

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, January 04, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:02 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez and Commissioner Fiona Hutton. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, 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
Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, 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 December 7, 2023. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began his update by reminding everyone that RAP's special events and program information can be found on our website at laparks.org under special events. Mr. Kim gave a brief update on our Emergency Management Division. Mr. Kim went on to thank the dedicated staff of Recreation and Parks who worked through the holidays to ensure that the parks were clean, safe, and well programmed.

Mr. Kim stated that RAP Park staff have reached out to constituents addressing their concerns regarding communications received by the RAP Board office.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 13 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

24-001 The Donation Acceptance of a Horse for the Park Ranger Division

Board Report No. 24-001 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-002 Peck Park – Renaming of Gymnasium Building as “Mel Bobich Gymnasium” – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311(a) [On Premise Sign] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-002 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-003 Reseda Skate Facility – Reseda Ice Skating and Roller Rink (PRJ21167) (PRJ21326) (W.O. #E170121F) Project – Request to Increase Construction Contingency

Cammie Neo, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-003

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-004 Rio De Los Angeles State Park Fields Maintenance Improvements (PRJ21462) (PRJ21447) (W.O. #E1908950) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Call For Bids – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities], Section 15302 [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 Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping, Including the Replacement of Existing Conventional Landscaping with Water Efficient or Fire Resistant Landscaping] and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 4(3) of the Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-004

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-005 Hollenbeck Park & I-5 Freeway Adjacent Beautification Project (W.O. M0016623) – Request for Authorization to Perform Work in Park Property – Consideration of the Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on March 28, 2023

Board Report No. 24-005 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-006 Campo De Cahuenga Park – Building and Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21714) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use, Such as Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances]; Section 15301(c) [Minor Alterations of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities]; Section 15303(e) [Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Facilities or Structures Such as Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences]; and Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 3(6), and Class 4(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-006 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-007 Boyle Heights Sports Center – Synthetic Field Replacement – (PRJ21735) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(d) [Restoration and Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: **WITHDRAWN**

24-008 Seoul International Park – Synthetic Field Replacement – (PRJ21736) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction 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] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-008 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-009 Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park – Synthetic Field Replacement (PRJ21748) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction 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] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-009 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-010 Studio City Recreation Center – New Gymnasium (Re-Bid) Project (PRJ20404) (W.O. #E170267B) – Authority to Re-Bid; Approval of Final Plans and Call for Bids

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-010

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-011 Venice of America Centennial Park – Rescission of Previous Board Action for Conceptual Approval of the Development of a Community History Museum on Park Property

Rick Tonthat, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-011

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-012 Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park – Pool Building Roof Improvements (PRJ21701) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Park Fees – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [the Activity is Covered by the Common-Sense Exemption that CEQA Applies Only to Projects Which Have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment, Where it Can be Seen With Certainty That There is No Possibility That the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect On the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] Of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-012 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-013 Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Balboa Sports Center – Tennis and Pickleball Improvements (PRJ21744) Project– Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical

Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] and Section 15303(e) [Conversion of Existing Small Structures, Such as Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences From One Use to Another Where Only Minor Modifications are Made in the Exterior of the Structure] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-013 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-014 Approval of the Department of Recreation and Parks FY2024-25 Project Plan Between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for the City's Youth Sports Program Partnership

Veronica Polanco, Project Coordinator, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-014

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-015 Griffith Observatory – Partnership Agreement Between the City of Los Angeles and Griffith Observatory Foundation for the Installation, Operation, and Ongoing Service of Internal and Public Wi-Fi at Griffith Observatory - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement of Existing Structures or Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of the California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-015 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-016 California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 2023-24 General Child Care and Development Program – Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Board Report No. 24-016 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-017 California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 2023-24 General Child Care and Development Program – Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Board Report No. 24-017 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the Board Reports that were taken on consent be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Report 24-003 & 24-004 as amended and board reports 24-010, 24-011 and 24-014 as presented. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

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 will meet following today's meeting, and will report back at our next meeting.

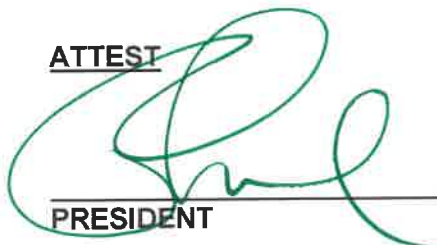
COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. There were no future agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY