

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 2, 2022

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 Patsaouras, Vice President Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joe Halper. Also present were Michael Shull, General Manager, Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, Assistant City Attorney Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

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

Matthew Rudnick, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2022. Commissioner Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Vice President Alvarez. 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, 7 such requests were submitted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Michael Shull, General Manager Michael Shull, General Manager, reported the opening of 31 seasonal pools on Memorial Day weekend and mentioned that 58 Lifeguard recruits will graduate on June 4th. He mentioned upcoming registration dates, June 4th for summer classes and clinics, June 11 swim teams, and June 19 free swimming lessons. Mr. Shull stated summer camp will begin on June 13, the Summer Night Lights program will begin on July 13, and the Lotus Festival will take place July 9 and 10.

Mr. Shull mentioned the recent ribbon cutting at Winnetka Recreation Center, the upcoming re-opening of Victory Valley Child Care Center on June 6 and the Branford Child Care Center on June 9, and the kick-off swimming season dates of June 11 at Sylmar Pool and June 12 and at Griffith Park Pool. He also addressed the Department's new water restrictions.

Matthew Rudnick Assistant General Manager gave a brief update on the Griffith Park Pony Rides.

Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager, presented two reports to the Board. He recognized the support of RAP by the West Coast Sports Associates, and he gave a status report on Pickleball.

VERBAL REPORT AND FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)

President Sylvia Patsouras reported that the board must consider a determination, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of this Board, and the ability of the members of all of this Board's advisory bodies, including, but not limited to, all park advisory boards, the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee, and the Golf Advisory Committee, as well as the public who might attend these meetings, to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

President Sylvia Patsouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Bayne seconded the motion.

Public comment relevant to this item were invited, with no requests submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

BOARD REPORTS

22-134 Bellevue Recreation Center – Fourth Amendment to Contract No. 3625 With Hilltop Nursery School to Increase the Allowable Maximum Percentage Request for Yearly Increases to the Tuition Rate and Fee(S) to 4%; Tuition Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-134

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-135 Measure A – Grant Agreement Amendments for Time Extension for Alvarado Terrace Playground Replacement Project and Del Rey Lagoon Playground Replacement Project

Steven Tran, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-135.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-136 Approval of New Logo for The Department of Recreation and Parks

AP Diaz, Chief of Staff, Executive Office Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-136.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-137 Plaza De La Raza Cultural Center – Additional Special Events to Serve Alcoholic Beverages

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-137.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-138 WebXpress Gateway System for use with the Recreation Management and Reservation System from Rectrac, LLC D/B/A Vermont Systems – Award of Contract; Exemption from Charter Section 1022

Alex Yee, Director of Systems, Systems Division, presented Board Report No. 22-138.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-139 Park Fee Ordinance - Changes to The Park Fees Section of The Schedule of Rates and Fees - Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(o)(4) [Approval of Rates for the Purpose of Obtaining Funds for Capital Projects Necessary to Maintain Service Within Existing Service Areas] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15273(a)(4) of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-139.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-140 Rancho Cienega Park – Sports Complex Phase 1B (PRJ21492) (PRJ21049) 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) [Exterior Alterations Involving Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 1(3) [Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting And Fencing For Security and Operations]; Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity]; Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment Required for Safety and the Public Convenience Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 3(6) [Construction of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures]; Class 4(3) [New Tree Planting And Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines and Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of CEQA Pursuant to Section 21080.35 [Exclusions Regarding Installation of Solar Energy Systems] of California Public Resources Code

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-140.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-141 Eagle Rock Recreation Center – Playground and Outdoor Fitness Equipment Replacement (PRJ21575) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Maintenance and Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails]; Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity], and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant To) Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-141.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-142 Valley Plaza Park – Memorandum Of Understanding For License With The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for The North Hollywood West Wellhead Treatment Project; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of any Lease, License or Permit to use an Existing Structure or Facility] and Class 6(2) [Basic Data Collection and Field Testing of City Departments, Which do Not Result in Serious or Major Disturbances to an Environmental Resource] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15306 of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

22-143 Highland Park Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21566) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions Of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing Pedestrian Trails]; Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure Will Be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Industrial, Commercial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-143.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-144 Donation from Burgis Holdings, LLC. In Support of 2021 Summer Swim Programs at Sylmar Pool

Carlos Espinoza, Aquatic Director, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-144.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-145 Plan for The Phased Expansion of The Community School Parks Program, 2022 - 2026

Jimmy Kim, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-145.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-146 Revised Sponsorship Recognition Policy, Procedures, and Guidelines for Recognizing Organizations and Individuals that Contribute to and/or Support City of Los Angeles Parks and Programs; Revised Naming Policy (Criteria, Guidelines and Procedures for Parks and Park Assets)

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; two such requests were submitted. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented minus Board Report 22-136. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be approved minus board report 22-136. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report 22-136 as presented. It was moved by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by President Patsouras that the Board Report be approved There were two objections, the motion was approved by a vote of 3-2.

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

Vice President Alvarez stated that this Task Force met and discussed the Renaming of Gladys Park and calling it General Jeff Park.

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. President Patsouras thanked everyone involved in organizing the recent staff appreciation day and all those who attended and gave special thanks to the staff who performed at the event. Commissioner Halper thanked Jimmy Kim for a wonderful Aquatic program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY