

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 19, 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 Patsaouras, Vice President Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne and Nicole Chase . Also present were Michael Shull, General Manager, 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

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2022. 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, 13 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael Shull, General Manager stated a report on the community School Parks will be presented to the Board in June. Mr. Shull mentioned the recent ribbon cutting of the Griffith Observatory Planetarium's new show "Signs of Life," the opening of a new synthetic soccer field at Glassell Park, a groundbreaking ceremony today at 3:30 pm for a new playground at Cypress Recreation Center and on Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 am at Ramon Garcia Recreation Center, and the Memorial Day Classic event on May 30 at 9:30 at Muscle Beach in Venice.

Mr. Shull gave a brief update on our RAP Budget. He stated this year it looks like RAP will be in pretty good shape. Mr. Shull went on to thank the Mayor and Council office for their continued support of the department. He says we received a few new positions for our Senior centers. He mentioned we received renovation funding which we will be able to renovate three childcare centers. He stated we received full time salary restoration. Mr. Shull also mentioned that RAP received a summer camp subsidy which will allow the department to host summer camps at eighty locations for 10 dollars a week.

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

22-115 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Ray Tadrisi, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration, presented Board Report No. 22-115.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-116 Summer Food Service Program 2022 – Approval of Standard Food Services Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-116.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-117 Macarthur Park – HVAC Replacement (PRJ21627) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-117.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-118 Mar Vista Recreation Center – Pool Replacement (PRJ21614) Project – Commitment of Park Fees

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-118.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-119 Warner Ranch Park – Naming of Bandshell as “Nora Ross Bandshell” - 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] and 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

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-119.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-120 Cypress Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21573) Project – Categorical Exemption from The Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, 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 15302 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-120.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-121 Glenhurst Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21570) Project - 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], 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], and 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, Sections 15301(c), 15302, and 15311 of California State CEQA

Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-121.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-122 Guardia Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21576) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, 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] and Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-122.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-123 Lincoln Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21338) (PRJ21628) 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, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-123.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-124 Pershing Square Renovation Phase 1A (PRJ21113) (W.O. #E1908536) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Call for Bids; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site As The Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-124.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-125 Pico Union Vest Pocket Park – Renaming of Park as “Parque Nativo Lopez” – 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 Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-125.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-126 Harbor City Park - Playground Replacement (PRJ21629) (PRJ21564) 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], 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] and 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, Sections 15301(c), 15302, and 15311 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-126.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-127 Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21626) 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(1) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-127.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-128 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 83123 – Recommendation to The Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-128.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-129 Camp Seely – Revised License Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the use of Camp Seely for Lodging

Traci Goldberg, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-129.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-130 Revision of Golf Tournament and League Policy

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-130.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-131 As-Needed Vaccination Verification Services - Use of Los Angeles Police Department Contract C-128953 With GSG Protective Services CA Inc

Mark Pine, Observatory Director, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-131.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-132 Various Locations – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the use of Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to Host Voting Centers in Connection with the June 2022 Primary Election– Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance, Renewal or Amendment of any Lease, License or Permit to use an Existing Structure or Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-132.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-133 Venice Beach – Pier Refurbishment Phase II (PRJ21616) (PRJ21624) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees

President Patsouras noted she would recuse herself from participating in the discussion and Board action of Board Report 22-133 and excused herself from the Board meeting.

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No 22-133.

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; two such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports with a correction on board report 22-130. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Chase that the Board Reports be approved minus board report 22-133 as presented. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. We returned after the recusal of President Patsouras to conduct a vote on report 22-133. Vice President Alvarez requested a Motion to approve Board Report 22-133. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Chase reported that this Task Force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Alvarez stated that this 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 Chase requested a report back on Rancho Park Golf and the current contract. Commissioner Chase also wants a report back on the Griffith Park pony rides.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY