

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 17, 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, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, 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

BOARD REPORT NO. 21-105 – CONSIDERED OUT OF ORDER

The Board decided to consider Board Report 21-105 at this time.

21-105 Eagle Rock Recreation Center - 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 (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency], as Also Reflected in Article 18, Section 15269(c) of California CEQA Guidelines; PRC Section 21080.27 [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 Executive Order No. N-32-20 [Suspension of Division 13, Commencing with Section 21000, of the PRC and Regulations Adopted Pursuant to 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. 21-105 and introduced two (2) corrections to the report, as noted below.

After staff presentation, President Patsaouras called for public comment on this matter. Councilmember Kevin De León, Council District 14, was first to address the Board and provided some background on the need for this project. Twenty-Five (25) members of the public also addressed the Board regarding this project. The Board then addressed questions to staff

regarding this project, too. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve this Board Report with the following correction: **Page 5 – Paragraph 3, remove reference to “Attachment 3”, and Paragraph 5, replace Attachment 5 with “Attachment 4”**. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Report be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, no such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, announced that this past Monday, RAP opened more than 100 summer camps with over 3,500 participants and there are over 27,500 registrants for the entire summer season. Mr. Shull then announced that RAP also opened 37 swimming pools this past Monday and staff continues to work to open additional facilities to bring the number of pools to 43. He then shared that this upcoming Saturday, RAP will kick off its baseball and softball league partnerships through the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Program Benefiting Youth Baseball and Girls Softball Leagues & Natasha Watley Girls Softball. Mr. Shull also thanked all RAP staff for their efforts to open up these programs and facilities for the summer season in less time than traditionally allowed.

BOARD REPORTS

21-106 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium: Donation of Funding for Life Support System Design Services from the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Jose Bacallao, Exhibits Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-106.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-107 Retirement of Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit Horse and Donation of the Horse to Private Citizen

Sharie Abajjian, Administration Bureau Captain, Park Ranger Division, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-107.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-108 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Personnel Resolution

Harold Fujita, Director of Human Resources, presented Revised Board Report No. 21-108.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-109 Reimbursement of Salaries and Related Expenses from the Municipal Recreation Program Fund, Special Accounts and Grant Fund Accounts for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-109.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-110 Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Reimbursement and/or Advances for Petty Cash and Expenses, and Refunds

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-110.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-111 Transfer of Expenditures to Bogdanovich Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-111.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-112 Signature Authority as Acting General Manager and Acting Chief Accounting Employee

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-112.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-113 Las Palmas Senior Center - Agreement with the Canyon School, Inc., for the Operation of a Recreational Child Development and Preschool Program - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Renewal of a License to Use an Existing Structure, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-113.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-114 Robert F. Kennedy Inspiration Park – Standstill Use Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District for the Use, Operation and Maintenance of the Park; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA

Guidelines [Renewal of a License to Use an Existing Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-114.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-115 As-Needed Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, and/or Repairs – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Senior Management Analyst I, Contracts Administration, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-115.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-116 Final Acceptance of Various Capital Improvements Projects; Reallocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 21-116.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-117 Valley Plaza Park – Electric Upgrades (PRJ21484) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) [Minor Alteration of Existing Systems for Electrical Power Serving Existing Facilities], Class 2(3) [Replacement of Existing Utility Systems Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(b), 15302(c) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-116.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-118 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83014 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-118.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE TRACT MAP NO. VTT-83014 (PROJECT) TO PROVIDE A COMBINATION OF LAND DEDICATION AND FEE PAYMENT TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) SECTION 12.33

21-119 Glen Alla Park – Renaming of Park as “Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park” – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Installation of Signs Located on City Property Managed by a City Department Which has a Sign Policy Adopted by its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-119.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-120 Rhodes Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21331) Project – Acceptance of Donated Funds and Installation of Fitness Equipment – 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

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

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. 21-105 which was considered earlier. 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 4-0.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Chase reported that the Task Force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper reported that the Task Force did not meet.

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 Halper requested an update on the future plans regarding the coordination with other City agencies to allow parks to return to normal operations and usage. Commissioner Chase

requested and update on the development of the parcel at the intersection of Encinitas and Bledsoe in the community of Sylmar.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY