

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

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 Lynn Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joe Halper. Also present were Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, 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

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Acknowledgement of Service – Commissioner Joseph Halper

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2023. Commissioner Bayne 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 MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, started his update by thanking all Recreation and Parks staff for their hard work during the LAUSD strike. Mr. Rudnick also thank our Maintenance and Construction staff on all the roof repairs and down trees due to the heavy rains. Mr. Rudnick shared that our GPLA program participated in a water polo clinic.

Mr. Rudnick shared a few highlights from the Department that our GPLA program participated in a water polo clinic this past Saturday at Expo. Our Aquatics division hosted water safety pool party at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks pool in honor of world autism awareness day. Mr. Rudnick mentioned our summer camp enrollment is now open. The summer camps will be open from June 12<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rudnick shared a few upcoming events. RAP will be hosting its black history music festival at Pershing Square on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a new playground opening at Anderson Park and a Lego ship building contest hosted at the Maritime Museum.

Javier Solis Superintendent of our Maintenance Operations gave an update on the Balboa softball fields. He stated Wayne Neal, Principal Maintenance Supervisor met with the softball league and they agreed we have made a significant amount of improvements to the fields.

Matthew Rudnick Executive Office gave an update on the Highland Park pool. Mr. Rudnick stated the department has requested funding to replace this facility in our capital improvement request in the FY 2023 2024 budget request. Mr. Rudnick also stated there was a motion from council district 14 to transfer funding to BOE to prepare the pool redesign. Mr. Rudnick also gave a few comments regarding some of the various communications received by constituents.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 24 such requests were submitted.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

23-064 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Project- Phase 1 (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O #E1907694) – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice and Release of Payment Stop Notice on Construction Contract No. 3645 for Pinner Construction Co., Inc.

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-064.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-065 George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon – Landscaping (W.O. #E1908635) Project – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice and Acceptance of Bond for Release of Stop Notice on Construction Contract No. 3799 for Ford E.C., Inc.

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-065.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-066 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Discovery Cube Los Angeles – Preliminary Conceptual Approval of Revised Outdoor Exhibits

Angela Wang, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-066.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH A CORRECTION

23-067 Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park – Pool Building Roof Improvements (PRJ21701) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and

have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-067.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-068 Dockweiler State Beach – LA County Storm Drain Renovation Project – Project Approval – 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 Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or no Expansion of use] and Class 2(3) [Replacement and Reconstruction of Existing Utility Facilities Involving Negligible or no Expansion of Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-068.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-069 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-83924-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-069.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-070 Griffith Park – Approval and Acceptance of Internment Camp Education Sign Improvements as a Donation from the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Foundation and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation to be Installed at Travel Town – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Installation of 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 as well as Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-070.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-071 Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Joshua Beltran, Management Analyst, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-071.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-072 Plaza De La Raza Cultural Center – Additional Special Events to Serve Alcoholic Beverages

Kimberly Simonet, Pr. Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-072.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-073 Griffith Park - First Amendment to Agreement No. 3803 Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and LA Compost to Extend the Term for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of a Compost Hub Pilot Project at Griffith Park

Priya Macwan, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-073.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-074 Griffith Park – Greek Theatre – Amendment to the User Agreement

Rachel Ramos, Sr. Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-074.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-075 Larissa Parkway – Retaining Wall Renovation (PRJ21685) 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(4) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities or Mechanical Equipment and Systems to Meet Current Standards of Public Health, Safety and Environmental Protection] and Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(d) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-075.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

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

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 3 such requests were submitted.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

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

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with corrections to board report 23-066. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Halper that the Board Reports be approved as presented with corrections to board report 23-066. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

## **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**

Commissioner Alvarez says this task force met and discussed the following. Commissioner Alvarez mentioned they discussed two art installations, one at Lincoln Heights Recreation Center and the other at Roger Jessup Park, a new project at the Balboa Sports Complex, and the Griffith Park Ferraro Fields. The Task Force also discussed the renaming of the Porter Ranch Sesnon Park, and they requested more community outreach be done before the item is presented to the Board.

## **APPOINTMENT TO FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE**

President Patsouras appointed herself to the Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force.

## **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 mentioned his interest in the community school program, the Pacific Palisades playground, and Potrero Canyon Park as a greenbelt to other parks. Commissioner Bayne request an update on the Sepulveda Basin Park and Pedlow skate park lighting conditions. Commissioner Bayne would also like to request a report back regarding the entrances at La Mirada Park. Commissioner Bayne request an update on the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park, bike path conflicts. Commissioner Chase commended the staff on the "pretty in pink" event she attended. Commissioner Chase

requested an update on conditions at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports complex. Commissioner Chase requested a report back on Stoney Point Equestrian center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**ATTEST**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**BOARD SECRETARY**