

M I N U T E S

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

January 19, 2005

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session at the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center in the Roy A. Anderson Recreation Center (commonly known as the L.A. Swim Stadium) at 6:05 p.m. Present were President Mike Roos, Commissioners Christopher Hammond, Mary Luévano, and Candy Spelling. Absent: Vice-President Christina Sanchez-Camino. Also present were Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

INTRODUCTIONS

David Roberts, Field Deputy, Councilmember Bernard C. Parks' Office, welcomed the Commission to Council District Eight.

Mark Mariscal, Assistant General Manager, Operations East, gave a brief presentation on Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center and the surrounding community, and proceeded to introduce the staff of the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center. Mr. Mariscal further introduced Mr. Keith Comrie, Chair of EPICC Board and Mrs. Joanne Jordan, Parent Volunteer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of January 5, 2005 were approved as submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

05-14 - Considered later in the meeting.

05-15 - Considered later in the meeting.

05-16

WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
THE ELECTRIC GOLF CART RENTAL CONCESSION

05-17

GRIFFITH PARK FERRARO SOCCER FIELDS - FIELD
HOUSE (#1714C) (W.O.#E170200F) - CONTRACT NO. 3090 -
FINAL ACCEPTANCE

05-18

LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT PARK, PHASE I - LAND
ACQUISITION AND GREENING (#1199B) (W.O.#E170206F)
- FINAL ACCEPTANCE

05-19

PARTHENIA PARK - PARK IMPROVEMENTS (W.O. E170337F)
- GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

05-20

HANSEN DAM UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND
AND RESTROOM (W.O. #PRJ1246A) - FINAL PLANS
AND CALL FOR BIDS

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GREEN MEADOWS RECREATION CENTER GYMNASIUM
(W.O.#E170297F) - CONTRACT NO. 3099 -
SUBSTITUTION OF SUBCONTRACTOR

05-22

SEPULVEDA BASIN EAST - LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
(#1275B); DELANO RECREATION CENTER -
COMMUNITY BUILDING (#1805A) (W.O.#E170373);
CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM - MASTER PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION (#1505D) - STOP NOTICES ON
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM - MASTER PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION (#1505D) - STOP NOTICE
AND RELEASE OF STOP NOTICE

05-24 - Considered later in the meeting.

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CAREY RANCH PARK - NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA:
QUIMBY FEES EXPENDITURE

05-26

STATE STREET RECREATION CENTER - FIELD
IMPROVEMENTS (#1353A) (W.O.#E170957F) -
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SUB-ACCOUNT -
ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE OF QUIMBY FEES

05-27

VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Vice Commissioner Luévano, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that the foregoing reports, with exceptions as noted, be approved, and that the appropriate Resolutions be adopted. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

05-14 - Out of Order.

ANGELS GATE PARK: REQUEST MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TO DISAPPROVE A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LEASE
AGREEMENT AND INSTEAD APPROVE A THIRTY (30)
YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER

Kathleen Chan, Acting Superintendent, Planning and Construction Division, briefed the Board on the report.

Ms. Lorraine Ornelas, San Pedro Bay Historical Society; Mr. Nathan Birnbaum, Angels Gate Cultural Center; and Mr. Eric Moody, Councilmember Janice Hahn's Office, all spoke in support of the report.

It was moved by Commissioner Spelling, seconded by Commissioner Hammond that Report No. 05-14 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

05-15 - Out of Order.

RUNYON CANYON PARK (W.O.#PRJ1807A) - RESCISSION
OF PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENT

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WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY VENDOR AND AUTHORIZATION
TO CONSTRUCT NEW METAL GATES AND FENCES AT THE
MULHOLLAND ENTRANCE USING AN EXISTING CITY VENDOR

In response to an inquiry by President Roos, the Acting Superintendent reported that the gates at Mulholland and the fencing on the north side of the park would be completed within 90 days, pending weather. However, that the parking lot would take a longer process as the Bureau of Engineering was required to complete a new plan, CEQA review was required, and additional time would be required for the design and rebid process. Total process was estimated at 18 months.

President Roos requested that staff attempt to expedite the process.

The Superintendent further amended Recommendation No. 4 of the Board Report to read \$20,000.00 for water meters and electric meters.

It was moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Spelling that Report No. 05-15 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

05-24 - Out of Order.

HERMON PARK - NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
CONSTRUCTION OF OFF-LEASH DOG EXERCISE
AREA IN A PORTION OF THE PARK

The Acting Superintendent briefed the Board on the Report, and further requested to amended all references to "Herman Dog Park" in the report to "Arroyo Seco Dog Park at Herman".

In response to and inquiry from President Roos, the Superintendent informed the Board that Councilmember Villaraigosa requested that the option of naming the dog park remain open for future discussion.

Ms. Donnette Thayer, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council, spoke in support of the report. Ms. Thayer also submitted a letter for the record from the Neighborhood Council to retain the name Herman Dog Park.

Ms. Linda Torn, resident, Montecito Heights, spoke in support of the report.

Ms. Monica Garcia, Field Deputy, representing Council District 14, spoke in support of the report and requested an additional condition of the approval as follows:

"The Department of Recreation and Parks shall, with the cooperation of the Council Office, interested local residents, and users of the off-leash dog park, conduct an annual review of the facility's operations and environmental impacts to determine what, if any, changes or alterations should be made to the design or management of the park. These will be forwarded as recommendations by the General Manager to the Commission and Council Office by the end of each fiscal year, beginning in FY 2006."

President Roos requested that the item be held until later in the meeting to allow Department staff and the Sr. Assistant City Attorney to review the Councilmember's request and respond to the Field Deputy.

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Ms. Irene Ponce, resident, Council District 14, spoke in support of the report. Ms. Ponce also recommended using boulders around the existing trees as a form of protection, and as opposed to using decomposed granite, the possibility of using woodchips for absorption of urine run-off onto storm water run-off.

The Sr. Assistant City Attorney advised the Board that the amendment called for an annual review, and as a result of the annual review there could be a determination to modify the project in a significant way, such determination would require additional approvals at that time for any additional modifications.

It was moved by Commissioner Luévano, seconded by Commissioner Spelling that Report No. 05-24 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMISSION TASK FORCES

Commission Task Force on Park Safety (Commissioners Hammond and Sanchez-Camino)

Commissioner Hammond reported that there would be a meeting next week.

Commission Task Force on Concession RFPs (Commissioner Sanchez-Camino and Spelling)

Commissioner Spelling reported that there would be a meeting on February 2, 2005.

Commission Task Force on Capital Projects (Commissioners Hammond Luévano)

No reportable items.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

The General Manager reported on the following:

- Groundbreaking at Taylor Yards
- Juanita Tate - Unveiling of plaque
- Several roof leaks throughout the parks
- Griffith Park Boys and Girls Camps - Mudslides
- Articles in the L.A. Times and Daily News - Department of Recreation and Parks on investigating decreases in revenue at golf courses has uncovered a theft ring - Criminal and Personnel investigations currently being conducted

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Hammond, the General Manager updated the Board on the status of an accident by Councilwoman Jan Perry wherein the Councilwoman fell and broke her foot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ellen Daigle, Ellen's Silkscreening, requested information on the delay on the RFP for the Uniform Contract which was directed by the Commission to be prepared in January and awarded in February. Ms. Daigle recently learned that the date for the RFP would not be until March or April and would not be awarded until July.

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In response to an inquiry from President Roos, Linda Barth, Administration, explained that the process would be delayed by two weeks.

The General Manager advised the Board that the Department would have contracts in place that would stand up to scrutiny by any investigative body. He further explained that the Department has had success in generating rebates from 1 to 2 percent, and as the Department generates better pricing and discounts the Department will be ahead.

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, the General Manager advised that the uniforms would be available to children at the beginning of summer and the contract would only be delayed one week to ten days.

Ms. Donnette Thayer, requested clarification on renaming the Dog Park.

At 6:50 p.m. the Regular Agenda was closed to proceed to the Special Agenda.

At 6:53 p.m. the Regular Agenda was reopened.

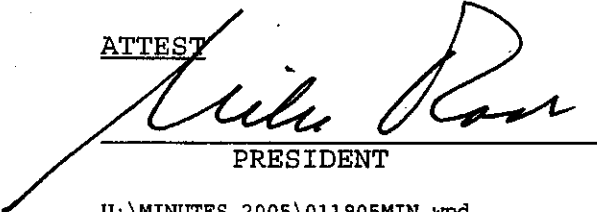
NEXT MEETING

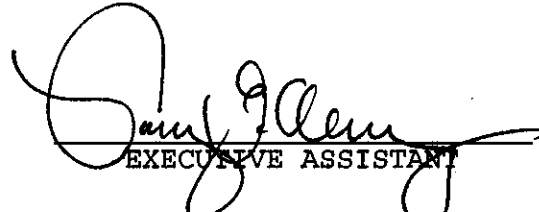
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., Garland Building Auditorium, 1200 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. in memory of B.J. Hyman, operator of the Encino Glen restaurant and banquet facility at the Encino-Balboa Golf Course.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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