

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, February 18, 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 Patsaouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne and Nicole Chase. Also present were 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

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

Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations 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 February 4, 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 4-0.

Commissioner Halper joined the meeting after the approval of the Minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT NO. 21-028

The Board decided to consider this Report at this time.

21-028 Strathern Park West – First Lease Amendment to Porter Bill Lease DL 000415-01-01 with the State of California Department of Transportation for a Temporary Reduction in the Lease Premises Area Related to a Proposed Tiny Homes Village Project – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III Section 1, Class 1(14) [Amendment to a Lease to Use an Existing Facility] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Real Estate, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-028.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

After the staff presentation, President Patsaouras called on Councilmember Krekorian, Council District 2, to address the Board on this matter. After Councilmember Krekorian's comments,

President Patsouras called Neighborhood Council and Public Comments on this Board Report; no such comments were presented. President Patsouras then requested a Motion to approve this Board Report as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Vice-President Alvarez that the Board Report be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

The Meeting then returned to its Agenda order.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 2 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, provided the General Manager's Report. He began by sharing that RAP continues to support the City's Mobile Point of Delivery (MPOD) program by providing logistical support for vaccine distribution. Mr. Diaz also announced that the Board Office will be implementing a new tracking system for communications received that require RAP attention. He also updated the Board on recent discussions RAP has had with health authorities to better understand what facilities can be safely opened and which park amenities can be made available to the public. Mr. Diaz indicated that RAP's Aquatics amenities may be affected by these new health guidelines. He also advised that RAP will be transitioning away from Alternative Learning Sites (ALS) programming as more park facilities are safely made available.

Dr. Edwin C. Krupp, Griffith Observatory Director, provided the Update on Griffith Observatory Pandemic Operations and Programming. Dr. Krupp provided an outline on how the Observatory's staff has primarily worked from home during this pandemic and pivoted to providing online and virtual programming for schools and the general public. He thanked the Friends of the Observatory (FOTO) for providing support for this shift in programming focus. Dr. Krupp also pointed out that many Observatory staff provided support for RAP's shelters and helped keep Griffith Park's expansive grounds accessible to the public.

BOARD REPORTS

21-025 Transfer of Appropriations within Fund 302 to Overtime General Account in the Department of Recreation and Parks due to COVID-19 Response

Ray Tadrissi, Management Analyst, Budget Section, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-025.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-026 Howard Finn Park and Roger Jessup Park – Addendum to Add Howard Finn Park Community Garden to, and Remove Roger Jessup Community Garden from, the Existing Garden Agreement with Los Angeles Community Garden Council for the Operation of Various Community Gardens

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch presented Board Report No. 21-026.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-027 Various Locations – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Three Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities and Additional Facilities As Needed to Host Voting Centers for the Upcoming Special Primary and General Elections for Senate District No. 30 - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Agreement to Use Existing Facilities involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Real Estate, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-027.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Report 21-028 was considered earlier.

21-028 Strathern Park West – First Lease Amendment to Porter Bill Lease DL 000415-01-01 with the State of California Department of Transportation for a Temporary Reduction in the Lease Premises Area Related to a Proposed Tiny Homes Village Project – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III Section 1, Class 1(14) [Amendment to a Lease to Use an Existing Facility] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Real Estate, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-028.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-029 Budd Wiener Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20364) (PRJ21477) Project; Reallocation and Allocation of Quimby Fees; Commitment of Park Fees; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Allocation of Funds for Which the Underlying Project has Previously been Evaluated for Environmental Significance and Processed According to the Requirements of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines] and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-029.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-030 Chatsworth Park North – Outdoor Field Improvements (W.O. #E170488F) Project – Approval of Final Plans – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Minor Exterior Alterations with No or Negligible Expansion of Use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Fencing for Security and Operations], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting and Landscaping], Class 11(3) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Institutional Existing Facilities] and Class 11(6)

[Construction of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-030.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF BOARD REPORTS NOS. 21-025 THROUGH 21-027, AND 21-029 THROUGH 21-030

The Board decided to consider these Board Reports together, as Board Report 21-028 was considered separately. Neighborhood Council Comments and Public Comments relevant to these Board Reports were requested; no such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve these Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Halper 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. President Patsouras requested the Board Secretary to help coordinate a virtual retreat in the near future to focus on the budget priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY