

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:13 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran . Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, 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, Acting Assistant General Manager 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

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2024. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

We had a welcome presentation by Fernando MonterRodriguez from Council District 8.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, introduced , Superintendent of the Pacific Region Recreation Division. to introduce staff and provide a little background of our Pacific Region and the Algin Sutton Recreation Center.

Mr. Kim began by highlighting a few events, he stated Registration for our summer play, LA sports clinics and leagues will begin on May 6, 2024 at 9 a.m. Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP has received various communications from constituents and he has assigned staff to address those communications

.Mr. Kim provided the Commission an update regarding summer camp registration he stated we had a small hiccup with our registration system because we would normally have 30,000 visitors to visit the website but on the registration opening day, we had over 200,000 visitors to access the website. He also stated we have a few capacity issues in which the department is currently recruiting and hiring new employees so that we can increase the capacities at summer camps.

Mr. Kim provided a brief update on the Mayor's proposed Budget for RAP.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 21 such requests were submitted.

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

24-087 Transfer of Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 24-087 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-088 Rescission of Proposition K Grant Awards for Crystal Springs (Griffith Park) Ball Fields Project, Strathern Wetlands Park Synthetic Soccer Field Project, and Slauson Recreation Center Lighting Project

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-088.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-089 Rescission of Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities (OEEF) Grant Award for Griffith Park Urban Environment Education Center (GPUEEC) Project

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-089.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-090 Venice Beach Recreation Center – Donation and Installation of a Park Bench on Ocean Front Walk from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Through Various Venice Beach Community Donations – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Location of a Limited Number of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-090 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-091 Echo Park Boathouse Café Concession – Approval of Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Food and Beverage Concession – Categorical Exemption from 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] and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-091 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-092 Various Donations to Recreation Services Branch – Metro, Pacific, Valley, and West Regions and Expo Center, July 2023 Through December 2023

Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-092.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-093 Donation from Los Angeles Clippers Foundation for the Continued Support of the Clippers Late Night Hoops Basketball Program for 2024

Board Report No. 24-093 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-094 California Department of Education 2024-25 California State Preschool Program – Revised Authorization to Submit a Continued Funding Application for Contract Renewal, Including Adoption of Revised Resolution – Recission of Previous Authorization and Resolution

Elizabeth Narvaez, Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-094.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-095 Rio De Los Angeles State Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21462) (PRJ21447) (W.O. #E1908950) Project – Acceptance of Bid and Award Contract

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-095.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-096 Pio Pico Park and Underground Parking Structure (PRJ20934) (PRJ21771) (W.O.# E1908188) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Approval of Memorandum of Agreement – Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Activity 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

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-096.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-097 Angel's Gate Park – Maintenance Building (PRJ21560) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances], Section 15301(l)(4) [Demolition and Removal of Individual Small Structures Such as Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] and Section 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Classes 1(1), 1(11)(d) and 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-097 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-098 2024 Dodgers DREAMTEAM Program Grant – Approval of Grant Agreement and Acceptance of Grant Funds and In-Kind Contributions from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in Support of Various City Recreation Centers' Youth Baseball and Girls

Softball Leagues for the 2024 Season

Board Report No. 24-098 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-087, 24-090, 24-091, 24-093 and 24-097. . It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve Board Report 24-098 that he had taken on Consent. President Simril recused herself on item 24-098. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-065, 24-068 with corrections, 24-088, 24-089, 24-092, 24-094, 24-095 and 24-096 as presented. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

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

Commissioner Hutton stated the Concessions Task force met at our last meeting and discussed food and beverage concessions update on Echo Park Lake Cafe, which we took a position on today. She also mentioned they discussed ongoing updates on the public outreach and stakeholder engagement for the Griffith Park pony rides.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

There were no updates or report backs.

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. There were no report backs requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY