

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:35 a.m. Present were, Commissioner Renata Simril, Commissioner Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Tafarai Bayne, Commissioner Fiona Hutton and Commissioner Benny Tran. 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  
Belinda Jackson, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nomination and Selection of Board President is Renata Simril – Motion by Fiona Hutton and Seconded by Commissioner Luis Sanchez; and,

Nomination and Selection of Board Vice President is Luis Sanchez – Motion by President Simril, Seconded by Commissioner Bayne.

There being no objections, the motions were unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes were received and recorded into record.

**GENERAL MANAGER’S UPDATE**

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, started his update by taking a moment to recognize the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched American history. Mr. Kim mentioned we are having a successful Ranger recruitment with over 30 Rangers going through backgrounds and potentially being able to hire at least 10 new Rangers.

Mr. Kim mentioned our registration for Summer Camp and Camp Splash is now open. Mr. Kim stated over 120 Recreation facilities will be offering summer camp activities. In addition, our PlayLA Spring sports leagues, classes, swim programs and adaptive clinics have begun. Mr. Kim also

mentioned that part-time summer job opportunities are still available at Recreations centers throughout the City.

Mr. Kim shared several upcoming events. On Saturday, May, 6<sup>th</sup> our GPLA program will be hosting its annual sports day. We will be hosting a grand opening at West Lakeside Park and Pershing Square will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo with a music festival. On Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Pan Pacific will host a dedication ceremony for a new playground. On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> El Sereno Park will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new playground and Augustus Hawkins Nature Park will celebrate Arbor Day. On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Valley Laurel Grove Park will host a groundbreaking ceremony.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 29 such requests were submitted.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

23-086 Summer Night Lights Program and Related Activities - Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Ray Tadrissi, Sr. Management Analyst, Budget Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 23-086.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-087 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Joshua Beltran, Management Analyst, Budget Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 23-087.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-088 The Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (EDI/CPF) Grant – Acceptance of Grant Award for the Improvements to Warner Center Park Project

Nick Incardona, Management Analyst, Grant Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 23-088.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-089 The Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (EDI/CPF) Grant – Acceptance of Grant Award for the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex New Community Room and New Ranger Station Project

Nick Incardona, Management Analyst, Grant Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 23-089.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-090 Mar Vista Recreation Center – Pool Replacement (PRJ21614) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-090.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-091 Lake Balboa/Anthony C. Beilenson Park – Donor Recognition Signage to Recognize Thomas Safran & Associates for a Previously Approved Park Improvement Project Provided Through a Donation to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation; 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 and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Adriana Bautista, Management Assistant, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-091.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-092 Pedal Boats Rental Concession – Exercise of Agreement Renewal Option

Rachel Ramos, Concessions Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-092.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-093 Donation from Los Angeles Clippers Foundation for the Continued Support of the Junior Clippers Basketball Program for 2023

Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-093.

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 Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Vice President Sanchez that the Board Reports be approved as presented. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

**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. The Commissioners did not request any report backs or future agenda items at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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BOARD SECRETARY