

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, January 19, 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 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
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 5, 2023. Commissioner Halper made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, shared that the Emergency Management Department has been monitoring our adverse weather and that RAP is working closely with EMD to provide the necessary resources and support to address any issues.

Mr. Kim stated that the Park Maintenance Division has switched 15 sites operationally to provide services in the evening. Mr. Kim shared highlights from the Recreation and Aquatics division, and reported on various events.. On Monday, January 16th along with LA28 RAP celebrated the 38th annual Martin Luther King Day parade. Mr. Kim stated that our PlayLA spring registration will open on Saturday, February 4th. On Saturday, January 21st Council District 12 will host a Lunar New Year program at Northridge Park.. On Sunday, February 3rd Griffith Park will host a half-marathon walk and run. On February 18th Pershing Square will host an African American music festival.

Mr. Kim gave a few updates to the Commissioners on the Bocce courts and the pickle ball installations. He also mentioned his plans to host upcoming hybrid board meetings.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 5 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

23-020 Proposition 68 Statewide Parks and Community Revitalization Programs (Prop 68) – Sixth Street Viaduct PARC (PRJ21652)(E700235f) – Acceptance of Grant Awards (State Contract No. C9803068 and C5054106)

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Planning, Grants Administration, presented Board Report No. 23-020.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-021 As-Needed Sewer Tie Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance and/or Repairs RFQ – Award of Contract

Harold Arrivillaga, Management Analyst, Contract Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-021.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-022 Woodley Lakes Golf Course Restaurant Concession – Approval of Agreement for the Redevelopment, Operation and Management of the Food and Beverage Concession at Woodley Lakes Golf Course Restaurant -- Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Stanley Woo, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-022.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-023 Sherman Oaks Castle Park Batting Cages Concession -- Agreement No. 254 – Approval of Price Increase

Rahulan Kathir, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-023.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-024 Bar and Beverage Service Concession – Approval of Award and Agreements for the Bar and Beverage Service Concession to Meg, Mettle & Moxie, Inc; Prodromos Mike Begakis dba Monterey Concessions; and Edward Walter Sunseri, Jr. dba Sunseri's

Stanley Woo, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-024.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

23-025 Griffith Observatory – Amendment No. 2 To Contract with Carl Zeiss Jena GmbH for Annual Maintenance and Service of the Unversarium Mix Model 555 Star Projector at the Samuel Oschin Planetarium to Include Repair Costs

Mark Pine, Observatory Director, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-025.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-026 Keswick Park – New Park Acquisition (Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control) & Development (PRJ21354) (PRJ21679) Project – Approval of Final Plans – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks Etc.], Class 3(6) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, Fences, Game Courts (Including Tennis Courts Accessory to Residential Developments), Play Areas and Retaining Wall], Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching And Backfilling Where The Surface Is Restored] and Class 25 [Transfers of Ownership of interests in Land in Order to Preserve Open Space] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Chapter 19, Sections 15301(c), 15303, 15304(b), 15304(F) and 15325 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-026.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-027 Approval of the Department of Recreation and Parks FY2023-24 Project Plan Between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic And Paralympic Games for the City's Youth Sports Program Partnership

Edna Degollado, Sr. Project Coordinator, Planning, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-027.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-028 South Park Recreation Center- Approval and Acceptance of Football Field Amenities as a Donation from the Los Angeles Chargers Impact Fund, Find Your Grind Foundation, and Oakley; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Melissa Bettis, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-028.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Patsaouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented with a correction to board report 23-024. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Vice President Alvarez that the Board Reports be approved as presented with corrections to board report 23-024. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

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 two requests submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Bayne reported that this Task Force met and discussed in great detail the Griffith Park Pony Rides and how the Department plans to reimagine this space. Commissioner Bayne stated they also discussed the Woodley Lake and Rancho Park golf restaurants.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Alvarez reported on two items discussed at the Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force. The first is how to best manage recognition signage related to Park Forest. Vice President Alvarez stated that they also had a discussion regarding Sixth Street Park and the proposed signage.


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 Chase Requested a report back be held over for next meeting regarding Dearborn since she was unable to attend today’s meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY