

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 1, 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 Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joe Halper. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, 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
AP Diaz, 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 minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 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 5-0.

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

President Sylvia Patsaouras 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 Patsaouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Halper 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 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, started with an Emergency Management update. Mr. Kim shared that the department has opened nine cooling centers, where Angelenos will be able to take refuge from the heat. Mr. Kim also stated that our pools will be open Labor Day weekend from 1 to 5 p.m. Mr. Kim mentioned that our after school programs are now open and still have space available. Mr. Kim stated our fall programming will begin October 3rd and registration is now open. Mr. Kim stated the pool season will end on September 5, 2022. Mr. Kim mentioned that some of the seasonal pools close dates will be extended until September 26, 2022.

Mr. Kim shared several upcoming events, Sunday September 4th Griffith Park will host the Shakespeare Festival. On Monday, September 5, 2022 Venice Beach Recreation Center will be hosting the Muscle Beach Championship. The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will be hosting the Grunion fundraiser Gala on September 17th at 5 p.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 7 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no such request was submitted.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

There was one such request from the President of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council regarding maintenance at City parks.

BOARD REPORTS

22-218 Stoner Recreation Center – Park Improvements (PRJ21634) 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]; Class 1(3) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance Or Minor Alteration Of Existing Pedestrian Trails]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement Of Existing Structures And Facilities Where The New Structure Will Be Located On The Same Site As The Structure Replaced And Have Substantially The Same Purpose And Capacity]; 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) [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, 15302 And 15311 Of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-218.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-219 Cancellation of Various Quimby Fee Funded Capital Improvement Projects – Reallocation Quimby Fees

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-219.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-220 Averil Park – Stream Improvements (PRJ21644) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from The Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment and/or Industrial Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use If Required for Safety, Health, The Public Convenience, Or Environmental Control] Of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303 Of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-220.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-221 Runyon Canyon Park – Bridge and Stairs Demolition (PRJ21516) 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(11d) [Demolition and Removal of Individual Small Accessory Structures Where the Structures Are Not of Historical, Archaeological or Architectural Significance] Of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(14) Of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-221.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-222 Mount Carmel Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21580) 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], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, Or Landscaping], 4(12) [Minor Trenching

And Backfilling Where The Surface Is Restored], 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, 15304(b), 15304(f), And 15311 Of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-222

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-223 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. 22-223.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-224 Griffith Park - Miniature Train Ride Concession - Approval of Proposed 2022 Christmas Lights Festival Train Ride and Ticket Price Increase

Latricia Jones, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-224.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-225 Denker Recreation Center– Ballfield Improvements (PRJ21544) Project – 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], Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations To Existing Streets, Sidewalks, And Pedestrian Trails], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security And Operations], And Class 3(4) [Installation Of New Equipment and/or Industrial Facilities Involving Negligible Or No Expansion Of Use If Required For Safety, Health, The Public Convenience, Or Environmental Control] Of City CEQA Guidelines And Article 19, Sections 15301 And 15303 Of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-225

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-226 Griffith Park – License Agreement for The 2022 Los Angeles Haunted Hayride and Related Attractions – Categorical Exemption From The Provisions Of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) [Temporary Uses Of Land Having No Permanent Effects On The Environment,

Including But Not Limited To Carnivals, Parades, Temporary Location Filming, Sales Of Christmas Trees, Building Materials Storage On Street Or Sidewalk During Job, Construction Offices And Tract Sales Offices] And Class 4(7) [Issuance, Renewal Or Amendment Of Any Lease, License Or Permit To Use Land Involving Minor Alterations To The Condition Of The Land] Of City CEQA Guidelines As Well As To Article 19, Section 15304(e) Of California CEQA Guidelines

Stephanie Smith, Superintendent, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-226

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-227 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82183 – Recommendation to The Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-227.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-228 Vermont Square Park – PIP Replacement (PRJ21655) Project – Allocation of Zone Change Fees – 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. 22-228.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-229 First Amendment to Contract No. 1167 Between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Positive Coaching Alliance for Youth Sports Coaching Services

Traci Goldberg, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-229.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper 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 5-0.

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

Commissioner Alvarez stated that this Task Force met and discussed the renaming of the Oakwood Recreation Center and it was recommended that RAP seek the public outreach process. Commissioner Alvarez mentioned the second Item discussed was the Wilmington Town Square park conceptual approval of phase two additional artistic elements to move forward to full Commission for approval.

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 the park permitting process, how park rules are established and enforcement activities regarding Dearborn Park. Commissioner Chase also requested an update on Lakeside Park. Commissioner Alvarez requested a report back on the maintenance and restrooms at Hollenbeck Park. Commissioner Halper requested a report back regarding the motion from City Council on the Playground report, and the process for Capital Improvement repairs and Prioritization. Commissioner Halper would also like a progress report regarding the Community School Parks program. President Patsouras requested a report back on the Naming and Sponsorship policy updates and the impact on parks of the drought restrictions and use of recycled water. President Patsouras would also like a confirmation that all sites using reclaimed water have signage.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY