

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, July 16, 2020

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Nicole Chase and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Deputy City Attorney IV Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong

The following Department staff members were also present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination and Selection of Board President for 2020-21 is Sylvia Patsouras – Motion by Vice-President Alvarez and Seconded by Commissioner Halper; and,

Nomination and Selection of Board Vice President for Fiscal Year 2020-21 is Lynn Alvarez – Motion by President Patsouras, Seconded by Commissioner Chase.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020. Commissioner Halper made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 3 such requests were submitted.

Commissioner Bayne joined the Meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began his report by announcing that RAP is now managing 13 homeless shelters, down from 24 with over 1,000 residents at the outset of the current pandemic, and looking to close more in the near future. Mr. Shull then shared that Summer PlayLA, RAP's Summer Camp and Childcare program, recently kicked off at 46 Recreation Centers, with a focus in lower income communities, with over 1,300 attendees and RAP has over 7,000 registrants for the entire summer program. He stated that this current enrollment is down from previous years due to the pandemic. Mr. Shull emphasized that RAP staff continues to

follow very stringent health guidelines while providing this essential service. He also updated the Board on the current budget impacts on furloughs for RAP staff, as well as provided an overview of the Separation Incentive Program (SIP) that has been announced Citywide in order to incentivize retirement-eligible employees and avoid furloughs. Mr. Shull reported that RAP has about 300 employees that would be eligible for this program. He provided an overview of the effects SIP would have on RAP operations. Mr. Shull then gave a preview of possible RAP operations for the Fall, as services may be affected by LAUSD's decision whether to return to on-campus instruction.

BOARD REPORTS

20-128 Clean and Safe Spaces (Class) Parks Youth Employment Internship - Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-128.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-129 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Memorandum of Agreement with the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Establishing Roles, Responsibilities, and Relationship for Support of the Aquarium

Crislyn McKerron, Chief Management Analyst, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-129.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS

Agreement shall only refer to the Office of the President and Executive Director of Friends of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

20-130 Bellevue Recreation Center – Amendment to Contract No. 3625 with Hilltop Nursery School to Temporarily Increase the Allowable Maximum Percentage Request for Yearly Increases to Tuition Rate and Fee for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; Tuition Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Due to COVID-19

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-130.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-131 Measure A Grant Status Update (January – June 2020)

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-132 Expo Center – Donation from the Friends of Expo Center for 2020 Summer Play LA

Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-132.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-133 1st and Broadway Civic Center Park (PRJ20781) (PRJ21252) (W.O. #E1907807) Project – Cancellation of Bids and Re-Bid

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate I, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-133.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-134 Cleveland High School Pool – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System (HVAC) Replacement (PRJ21410) (RAPX4552) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior Alterations where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air Conditioning Systems] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-134.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-135 Fallbrook Avenue Park – New Park Development (PRJ21150) Project – Final Acceptance of Project

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-135.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-136 Glen Alla Park – Tennis and Paddle Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21386) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations of Existing Public Facilities where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-136.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-137 Stoner Recreation Center – Path Of Travel Improvements (PRJ21362) Project; Allocation of Zone Change and Quimby Fees; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations to an Existing Public Facility where

there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Pedestrian Pathways] and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-137.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-138 Stoner Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21390) (PRJ21361) Project; Allocation of Quimby Fees; Commitment of Park Fees; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations involving Minor Construction with No or Negligible Expansion of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations of Existing Pedestrian Trails and Parking Lots], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] and Class 11(3) [Installation of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Facilities], and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-138.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-139 Northridge Recreation Center – Sports Court Lighting (Aka Proposition K Sports Court Lighting Retrofit: Northridge RC) (PRJ21139) (W.O. #E170508) Project – Final Acceptance

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate I, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-139.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-140 Peck Park – Park Improvements (PRJ21368) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior and Exterior Alterations of Existing Facilities where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(3) [Repair of Existing Streets and Parking Lots] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-140.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-141 Studio City Recreation Center – New Gymnasium (PRJ20404) (W.O. #E170267B) Project – Rejection of All Bids and Re-Bid

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate I, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-141.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-142 Valley Plaza Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21331) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Landscape and Tree Planting], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling], and Class 11(3) [Installation of Minor Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-142.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-143 Valley Plaza Park – Whitsett Sports Field Synthetic Field Replacement (PRJ21389) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations involving Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-143.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-144 Washington Irving Pocket Park – Park Redesign (PRJ21295) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11)(d) [Demolition of Accessory Structures], Class 3(6) [Installation of New Structure Accessory to an Existing Use], Class 4(2) [Grading on Land with Slope of 15% or More], Class 4(3) [New Tree Planting and Landscaping], Class 4(4) [Filling of Earth in areas that were Previously Excavated], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling], Class 11(1) [On-Premise Signs] and Class 11(3) [Installation of Minor Accessory Features] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(l)(4), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(c), 15304(f), and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-144.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-145 First and Broadway Park – Approve Award and Authorize Execution of Agreement for the Development, Operation and Maintenance of the Food and Beverage

Concession at First and Broadway Park Restaurant Complex-Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of a License to Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Rachel Ramos, Concessions Manager, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-145.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; 2 such request were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsaouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented and Board Report No. 20-129 with the amendments listed previously. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Chase that the Board Reports be approved as listed above. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

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. Vice-President Alvarez requested a report-back on status of the First and Broadway (FAB) Project and Commissioner Chase requested an update on the status of the Park Ranger Division.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patsaouras reminded the audience that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY