

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the EXPO Center Ahmanson Senior Center Ballroom at 9:36 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Melba Culpepper, Commissioner Misty Sanford, and Commissioner Iris Zuñiga. Also present were Michael Shull, General Manager, and Deputy City Attorney IV Anthony-Paul Diaz.

The following Department staff members were present:

Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, Operations Branch
Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Partnership and Revenue Branch
Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Division

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center staff.
- Carol Jacobsen, Senior Management Analyst I, was presented with a Resolution upon her retirement after 20 years of dedicated City service.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of July 8, 2015
- Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of July 24, 2015

Commissioner Sanford moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2015 Special Meeting and the July 24, 2015 Special Meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Culpepper. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

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VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

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BOARD OFFICE – ACTING SECRETARY AND SIGNATURE
AUTHORITY

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ALL-WEATHER TURF CONSTRUCTION, RETROFIT,
MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIRS – REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS

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15-171 – Taken Out of Order

PERSHING SQUARE PARK – AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN AND RENOVATION WITH PERSHING SQUARE RENEW

Eduardo Santana, Executive Director of Pershing Square Renew (Renew), discussed the organization's community outreach efforts, partnerships developed through the Pershing Square Task Force, proposed funding plan, and the international design competition for the Pershing Square Park design and renovation project. Councilmember José Huizar of the Fourteenth Council District expressed his support for the Pershing Square Park design and renovation project, and discussed the community engagement and public/private partnerships involved in the project. The Board requested that the design concepts take into consideration the feasibility of constructing over the Pershing Square parking garage, programming to engage the homeless population, and development of a financially self-sustaining strategy. The Board and Department staff further discussed the terms and conditions of the proposed Agreement, and coordination with future capital improvement projects and concession agreements for Pershing Square Park.

Public comments were invited for General Manager's Report No. 15-171. Thirteen requests for public comment were received, and such comments were made to the Board.

Commissioner Alvarez moved that the Board approve General Manager's Report No. 15-171, which was seconded by Commissioner Sanford. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

15-172

BALDWIN HILLS RECREATION CENTER – AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION, LA84 FOUNDATION, AND CAL RIPKEN SR. FOUNDATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The Board and Department staff discussed that the traditional Department logo will be used for the video board design for the Dodgers Dreamfield at Baldwin Hills Recreation Center.

15-173

PALISADES RECREATION CENTER – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOCCIE COURTS AND A NEW PICNIC AREA TO BE DONATED BY YOUR PALISADES PARK IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

15-174

CLEAN AND SAFE SPACES (CLASS) PARKS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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RUNYON CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT – ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION, CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

15-176

OAKRIDGE RESIDENCE – FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRIENDS OF OAKRIDGE, FOR A TERM EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR

15-177

PORTER RANCH – APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR PORTER RANCH SESNON PROPERTY PROJECT; AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT

District Director Megan Cottier of Councilmember Mitchell Englander's Office discussed the community outreach process in which stakeholder input was gathered for the design and recreational programming for the conceptual plan of the Porter Ranch Sesnon Property project.

15-178

50 PARKS INITIATIVE – VERMONT GAGE PARK (PRJ20675) PROJECT – APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS

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GREENWOOD SQUARE PARK PROJECT – APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS

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QUIMBY FEES – VARIOUS REFUNDS

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WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20637) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS

15-182

WHITSETT FIELDS PARK – SYNTHETIC TURF IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20757) (W.O. #E170150F) PROJECT – FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

15-183

HOLLYWOOD RECREATION CENTER – POOL AND POOL BUILDING (PRJ1402B) (W.O. #E170344F) ACCEPTANCE OF STOP PAYMENT NOTICE ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 3454

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DEARBORN PARK – IRRIGATION AND FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (W.O. #E170332F) – CONTRACT NO. 3490 – FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND RELEASE OF RETENTION

15-185

CITY PARK IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – ALLOCATION OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS

15-186 – Continued

GRIFFITH PARK/CENTRAL SERVICE YARD – AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE TO PERFORM GROUNDWATER ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION – RECISSION OF PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION – REVISED AMENDMENT

General Manager's Report No. 15-186 was continued to a future Board Meeting.

15-187

MACARTHUR PARK – 7TH AND ALVARADO ENTRY (PRJ20879) (W.O. #E1907857) PROJECT – FINAL PLANS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

15-188

MACARTHUR PARK LAKE – WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PRJ20879) PROJECT – FINAL PLANS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

15-189

LAFAYETTE PARK – CONCEPTUAL PLAN TO EXPAND THE HEART OF LOS ANGELES PROGRAM

15-190

SOUTH PARK – NORTHWEST SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD (PRJ20812) (W.O. #E1907808) PROJECT – FINAL PLANS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

15-191 - Taken Out of Order

GRIFFITH PARK – GREEK THEATRE – ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEK THEATRE FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION (CON-F15-002)

Commissioner Sanford recused herself out of an abundance of caution and left the Meeting prior to the consideration of General Manager's Report No. 15-191.

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The Board and Department staff discussed the equipment credit provisions for the first year of operation in the proposed Addendum No. 2 to the Request for Proposals for the Operation and Maintenance of the Greek Theatre Food and Beverage Concession. Public comment was invited; however, no requests for public comment were received.

Commissioner Culpepper moved that the Board approve General Manager's Report No. 15-191 as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sanford returned to the Meeting after the Board's consideration and approval of General Manager's Report No. 15-191.

15-192

PERSHING SQUARE PARK – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MOBILE ILLUMINATION, INC. FOR WINTER THEME LIGHTING

Public comments were invited for the General Manager's Reports. One request for public comment was received for General Manager's Reports No. 15-188 and 15-189 from Special Projects Deputy Sharon Lowe of Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo's Office to discuss the MacArthur Park - 7th and Alvarado Entry Project and the MacArthur Park Lake - Water Quality Improvement Project.

President Patsaouras requested a Motion to approve the General Manager's Reports as presented with the exception of General Manager's Reports No. 15-171 and 15-191 which were acted on separately, and General Manager's Report No. 15-186 which was continued. Commissioner Sanford moved that the General Manager's Reports be approved, and that the Resolutions recommended in the respective Reports be thereby approved. Commissioner Culpepper seconded the Motion. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Assistant General Manager Vicki Israel presented the informational report regarding the grant funding for child care services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center from the 2015-2016 General Child Care and Development and California Preschool Program dispersed through the California Department of Education.
- Sunset Gordon Project/Sunset Gordon Park

The informational report on the Sunset Gordon Project/Sunset Gordon Park was continued to a future Board Meeting.

COMMISSION TASK FORCES

- Commission Task Force on Concessions (Commissioners Alvarez and Zuñiga)

There were no reports for the Commission Task Force on Concessions.

- Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance (Commissioners Culpepper and Sanford)

There were no reports for the Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance.

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PRESENTATIONS

- Joe Salaices, Superintendent of Griffith Region, presented the status report on the Mount Hollywood Drive Traffic Study and Feasibility Project. Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan discussed that the Department will be able to meet the traffic flow objectives at Griffith Park without having to re-open the 1.1 mile stretch of Mount Hollywood Drive to vehicular traffic. A consultant has been hired to conduct traffic flow studies in Griffith Park. The Department will present a comprehensive traffic flow plan at a later date. Public comment was invited for the presentation, and six requests for public comments were received. Such comments were made to the Board.
- Construction Signage Informational Report – Oral Presentation by Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch

The Construction Signage Informational Report was continued to a future Board Meeting.

- State Street Recreation Center – Oral Report on Programming in Vacated Space Resulting from Termination of Agreement with Foundation for Early Childhood Education

The Oral Report on State Street Recreation Center was continued to a future Board Meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan reported on Department activities, facilities, and upcoming events.

CLOSED SESSION – Taken Out of Order

The Board recessed to closed session at 10:36 a.m. pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) in order to confer with legal counsel concerning proposed settlements in *Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust and Friends of Griffith Park v. City of Los Angeles, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS151111*, and in *Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust and Friends of Griffith Park v. City of Los Angeles, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS151089*. The Board reconvened at 11:28 a.m., at which time Deputy City Attorney IV Anthony-Paul Diaz announced that there was no action taken by the Board during closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment on matters within the Board's jurisdiction was invited. Three requests for public comment were received, and such comments were made to the Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future Agenda Items.

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NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 9:30 a.m., at Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY