

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

The Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:03 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer 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 t, 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**

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2023. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. 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 the public that all of our special events can be found at laparks.org. Mr. Kim shared a couple of highlights, this weekend is the Griffith Park train rides 75th year of operating in that location, and all train rides will be 75 cents until they're sold out

Mr. Kim mentioned the department will be participating this weekend at City Hall at the LA Congress Neighborhood affair. Where all the leaders in the neighborhood councils will be meeting to discuss different topics and have different speakers talking about how they could better our city and participate in city government.

Mr. Kim mentioned some of the various communications from constituents from our last meeting, staff continues to work on addressing issues related to those communications.

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer provided the board with an update related to the Reseda Ice Rink Operating and management contract, there was a question regarding the force majeure language that was built into the contract. Typically, in most city contracts for services, there's force majeure language that both the contractor and the city can fall back on in the event of a natural disaster. The force majeure language was not unique to the contract, and so we recommend we proceed with that item moving forward.

## **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; one such request was submitted.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

23-168 Granada Hills Park – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement (PRJ21109) (PRJ21642) (W.O.# E170517f) Project – Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in lieu of Retention

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-168.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-169 Reseda Park – Multipurpose Center Improvements (PRJ21468) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances]; 15301(c) [Minor Alterations Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities]; 15304(d) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety, Unless it is Determined that the Damage was Substantial and Resulted from an Environmental Hazard Such as Earthquake, Landslide, or Flood]; 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] and 15311(a) [Installation of On Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 1(4), Class 3(6), and Class 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines.

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-169

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-170 Glassell Park – Childcare Renovation (PRJ21722) (PRJ21683) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances]; 15301(c) [Existing

Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities (This Includes Road Grading for the Purpose of Public Safety), and Other Alterations]; 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 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-170

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-171 Griffith Park – Fern Dell Play Area Improvements (PRJ21204) Project — Commitment of Additional Park Fees — Exemption from the Provisions of 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 CEQA Guidelines and 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, and 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 the California CEQA Guidelines

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-171

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-172 Reconciliation of Capital Improvement Projects – Reallocation and Transfer of Quimby and Zone Change Fees; Modification of Budget for the Zelzah Park – Road and Parking Lot Improvement (PRJ1349B) Project

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-172

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-173 Pan Pacific Park – Holocaust Museum LA Approval of Lease Amendment, Amended and Restated Memorandum of Lease, and Landlord Estoppel Certificate – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or no Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Rick Tonthat, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-173

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were presented. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran that the Board Reports be approved as presented. 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 did not meet.

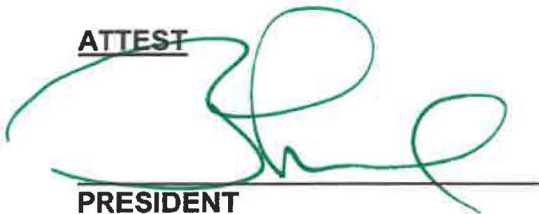
### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. There were no items requested at this meeting. Commissioner Hutton requested a document that reflects the different terms of concession contracts.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

**ATTEST**



**PRESIDENT**



**BOARD SECRETARY**