

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, March 7, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present were, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran . 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, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2024. Commissioner Tran made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

Vice President Sanchez called for a motion to suspend the rule of 2-minute public comment and change it to 1 minute for today. . Commissioner Tran made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 34 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 5 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-049 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Ray Tadrissi, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-049.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-050 Donation from Los Angeles Clippers Foundation for the Continued Support of the Junior Clippers Basketball Program for 2024

Board Report No. 24-050 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-051 Greek Theatre Advisory Committee Appointments

Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-051.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-052 Bus Services – Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 24-052 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-053 Peck Park – Pickleball Installation (PRJ21719) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Park Fees – Exempt 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(l) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-053 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-054

Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park – Soccer Fields Replacements (PRJ21640) (PRJ21639) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Exempt 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 CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-054 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-055

Winnetka Recreation Center – Lighting and Camera Upgrades (PRJ21549) Project – Categorical Exemption From The Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, 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 Capacity] and Section 15303 [Construction and Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Facilities or Structures; Installation of Small New Equipment And Facilities In Small Structures; and the Conversion of Existing Small Structures 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(12) and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-055 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-056

Roger Jessup Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21555) Project – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities]; 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 as the Structure Replaced]; Section 15303(e) [Construction and Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] and Class 15304(B) [New Gardening or Landscaping] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2, Class 4(3) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-056 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-057 Hope And Peace Park – Splash Pad Improvements (PRJ21766) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-057 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-058 As-Needed Marketing, Community Outreach and Engagement, Videography, Event Planning, DJ and MC, Program Evaluation and Strategic Planning Services – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 24-058 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-059 Revision of the Department of Recreation and Parks Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Trish Delgado, Acting Executive Director, Expo Center, presented Board Report No. 24-059.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-060 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-84053-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Acting Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-060.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd 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.

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-049, 24-051, 24-059 and 24-060 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. 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 introducing Chinyere Stoneham, Acting Assistant General Manager of the Recreation Division. to introduce staff and provide a little background of our Valley Region and Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center. Mr. Kim also introduced Tracie Goldberg to give an update on the reopening of the VNSO pool.

Mr. Kim provided a brief update that our RAP Staff and the Place Works consultant team hosted and open house last night at the Friendship Auditorium regarding the reimagining o the Griffith Park Concession. Mr. Kim stated there were approximately 120 community members who provided valuable input on the topic. The Placework team will be providing a summary of the open house online and at a future meeting.

Mr. Kim introduced Veronica Pollanco, Chief Innovation Officer who presented staff with the two awards we received. RAP received the California Park and Recreation Society 2023 Marketing and Communications award of excellence. Our RAP Aquatic division received an award for best of aquatics for their program, to learn to serve and learn to kayak adaptive versions for people with disabilities. Mr. Kim went on to thank all of Recreation and Parks staff for their hard work and dedication to the department and community.

Vice President Sanchez thanked the staff at VNSO Recreation Center and the constituents that are here today. He stated as someone who has a child on the spectrum, I really appreciate this parks efforts and RAP's efforts to really focus on equity, not only for students of color and students who are from low-income communities. But in particular, young people who are facing other challenges.

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

Commissioner Tran stated this task force met and discussed the following, the department is developing an RFP for city wide food and beverage services across the city on our properties, including food truck and mobile food service locations. He stated an RFP is being finalized for a long-term Manager of the Stoney Point Ranch and will be released in the next couple months.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

This Task Force did not meet.

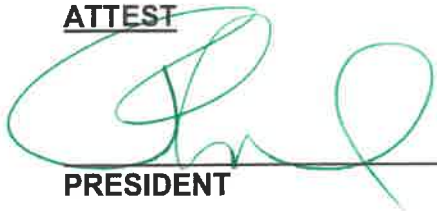
COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. Commissioner Lloyd requested a report our relationship with cultural affairs. Vice President Sanchez would like a report back on Centennial Park and the Venice Beach Boardwalk near the lifeguard tower, the sculptures, the playground, and the Poetry Monument, and also the carousel. Vice President Sanchez would also like a report back on El Sereno RC Playground.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY