

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:40 a.m. Present were, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Tafarai Bayne, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Sr. Assistant City Attorney, Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney IV 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
Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, began his update by giving an update on RAP's budget. Mr. Rudnick stated the department is overall pleased with the proposed budget. He stated RAP made a few recommendations and plans to report back to the Commissioners a detailed report once the final budget has been finalized. Mr. Rudnick went on to thank Mike Dundas City Attorney on his great job for the past seven years for the department.

Mr. Rudnick mentioned our registration for Summer Camp has gone very well and that most Recreation centers have reached their capacity for registration. Mr. Rudnick mentioned that our EXPO center just commenced a 6 week robotic camp.

Mr. Rudnick shared several upcoming events. In the month of May, the Fort MacAuthur Museum will host a special exhibit about woman. On Saturday, May 20th Eagle Rock Recreation center will host a grand reopening of their playground. On Saturday May, 20th RAP will host a swim meet at Roosevelt pool and on Sunday, May 21st there will be a water polo tournament at EXPO. On Monday, May 22nd Taxco Trails will celebrate the opening of a new playground.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 16 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

23-094 Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant for the Slauson-Connect Park Project — Authorization to Apply and Submit Grant Application; Grant Resolution; and Acceptance of Grant Award if Awarded

Kai Wong, Service Coordinator, Grant Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 23-094.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-095 Measure A – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements Project and to Accept Grant if Awarded - 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 21082 of California CEQA Guidelines

Steven Tran, Sr. Management Analyst, Grant Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 23-095.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-096 Various Donations to Recreation Services Branch – Metro, Pacific, Valley, West Regions and Expo Center, July 2022 Through March 2023

Belinda Jackson, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-096.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-097 Termination of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant for The LA River Greenway Habitat Restoration (PRJ21336) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees from the 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. 23-097.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-098 Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park and Limekiln Canyon Park - Approval of License Agreements for Placement, Operation and Maintenance of Air Monitoring Stations by Argos Scientific, Inc. - 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], 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 of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Sections 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines

Bryan Miller, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-098.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-099 Rancho Cienega Park – Sports Complex Phase 1B (PRJ21492) (PRJ21049) Project (Project) – Revision of Scope of Work – Commitment of Supplemental 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 City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-099.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-100 Venice of America Centennial Park Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21638) (PRJ21637) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees -- Modification of Scope of Work - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Gardening, Tree Planting, or Landscaping, but Not Including Tree Removal Except Dead, Damaged or Diseased Trees or Limbs], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] 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 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-100.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-101 Leland Park - Approval of Proposed License Agreement with SP Industrial; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(12) [Storm Drains Constructed to Collect Low Flow or Alleviate Other Local Drainage Problems Unless Impact on a Park is Anticipated], Class 4(2) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Fifteen Percent (15%) or More, and/or Involving Grading in Excess of 20,000 Cubic Yards] and Class 4(7) [The 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 and Article 19, Sections 15303(d) and 15304 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cammie Neo, Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-101.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-102 California Department of Education – Summer Food Service Program 2022-2023 – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Summer Lunch Program; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-102.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-103 Summer Food Service Program 2023 – Approval of Standard Food Services Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-103.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-104 Boyle Heights Sports Center – Agreement with Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Inc. for the Operation and Maintenance of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps Site; 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

Priya Macwan, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 23-104.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 2 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.

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Tran that the Board Reports be approved as presented. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

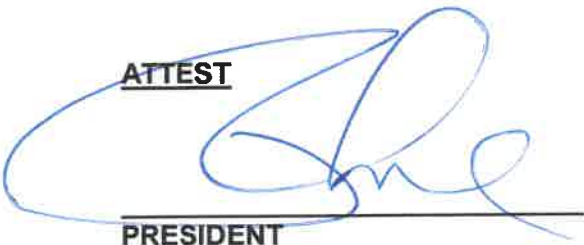
COMMISSION BUSINESS

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 10:53 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY