lafayette Park – Council District Ten (10) Lafayette Park Bridge Housing – Extension of Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter/Low Barrier Navigation Center Facility with Personal Storage for the Homeless for a Period Not to Exceed One (1) Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency], as Reflected in California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), and California Public Resources Code Section 21080.27, Applicable To City of Los Angeles Emergency Homeless Shelters

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-037.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

24-038 David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center – Outdoor and Building Improvements (PRJ21155) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Funding – Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5,

Section 15061(b)(3) [the Activity is Covered by the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA Applies Only to Projects which have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment; Where it can be Seen with Certainty that There is No Possibility that the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-038 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-039 Griffith Park – Approval of “Under the Oaks” Mural Installation at the Griffith Park Visitors Center – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311(a) [on Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-039 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-040 Mar Vista Recreation Center – Tennis Improvements (PRJ21763) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-040 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-041 Watts Skate Park – First Amendment to, and Restatement of, the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Transportation and the Department of Recreation and Parks for the Joint Use of a Portion of the Watts Skate Park Property

Rick Tonthat, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-041.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-042 Ritchie Valens Recreation Center and Paxton Park – Agreement with the Trust for Public Land for the Donation, Installation, and Maintenance of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311 [Construction, or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Priya Macwan, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-042.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the Board Reports that were taken on consent be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve Board Report 24-037 with corrections, 24-041 and 24-042 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

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.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

This Task Force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

This Task Force will meet following today's meeting, and will report back at our 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 Lloyd requested a report our relationship with cultural affairs. Vice President Sanchez would like a report back on Centennial Park and the Venice Beach Boardwalk near the lifeguard tower, the sculptures, the playground, and the Poetry Monument, and also the carousel. Vice President Sanchez would also like a report back on El Sereno RC Playground.

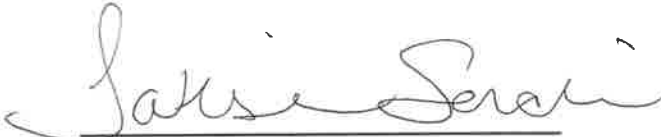
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY