

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

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 and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Deputy City Attorney IV Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch  
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch  
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2020. Commissioner Halper made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 4 such requests were submitted.

*Commissioner Nicole Chase joined the meeting during General Public Comment.*

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, updated the Board on the Alternative Learning Sites program that is currently being held at more than 50 Recreation Centers with approximately 1,321 participants. Mr. Shull announced that RAP has started reopening nearly half of its 415 playgrounds, following County Health Department guidelines. He also shared that 1,379 City employees have applied for the Separation Incentive Program, and 164 of those are part of the RAP family. Mr. Shull stated that these retirements will affect operations, as those employees will not be immediately replaced, but the separations will be phased through March or April of next year. He also commended Belinda Jackson, Executive Director of EXPO Center, for her hard work organizing a new joint Park Advisory Board to serve at Gladys and San Julian Park. Mr. Shull thanked Ms. Jackson for her efforts in continuing to offer services at these parks.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

20-197 Highland Park Recreation Center - Agreement with Options for Learning for the Operation of a Recreational Child Development and Head Start Preschool Program

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-197.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-198 Little Green Acres Park - Agreement with Fathers and Mothers who Care, Inc., for the Operation and Maintenance of an Urban Garden

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-198.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-199 Approval of the Department of Recreation and Parks Fall 2020 Project Plan Between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for the City's Youth Sports Program Partnership

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Board Report No. 20-199.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-200 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Baseball Fields Refurbishment & Restrooms (PRJ20041) (W.O. #E170111A) Project – Phase II – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Allocation of Funding for an Activity for which the Underlying Project has Already been Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-200.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-201 Hazard Park – Bleacher Replacement (PRJ21428) 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(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Pedestrian Trails] 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, Section 15301(c) and Section 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-201.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-202 South Park Recreation Center – Security Cameras (PRJ21439) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Required for Safety and Public Convenience involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-202.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-203 Vermont Square Park – Security Lighting and Cameras (PRJ21427) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations] and Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use if Required for Safety, Health, or the Public Convenience] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-203.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-204 Tract Map No. VTT-82109 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-204.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE TRACT MAP NO. VTT-82109 (PROJECT) TO PAY IN-LIEU FEES TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) SECTION 12.33

20-205 Tract Map No. VTT-83024 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-205.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE TRACT MAP NO. VTT-83024 (PROJECT) TO PAY IN-LIEU FEES TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) SECTION 12.33

20-206 Various Locations – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Thirty-Four Department of Recreation and Park (RAP) Facilities to Host Voting Centers for the Upcoming November Elections - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Permit to Use Existing Facilities Involving Negligible or no Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-206.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-207 Exposition Park - Lucas Museum of Narrative Art (Museum) – Transfer of City Park Property to the 6<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association, an Agency of the State of California, for the Museum; Acceptance of the Transfer of Three Lots Owned by the City's Street Service Bureau to the Department of Recreation and Parks; Approval of the Exchange Agreement - Consideration of the EIR, First Addendum, Second Addendum, Third Addendum, Fourth Addendum, and Errata, Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations and Accompanying Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Renovation Project EIR (SCH No. 1990011065) and Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 20-207.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

### **BOARD REDPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; 1 such request was submitted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel, at 11:00 a.m., relative to the following:

The case entitled City of Los Angeles v. John Marrone, et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Central District Case No. 20STCV14863.

The Board reconvened the Meeting at 11:20 a.m. No Board action was taken in closed session.

**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 11:24 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**