

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday November 4, 2021

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Special Meeting at 9:34 a.m. Present were Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Assistant City Attorney Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Alvarez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting of October 21, 2021. Commissioner Chase made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. 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, two such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began his comments by sharing COVID-19 updates as the department is preparing for the implementation of the new ordinance passed by City council on the vaccine mandate in which all Recreation and Parks facilities will be required to request proof of vaccination beginning November 29, 2021. The department is in the process of hanging signage at all facilities so that there is information out to the public that pertain to the new mandate. Mr. Shull mentioned that the department is trying to form outdoor recreational programming for those individuals who are eligible to be vaccinated but have not shown proof of vaccination and there are also plans to have virtual recreational programming as well so that we may continue to accomplish our mission in different ways. Mr. Shull mentioned that there will be a significant change in our Recreation protocols but that he feels the department is well prepared to be in compliance with the ordinance when the time comes. He mentioned our fall league programming and classes have begun. Mr. Shull says we are actively programming such sports as flag football, soccer, girls' volleyball, dance and various sports and fitness classes around the City. He shared a couple of upcoming events, one is planned for Saturday, November 6th at Algin Sutton Park., which will be a huge community event. This will be the launch of our subsidized

program called the PlayLA where most of the youth programs throughout the City will be offered at a low-cost rate of ten dollars per participant. Mr. Shull went on to thank the Mayor who was instrumental in receiving the funding for the LA28 Olympics nearly a decade in advance which has allowed us to host these programs and get youths really excited about the Olympics. Mr. Shull mentioned that removing the barrier of cost associated with these programs will allow our programming to climb in the next few years dramatically. Mr. Shull went on to thank the Recreation, Maintenance and Construction staff who were involved in helping with the launch of these programs. He also mentioned an event taking place on Saturday, November 13th the 125th Anniversary celebration of Griffith Park. Mr. Shull mentioned another event scheduled for November 17th hosted by the Brotherhood Crusade at Algin Sutton Park a drive-by Turkey basket distribution. In addition, we will be offering through the St. John's Well Child and Family Center will be set up to distribute Pfizer vaccinations and a booster clinic. Mr. Shull mentioned updating the Commissioners on the upcoming Budget preparation at the upcoming retreat.

BOARD REPORTS

21-184 National Recreation and Parks Association / Disney 2021-2022 Youth Sports and Play Grant – Approval of Submission of Funding Application; Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-184.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-185 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - City of Los Angeles Park Tree Inventory, Tree Planting and Arboriculture Education Project (Grant Agreement No. 8GG17403) – Project Extension Amendment No. 2

Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-185.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-186 Runyon Canyon Park – Gate Replacement (PRJ21509) 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 (3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Park Entrance] and 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(C) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-186.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-187 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Camp Machado Electrical Upgrades (PRJ21510) 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(2) [Minor Alteration of Existing Electrical Power Systems Serving Existing Facilities]; Class 2 [Reconstruction 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 3(8) [Additions to Underground Distribution System Facilities Such as Conduits and Connections to Existing Overhead Electrical Utility Distribution Lines], and Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(B), 15302, 15303(D) and 15304(F) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee,. Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-187.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-188 Venice Beach Pier Maintenance and Repair (PRJ20587) (W.O. E1907957) Project –Contract No. 3763 – Final Acceptance

Sean Phan,. Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-188.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-189 Wilmington Recreation Center – Agreement with Harbor Community Development Corporation for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of the Wilmington Teen Center to Provide Recreational Youth Programs and Related Services; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Renewal of Permit to Use an Existing Structure Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Priya Macwan, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-189.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-190 Designation and Adoption of Skateboard Parks and All-Wheel Parks on City-Owned Property Per Los Angeles Municipal Code 63.44 N; Installation of Appropriate Signage - Categorical Exemption From The Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Signs Located on City Property Managed by a City Department which has a Sign Policy Adopted by its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(A) of California CEQA Guidelines and Direct Recreation and Parks (Rap) Staff to File a Notice of Exemption (Noe) with The Los Angeles County Clerk

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch,

presented Board Report No. 21-190.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-191 Proposed Park Acquisition – Pico/Union Community Garden (Aka - Cesar Chavez Community Garden) – Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Acquisition Activities Including Due Diligence, Funding for Remediation and Related Acquisition Costs Related to the Possible Acquisition of The Property for Open Space and or Park Development

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-191.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

21-192 Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – Agreement Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and Miracle League Los Angeles for the Continued Operation of a Recreational Baseball League for Persons with Special Needs; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Renewal of a License to Use an Existing Structure Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Priya Macwan, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 21-192.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

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; no such requests were submitted. Vice President Alvarez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper 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 3-0.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Chase reported that this Task Force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commission Vice President Alvarez reported that this Task Force met and discussed repairs to the Griffith Park Panorama view. The Los Angeles Parks foundation has some repairs to be made and also presented a plaque in honor of Tom La Bonge. Vice President Alvarez made some suggestions on the language on the plaque. She mentioned regular Quimby updates, and future agenda items to be brought to the Commission.

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 Halper requested an update on the Potrero Canyon Project in regards to funding of the bridge. Commissioner Halper requested an update on Deb's park on the uptick in crimes and what the department plans to do to make this park safer for the community. Commissioner Chase would like a status report on the Equestrian Centers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY