

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 17, 2023

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:33 a.m. Present were, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer and Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2023. Commissioner Lloyd made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began his update by sharing that RAP's special update page is listed on our website. Mr. Kim gave some general updates for the department. He stated that our summer camp season has ended and our summer pool season will end on September 4, 2023. Mr. Kim stated our fall program registration are now open as well as our PlayLA youth and adaptive sports programs.

Mr. Kim mentioned there has been multiple shootings in the past couple months at our parks. Mr. Kim stated the department is working closely with LAPD, the Mayor's office, the Council offices and intervention officers to come up with a solution to reduce shootings in our parks. Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP is also providing assistance to staff by providing mental health counseling.

Mr. Kim provided brief updates on some of the constituent's concerns. Mr. Kim mentioned at Pedlow Skate Park staff has been in communication with the constituents to mitigate a lot of their concerns that have been brought to our attention. Mr. Kim stated that he has assigned the Maintenance division to follow up on the Westwood Gardens Park. Mr. Kim mentioned he requested that staff ensure that all events at Pershing Square end at the posted times. He also stated that during non-event times the park is open to the public. Mr. Kim stated that at Dearborn park they are still working on mitigating issues with illegal permitting. Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP will no longer host hybrid meeting beginning September 7, 2023 all public comments must be made in person.

Steven Tran provided the board with a Measure a Status update.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 22 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

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

BOARD REPORTS

23-144 University of Southern California (USC) Development Agreement - Acceptance of Funds for Programming at Public Parks

Board Report No. 23-144 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-145 Amendments to the Rules of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Takisha Sardin, Commission Executive Assistant, Board of Commissioners' Branch presented Board Report No. 23-145.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-146 Griffith Park – License Agreement for the 2023 Los Angeles Haunted Hayride and Related Attractions – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) [Temporary Uses of Land Having no Permanent Effects on the Environment, Including but not Limited to Carnivals, Parades, Temporary Location Filming, Sales of Christmas Trees, Building Materials Storage on Street or Sidewalk During Job, Construction Offices and Tract Sales Offices] and Class 4(7) [Issuance, Renewal or Amendment of any Lease, License or Permit to use Land Involving Minor Alterations to the Condition of the Land] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15304(e) of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-146 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-147 Griffith Park – Conceptual Approval for the “A Bridge Home Inclusive Parks Project” at Griffith Park and Issuance of a Right of Entry Permit to Kounkuey Design Initiative Granting Access to Griffith Park Property to Conduct a Phase I Community Engagement, Planning, and Design Process; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15306 [Basic Data Collection, Research, Experimental Management, and Resource Evaluation Activities which do not Result in a Serious or Major Disturbance to an Environmental Resource] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 6(2) of City CEQA Guidelines

Melissa Bettis, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch presented Board Report No. 23-147.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-148 Rosecrans Recreation Center – Fencing Improvement (PRj21710) Project – Acceptance of Donation – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-148.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-149 North Outfall Sewer (Nos) Rehabilitation Unit 11 – Humboldt St. to Cardinal St. (W.O.#SZC13729) Project - Approval of a Right of Entry Associated with the Scope of Work of the Sewer Rehabilitation at Albion Riverside Park; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(b) [Maintenance of Existing Facilities of Both Investors and Publicly Owned Utilities Used to Provide Electric Power, Natural Gas, Sewerage, or Other Public Utility Services] and 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) and Class 2(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-149 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-150 Cancellation of the Larchmont Acquisition and Development (PRJ21302) Project – Termination of the Revocable Permit with the Department of Transportation (LADOT) for the use of a Portion of LADOT Property for a New Mini-Park – Decommittment of Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Class J [Projects which are Rejected or Disapproved] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15270 of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-150 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-151 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-83987-VHCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Board Report No. 23-151 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-152 Peck Park –Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) EPIMS-LAN-36994-R5 With California Department of Fish and Wildlife to Remove Vegetation - Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping, Native Growth, Water Supply Reservoirs; Brush and Clearance for Weed Abatement and Fire Protection] and 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] of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(h) and 15306 of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-152 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-153 Runyon Canyon Park- Approval and Acceptance of Dog Waste Bag Dispensers and Dog Waste Bags as a Donation from the Friends of Runyon Canyon to be Installed by the Department of Recreation and Parks Maintenance Division; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-153 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on consent 23-144, 23-146, 23-149, 23-150, 23-151, 23-152 & 23-153. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the Board Reports that were taken on consent be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were presented 23-145, 23-147 & 23-148. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Tran that Board Reports 23-145, 23-147 & 23-148 be approved as presented.

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.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

This Task Force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Sanchez reported on one item discussed at the Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force. Commissioner Sanchez mentioned they discussed the removal of a sculpture at Venice Beach.

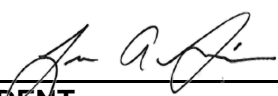
COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. There were no items requested at this meeting. Vice President Sanchez made an announcement regarding no longer allowing public comment via zoom. All public comments must be made in person beginning September 7, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY