

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Maintenance, and Construction Branch  
Belinda Jackson, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch  
Crislyn McKerron, Chief Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch  
John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2023. Commissioner Hutton made such motion, and it was seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, began his update by introducing Deanne Dedmon the Superintendent of our Pacific Region. Deanne introduced the staff at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex and gave a brief overview of the facility.

Mr. Rudnick mentioned a few department highlights. the department will be hosting more than 100 Halloween themed events at most of our Recreation Centers. Mr. Rudnick stated we just want to thank staff. Both our recreation staff and our maintenance staff and everybody involved in the amazing Halloween activities and events that took place this past week. We had over 100 free events for families and community members. He also provided a few general updates. He mentioned that our winter registration for our PlayLA program and our winter sports programs opens this Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rudnick also provided a status update on the community input process for the future use of the Griffith Park pony ride site as it comes up frequently at our meetings. Mr. Rudnick stated Place Works has held 7 of 10 focus groups meetings to date, including meetings with Griffith Park. Stakeholder groups, animal advocacy organizations and equestrian organizations

Mr. Rudnick mentioned a draft of historic resources analysis has been completed and will soon be posted and finalized on our website. He stated the first of two Town Hall community workshops is tentatively scheduled for early December, along with the release of a public survey. RAP staff will continue to keep the board, and the public informed on this process.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 12 such requests were submitted.

### **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 3 such requests were submitted.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

23-184 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Project – Phase 1 (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O #E1907694) – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3645 for Pinner Construction Co., Inc.

Board Report No. 23-184 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-185 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-83939-SL – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication and In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-185

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-186 As-Needed Fence and Wall Installation, Maintenance and/or Repairs – Award of Contract

Board Report No. 23-186 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-187 North Hollywood Recreation Center – Council District 2 Pallet Housing Project – Extension of Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for the Homeless for a Period Not to Exceed One (1) Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency], as Reflected in Article 18

of the California CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), and California Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 (AB 1197), Applicable to City Of Los Angeles Emergency Homeless Shelters

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-187

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Vice President Sanchez that the Board Reports that were taken on consent be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were presented It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd that the Board Reports be approved as presented. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

**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.

**COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

**Commission Task Force on Concessions**

This Task Force did not meet.

**Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance**

This Task Force did not meet.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

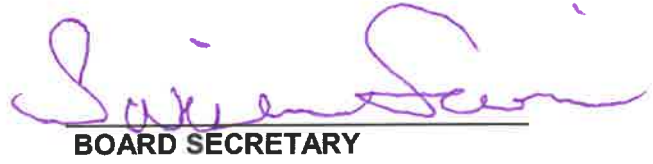
Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested.. Commissioner Hutton requested information on the ADA Compliance of the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex. President Simril requested a follow up report on the details of the item that Cindy Sterr mentioned during public comment

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**