

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, July 21, 2022

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, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joe Halper. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Assistant City Attorney Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2022. Commissioner Chase made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. 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, 5 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

AP Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, shared an update on Covid 19 restrictions and working closely with the department of Public Health. Mr. Diaz mentioned the PlayLA is in full swing and that the department was honored to welcome the international Olympic committee at EXPO Center. To show off PlayLA in action. Mr. Diaz mentioned that the Mayor, Council, Dignitaries, and many athletes were on site to see our aquatics, basketball and field programs. He went on to thank the RAP staff for a wonderful program. Mr. Diaz mentioned that the department is in its second session of the learn to surf program. Mr. Diaz mentioned that we will host a Para surfing camp for children with physical disabilities which will begin on August 6th. Mr. Diaz mentioned the minor major league baseball championship will be held this weekend at the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Center. Mr. Diaz announced the promotion of Belinda Jackson to Acting Assistant General Manager of our Recreation and Services Branch. Mr. Diaz shared two upcoming events Saturday, July 23rd there will be a nature walk at Fern Dell Canyon. Saturday, July 30th the DTLA Salsa festival will be held at Pershing Square. Mr. Diaz mentioned a pilot program regarding traffic control in Griffith Park.

VERBAL REPORT AND FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)

President Sylvia Patsouras reported that the board must consider a determination, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of this Board, and the ability of the members of all of this Board's advisory bodies, including, but not limited to, all park advisory boards, the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee, and the Golf Advisory Committee, as well as the public who might attend these meetings, to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

President Sylvia Patsouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Bayne seconded the motion.

Public comment relevant to this item were invited, with no requests submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

BOARD REPORTS

22-190 Donation Acceptance of a Horse for The Park Ranger Division

Patrick Joyce, Sr. Park Ranger II, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-190

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-191 As-Needed Security Camera Systems Maintenance, Repair, Retrofit and Related Professional Services – Award of Contract

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-191.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-192 Tujunga Greenbelt Park- Design Approval and Installation of Two "Great Wall of Los Angeles" Monument Signs as Part of The Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project (PRJ20773) - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) [Installation of On-Premise Signs] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Felice Chen, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-192.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-193 Washington Irving Pocket Park – Park Redesign (PRJ21295) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Any Activity (Approval of Bids, Execution of Contracts, Allocation of Funds, Etc.) for which the Underlying Project has Previously Been Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 5, Section 15061(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-193.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-194 Garvanza Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21582) 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(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails], Class 2 [Replacement Of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302 And 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-194.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-195 Laurel Canyon Dog Park – Approval and Acceptance Of Park Improvements as a Donation from City National Bank and Thomas Safran Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation to the Department of Recreation and Parks; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory To (Appurtenant To) Existing Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Adriana Buatista, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-195.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-196 Highland Park Recreation Center – Pool Improvements (PRJ21360) 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(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Streets, Sidewalks, and 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, Sections 15301(c) and 15302 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-196.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-197 Reseda Skate Facility – Reseda Ice Skating and Roller Rink (PRJ21167) (PRj21326) (W.O. #E170121f) Project – Approval of Final Plans And Specifications; Commitment of Park Fees; Award of Contract; Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Under Public Resources Code Section 21080 and Article 19 Sections 15325 [Transfer of Ownership of Interest in Land in Order to Preserve Open Space, Habitat or Historical Resources] and 15332 [In-Fill Development] of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-197.

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; five such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be approved as presented. 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 this Task Force met and discussed the Museums Rate and Fee increases. Commissioner Chase also discussed the RFP process. Commissioner Chase also mentioned they discussed the Rancho Golf Course Concession renovations.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper stated that this Task Force met and discussed two renaming of Parks. Commissioner Halper also discussed approval of two murals on park property. He also stated they discussed approval of an art piece to be placed at one of our dog parks.

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 a status report at the 9/1/2022 Board meeting on the progress of the Community School Parks program, including negotiations with LAUSD on the use of school grounds and buildings, target dates for Phase 1 implementation to achieve 10 CSP in operation during FY 2022-23, and RAP's role in the greening of elementary school campuses. Commissioner Halper requested that the minutes of PAB meetings be included in correspondence shared with the Board at each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY