

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023

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 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
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 March 2, 2023. Commissioner Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the board reports of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2023. Commissioner Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, shared that our Emergency Management Division has been monitoring the adverse weather system and stated we have experienced some impacts throughout the City due to heavy rains.

Mr. Kim shared a few highlights from the Department our Play LA registration for spring has enrolled over 92,000 children and that is 117% over the departments projected plan.

Mr. Kim shared a few upcoming events. RAP will be hosting its first career fair today at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex. On Saturday, March 18th we will be hosting the Pretty in Pink conference at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex, as well as the Lincoln Park and Highland Park ribbon cutting ceremonies. Mr. Kim mentioned our summer camp and camp splash registration will begin on March 25th. On Thursday, March 30th the department will host the grand reopening of the playground at Pan Pacific Park. On Friday, March 31st RAP will host the renaming of the Grape Street Pocket Park to Betty F. Day Park.

Mr. Kim mentioned the department is working with staff to follow up on constituents' comments and concerns. Mr. Kim gave an update on the pickle ball consultant and the Community School Program. He mentioned RAP will be adding Bethune and Northridge middle school to our Community school program which will both be opening in the next month or so.

Chinyere Stoneham Superintendent of the Valley Region Recreation gave an update on Dearborn Park. Ms. Stoneham mentioned there are staff assigned to monitor the park on weekends as well as Park Rangers making more patrols. She stated they have begun to issue verbal warnings as to what is not allowed at the park.

Javier Solis Superintendent of our Maintenance Operations gave an update on the Exeloo self-cleaning restrooms. He stated we currently have three self-cleaning restrooms and will be opening another four within the next couple months.

Cathie Santo Domingo Assistant General Manager of our Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch gave an update on Pedlow Skate Park. She stated that RAP will work with the Council office and the community to identify funding to initiate a lighting project. Ms. Santo Domingo also provided an update on the Sepulveda Sports Complex and the Balboa Park soccer fields. Maintenance staff was sent in to assist with gopher abatement. RAP has closed ball diamond # 4 for refurbishment. RAP plans to blade and grade the field to assist with the water flow.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 18 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

23-052 California Natural Resources Agency – Proposition 64 Youth Community Access Program Grant 2022 Application Cycle – Retroactive Approval of Submission of Application, Program Scope and Budget; Approval of Resolution and Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-052.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-053 Various Centers – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the use of Four (4) Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities to host Voting Centers in Connection with the April 2023 Los Angeles City Council District 6 Special Primary Election and the June 2023 Los Angeles City Council District 6 Runoff 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. 23-053.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-054 Vermont Square Park – Donation from the Union Pacific Foundation Through The Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Six (6) 24-Inch Box Trees and a Two (2) Year Forest Maintenance Plan; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping, Native Growth, Water Supply Reservoirs; and Brush Clearance for Weed Abatement and Fire Protection]; Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping, but not Including Tree Removal Except Dead, Damaged or Diseased Trees or Limbs] 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(h), 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Priya Macwan, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-054.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-055 Hansen Dam Recreation Area Trail and Fencing Improvements (PRJ21569) (PRJ21620) Project – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3808 for California Landscape & Design, Inc.

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-055.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-056 Los Angeles River Park at Taylor Yard – Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Los Angeles (Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Sanitation), the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and California State Parks for the 100 Acre Partnership Project

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-056.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN

23-057 Grape Street Pocket Park – Renaming of Park as “Betty F. Day Park” – Categorical

Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Signs Located on City Property Managed by a City Department which has a Sign Policy Adopted by the its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-057.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-058 As-Needed Hazardous Substances Abatement Services RFQ – Award of Contract

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-058.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-059 As-Needed Environmental Health and Safety Services RFQ – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-058.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-060 Suspension of 1st and Broadway Civic Center Park – Park Development (PRJ21252) (PRJ20781) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Decommitment of Park Fees - Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Class (j) [Projects Which are Rejected or Disapproved] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15270 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-060.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-061 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Project- Phase 1 (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O #E1907694) – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notices and Release of Stop Payment Notices on Construction Contract No. 3645 for Pinner Construction Co., Inc.

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-061.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-062 Griffith Park – Approval and Acceptance of Rodger Young Village Educational Sign Improvements as a Donation from the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Foundation and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation to be Installed at the Autry Museum of the

American West – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [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(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-062.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-063 Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235F) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Statutory Exemption from 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 and processed according to the requirements of these Guidelines] 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. 23-063.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 13 such requests were submitted.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

There were no comments from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Chase 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 was meeting immediately after the Board meeting.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper reported 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 the conditions of the Sepulveda Basin regarding the lighting and drainage of the soccer fields and a report back on the Sepulveda Basin regarding the maintenance and drainage of the soccer fields. Commissioner Chase requested some feedback on having an Equine expert on staff. President Patsouras also requested feedback regarding an Equine expert. Commissioner Halper requested an update on Palisades Park playground refurbishment and the restrooms there being made ADA compliant. Commissioner Bayne requested some clarity regarding community engagement regarding the maintenance of the Sepulveda Basin soccer fields. Commissioner Bayne would also like a report back on the Pool at Highland Park. President Patsouras requested a report back on Highland Park Recreation Center and pool.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY