

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, February 2, 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 Alvarez, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, Nicole Chase and Joe Halper. Also present were Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, 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
Belinda Jackson, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations 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 January 19, 2023. Commissioner Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, shared that the City's declaration of Emergency has expired as of February 1st. And the state's declaration is set to expire at the end of February. Mr. Kim stated that our RAP facilities are no longer required to check for vaccinations. Mr. Kim thanked the department for all it's hard word during the declared state of Emergency.

Mr. Kim stated that the Park Maintenance Division is currently in the process of hiring 50 gardener caretakers through the targeted local hire program. He also stated that the 15 sites that we were piloting are doing well with the operational change. Mr. Kim stated we hired 3 new Park Rangers and have an additional 4 in the hiring process.

Mr. Kim stated our PlayLA Spring registration will open this Saturday, February 4th. Mr. Kim mentioned the department will be hosting job fairs for the next couple of months. The first one will be held this Saturday, February 4th at Cypress Recreation Center. Mr. Kim shared a few upcoming events, Saturday February 4th the Red dress 5k walk and run will be hosted at Ken Malloy Park. Griffith park will be hosting a half marathon on February 5th and a nature walk on February 11th. On Saturday, February 18th there will a ribbon cutting ceremony at Yucca Recreation center. Pershing Square will host a black history event on Saturday, February 25th.

Mr. Kim gave a brief update on the Bocce courts in which he stated we are working on some sound prevention measures that will take 4 to 6 weeks. In addition, staff is working on a request for proposal to hire a consultant who will conduct a study on best practices around pickle ball and provide the department a recommendation on best practices. Mr. Kim also gave a brief update on Dearborn Park.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no 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.

BOARD REPORTS

23-029 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Project- Phase 1 (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O #E1907694) – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notices on Construction Contract No. 3645, for Pinner Construction Co., Inc

Takisha Sardin, Commission Executive Assistant II, Board of Commission Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-029.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-030 Proposition 84 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grants (Prop 84) – Slauson-Wall Park (PRJ20769) Project – Grant Extension Contract Amendment

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Grants Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-030.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH A DATE CORRECTION

23-031 Measure A – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for 109th Street Recreation Center Improvement Project and to Accept Grant if Awarded

Steven Tran, Sr. Management Analyst II, Grants Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-031.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-032 South Park Recreation Center – Approval Of Mural Installation – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use Beyond that Previously Existing] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-032.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-033 Penmar Recreation Center – Tennis Court and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21691) 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) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] and Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures or 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 15301 and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-033.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-034 Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Conceptual Approval of Childcare Center Renovation (PRJ21681) Project

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-034.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-035 Donation from Burgis Holdings, LLC. in Support of 2022 Summer Swim Programs at Sylmar Pool

Carlos Espinoza, Aquatic Director, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-035.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-036 Griffith Park – Park Center – Approve Award and Authorize Execution of Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Food and Beverage Concession; 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], Class 1(14) [Issuance, Renewal or Amendment of any Lease, License or Permit to Use an Existing Structure or Facility Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Rachel Ramos, Sr. Management Analyst II, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-036.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Patsaouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with a correction to board report 23-030. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be approved as presented with corrections to board report 23-030. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

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

President Sylvia Patsaouras 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 Patsaouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Halper seconded the motion. Public comment relevant to this item were invited, with no such requests submitted. There being no objection to the motion, 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

Vice President Alvarez stated that this task force met and discussed an El Sereno Arroyo Playground recognition plaque, and plans to move it to the full commission for review.

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 Bayne and Vice President Alvarez requested a report back on the permanent stage at Griffith Park. Commission Halper requested a report back on the Community School Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY