

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 15, 2021

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 Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Assistant City Attorney Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

Acknowledgement of Service – Senior Management Analyst II, Cid Macaraeg

Michael A. Shull, General Manager and Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch presented a retirement citation to Mr. Macaraeg and thanked him for his 31 years of City service. President Patsouras and the Board Commissioners also thanked Mr. Macaraeg for his service to the City.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2021. Commissioner Chase made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 1 such request was submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, announced that RAP expects to receive the proposed budget on April 20th from the Mayor's Office, then the hearings before the Budget and Finance Committee will take place, when RAP will present its case to address this proposed allocation. Mr. Shull stressed he is very optimistic that RAP will receive some flexibility in hiring staff so operations can return to some level of normalcy that Angelenos expect in terms of amenities and programming. He also shared that after receiving feedback from the public, parking rates at Griffith Park will return to pre-pandemic fees. Mr. Shull then updated the Board on projects at Echo Park and that

further improvements have been identified by staff so that the park can be safely reopened. He reported that 193 people who were previously camped at Echo Park have accepted supportive housing from the City's outreach partners and Departments.

Jimmy Newsom, Senior Management Analyst II, Contracts Administration, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented the Update on Park-Wide Camera System Informational Report. Mr. Newsom shared an overview of the camera systems design, implementation, and maintenance currently in operation throughout RAP facilities.

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented the Update on Anticipated Pool Facilities Reopening. Mr. Kim provided some background on how many of RAP's Aquatics Division Staff was reassigned to help respond to the pandemic and provide support at shelter sites. Mr. Kim also mentioned that the successful reopening of Aquatics facilities and programming will be largely dependent on City Council allowing RAP to hire additional part-time staff to meet the expected demand as the State and County allow pool-related activities.

BOARD REPORTS

The Board decided to consider Board Report No. 21-065 separately at this time.

21-065 Arroyo Seco Park - Proposed CD14 Tiny Homes Village Project - Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for the Construction of and Use as a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed Three (3) Years of Operation - Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Action Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] as also Reflected in CEQA Guideline Section 15269(c); Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) [Any Activity Approved by or Carried Out by the City of Los Angeles in Furtherance of Providing Emergency Shelters or Supportive Housing in the City of Los Angeles]; and Governor's Order N-32-20 [Suspension of Division 13, Commencing with Section 21000, of the Public Resources Code and Regulations Adopted Pursuant that Division for any Project Using Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funds, Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Funds or Funds Appropriated in Senate Bill 89, Signed on March 17, 2020]

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-065.

President Patsouras called for the presentation of this Report, then asked for the Office of Council District 14 (CD 14) to address the Board regarding the operation of this proposed facility. Nate Hayward, from CD 14, responded to comments from the Board. President Patsouras then asked for Public Comments on this matter, 12 such requests were made. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve this Board Report as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Chase that this Board Report be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

The Meeting then returned to its regular Agenda order.

21-061 In-Kind Donation from Belkin, COPE Preparedness and California Earthquake Country Alliance in Support of the Department Operations Center During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Sonya Young-Jimenez, Acting Superintendent Elect, West Region, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-061.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-062 Various Donations to Recreation Services Branch – Metro, Pacific, Valley Regions and Expo Center, July 2020 through December 2020

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-062.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-063 Agreement Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and LA Compost for the Development, Operation and Maintenance of a Compost Hub Pilot Project at Griffith Park - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(8) [Additions to Underground Water Utility Distribution System Facilities], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping], Class 4(7) [Issuance of a License to Use Land Involving Minor Alterations to the Condition of the Land]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling], Class 11(5) [Signs Located on City Property Managed by a City Department which Has a Sign Policy Adopted by its Board of Commissioners] and Class 11(6) [Installation of Accessory Structures to an Existing Public Facility] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15303(d), 15304 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, and Stefanie Smith, Acting Superintendent, Griffith Region, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-063.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-064 Park Fees – Refund for VTT-66044 and Related Case CPC-2006-4392-GPA-ZC-ZV-HD-ZAA-ZAI-SPR – Decommitment of Park Fees from Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center – New Senior Citizen and Child Care Center (PRJ21175) (PRJ21176) Project

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-064.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Board Report 21-065 was considered earlier.

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Operation - Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Action Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency] as also Reflected in CEQA Guideline Section 15269(c); Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) [Any Activity Approved by or Carried Out by the City of Los Angeles in Furtherance of Providing Emergency Shelters or Supportive Housing in the City of Los Angeles]; and Governor's Order N-32-20 [Suspension of Division 13, Commencing with Section 21000, of the Public Resources Code and Regulations Adopted Pursuant that Division for any Project Using Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funds, Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Funds or Funds Appropriated in Senate Bill 89, Signed on March 17, 2020]

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DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-066 Rancho Cienega Park – Celes King III Pool Demolition (PRJ21412) Project — Commitment of Park Fees – Approval and Authorization of Change Orders - Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations and Accompanying Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Rancho Cienega Celes King III Pool Demolition Project EIR (SCH No. 2018061048), Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 11, Section 2(i) [Allocation of Additional Funding for which the Underlying Project has Previously been Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-066.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented, except for Board Report No. 21-065 which was considered separately. It was moved by Commissioner Chase 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.

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 an update on when RAP's arts and cultural facilities may reopen to the public.

Commissioner Chase reported that the Commission Task Force on Concessions met prior to the Regular Board Meeting and discussed Reopening Concessions, the Griffith Park Food and Beverage Concession RFP, and Golf Food and Beverage at the following locations – Rancho Park Golf Restaurant, Griffith Park Golf Restaurant, Los Feliz Golf Café, Penmar Café, Woodley Lakes Golf Restaurant, Harbor Park Golf Café.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY