

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Regular Meeting at 9:31 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, 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

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch

Matthew Rudnick, Acting Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021. 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 5-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 2 such requests were submitted.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, shared that RAP's continues to support the Mayor's push to get vaccines distributed to more Angelenos, as several RAP facilities are being used as a Mobile Point of Distribution (MPOD), including El Sereno Recreation Center and Balboa Sports Complex which has each supported over 2,000 inoculations per day. Mr. Shull also pointed out that as vaccine distribution has ramped up and the positivity rate has gone down, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has eased restrictions allowing RAP to open more facilities and amenities, including issuing some permits for organized sports activity. He then mentioned that RAP has also been able to implement many modernization and capital improvements during the time facilities have been closed to the public as a result of the pandemic. Mr. Shull concluded his remarks by recognizing 22 employees that will be taking part of the City Separation Incentive Program (SIP) by retiring this month; he thanked them for many years of service and wished them well as they move onto the next stage of their lives.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

21-031            Communication Services - Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds in the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Information Technology Agency

Ray Tadrissi, Management Analyst, Budget Section, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-031.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-032            Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Pool Replacement and Bathhouse Renovation (PRJ21117) (W.O. #E170293F) – Contract No. 3610 – Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-032.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-033            Echo Park Skate Park (PRJ20837) (W.O. #E170186F) Project – Contract No. 3598 – Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-033.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-034            Western and Gage Community Park – AKA Western Gage Park: Property Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control to the Department of Recreation and Parks from the Department of General Services – Final Acceptance of Park Improvements Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) [Installation of Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], Class 3(6) [Construction of Accessory Structures], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping], Class 11(5) [Signs Located on City Property Managed by a Department that Has a Sign Policy] and Class 25 [Transfer of Ownership of Interests in Land in Order to Preserve Open Space for Park Purposes] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303(e), 15304(b), 15311(a) and 15325(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-034.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-035            Westwood Park – Aidan's Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Allocation of Funds for Which the Underlying Project has Previously Been Evaluated for Environmental Significance and Processed According to the Requirements of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines] and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

21-036 Ascot Hills Park – Interpretive Nature Center Construction (PRJ21075) Project — Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-036.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-037 Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) 2020 Round Grant; Approval of Project Scopes and Budget, Resolution, Approval of Donation Agreements; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-037.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS AS NOTED BELOW:

Attachment 1: Project Name **6th Street Viaduct PARC**, Total Project Cost **\$31,547,139**; Slauson Connect: Total Project Cost **\$5,060,000**, Requested Grant Amount **\$5,060,000**; Total Project Cost **\$87,774,584**, Requested Grant Amount **\$62,497,946**

Attachment 2, Exhibit A: Project Name **6th Street Viaduct PARC**, Total Project Cost **\$31,547,139**, Project Name **Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (aka Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex @ Rancho Cienega Park)**, Slauson Connect Total Project Cost **\$5,060,000**, Requested Grant Amount **\$5,060,000**, Total Project Cost **\$83,451,139**, Total Requested Grant Amount **\$58,174,501**

21-038 Palisades Park and Recreation Center – Veterans Gardens; Approval of Amended and Restated Agreement with Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation for the Installation of Park Improvements, Including Approval of Revised Recognition Signage, Project Acceptance, and Approval of a Proposed Maintenance Agreement

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

**BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 8 such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Report as presented. 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. No such requests were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**