

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 20, 2023

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Present were, President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, and Commissioner Nicole Chase. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, 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

Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

- Acknowledgement of Service – President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez and Commissioner Nicole Chase

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Patsaouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2023. Vice President Alvarez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, started his update by thanking all Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners' for their support and dedication to this department. Mr. Kim also recognized all the volunteers to the department because it is national volunteer recognition week. Mr. Kim mentioned RAP launched our coach LA playbook. This playbook will give each coach the tools needed to provide the best experience for each youth. This event was hosted at Dodger's stadium.

Mr. Kim stated we will be hiring over 100 interns for various positions this summer through our City pathways for youth program. Mr. Kim stated registration for summer camp is now open. Over 120 Recreation facilities will offer summer camp activities. Mr. Kim mentioned our PlayLA spring sports league are still open for registration.

Mr. Kim shared a few upcoming events, today at the Travel town museum RAP will unveil an educational sign. On Saturday, April 22 nd at Augustus F. Hawkins nature park will celebrate earth day. On Saturday, April 29th El Sereno Arroyo Park will celebrate its 10th anniversary day of fun. On Saturday, May 6th our GPLA will be hosting its annual sports day at South Park and RAP will be

hosting the grand opening of West Lakeside Park. Pershing Square will celebrate a Cinco De Mayo event on May 6th.

Jimmy Kim, General Manager provided an update on looking into an Equine representative for the department. Mr. Kim mentioned a kickoff meeting with the pickle ball consultant that was held on April 11th. Mr. Kim stated the Griffith Park Pony Ride consultant went to RFP on April 3rd with the deadline for submissions on May 1st. Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP is working on an Agreement for Stoney Point currently with the City Attorney. Mr. Kim stated that RAP has made several repairs to Pedlow skate park. Mr. Kim stated Javier Solis, Superintendent of Maintenance met with the citizens of LA Mirada Park to address some of their concerns. Mr. Kim met with the Senior soft ball league from the Sepulveda Basin. Mr. Kim gave an update on our proposed Budget which has an increase of 19 million dollars.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 11 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

23-076 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10613 – Section 1D (As Needed Positions)

Theresa Walker, Sr. Personnel Analyst, Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 23-076.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-077 2023 Dodgers Dreamteam Program Grant – Approval of Grant Agreement and Acceptance of Grant Funds, Equipment, and In-Kind Contributions from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in Support of the Dodgers Dreamteam Program Benefiting Youth Baseball and Girls Softball Leagues for the 2023 Season

Elaine Piha, Pr. Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-077.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-078 Reseda Skate Facility – Reseda Ice Skating and Roller Rink (PRJ21167) (PRJ21326) (W.O. #E170121f) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [any Activity (Approval of Bids, Execution of Contracts, Allocation of Funds, Etc.) for which the Underlying Project has Previously Been Evaluated for Environmental Significance and Processed According to the Requirements of these Guidelines] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084(a) of California Public Resources Code (PRC)

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-078.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-079 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-83887-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-079.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-080 Arts District Park – Cancellation of Rotating Mural Project – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(j) [Projects which are Rejected or Disapproved] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15270 of California CEQA Guidelines

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-080.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-081 Rosecrans Recreation Center – Air and Methane Exhaust System (PRJ21653) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment and/or Industrial Facilities Involving Negligible or no Expansion of use if Required for Safety, Health, the Public Convenience, or Environmental Control] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-081.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-082 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Approval of License Agreement to Collect Groundwater Samples for Chemical Analysis from Three Groundwater Monitoring Wells for Ten Years by Trihydro Corporation - Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(7) [Installation of Scientific Measuring, Monitoring and Testing Devices], Class 6 [Basic Data Collection, Research, Experimental Management and Resource Evaluation Activities which Do Not Result in a Serious Major Disturbance to an Environmental Resource], and Class 8 [Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies as Authorized by State or Local Ordinance to Assure the Maintenance, Restoration, Enhancement, or Protection of the Environment where the Regulatory Process Involves Procedures for Protection of the Environment] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15303, 15606 and 15308 of California CEQA Guidelines

Felice Chen, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-082.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-083 Pershing Square Renovation Phase 1A (PRJ21113) (PRJ21586) (W.O. #E1908536) Project – Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract; Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-083.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-084 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-83866-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-084.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-085 Revision of the Department of Recreation and Parks Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-085.

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 5 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)

Kathy Schreiner from the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council provided comments.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented for 23-076 through 23-084. Board Report 23-085 was withdrawn. It was moved by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Commissioner Chase that the Board Reports be approved as presented for 23-076 through 23-084. 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 was meeting immediately after the Board meeting.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Alvarez says this task force met and discussed the following. Commissioner Alvarez mentioned they discussed the Western and Gage park median and the Hollenbeck beautification project.

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 Patsaouras requested the department follow up with the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council regarding their community impact statement that was submitted regarding the Community Park program. Commissioner Chase commended the three lifeguards for their exemplary service in their life saving measures on a citizen on April 7, 2023. Commissioner Chase also thanked the LA Parks Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY