

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 7, 2023

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, 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

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023. Commissioner Hutton made such motion, and it was seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began with a quick update on our emergency management during Hurricane Hillary as the mass care and shelter lead for the city of Los Angeles. The Department of Recreation and parks was activated at a level 2 modified to support the city's emergency operation center. Fortunately, the hurricane was downgraded to a tropical storm, and the department, as well as the city, did not have any significant impacts.

Mr. Kim shared a couple of highlights, special events can be found @laparks.org special events, link just a reminder that all of the special events throughout the department will be updated on that page. Mr. Kim mentioned last week the department was notified of multiple dead birds at Lincoln Park Lake as well as Hollenbeck Lake, Staff immediately notified the Department of Public Health as well as LA Sanitation. Department of Public Health met with staff, and we were informed that the Dead birds could be attributed to avian flu or other conditions in the lake. Sanitation took water samples at that visit to determine any issues with the water, and we were notified that the water testing found algae that produces a cyanobacteria that is, toxin to animals. So, our Forestry Division and our maintenance division immediately began treatment for both lakes, for Algae and staff has posted signs related to the water quality, and we have begun treatment for the blue, green algae bloom

Mr. Kim mentioned some of the various communications from the constituents from our last meeting, staff continues to address issues related to Pedlow Skate Park and Dearborn Park. RAP staff is working with LAPD and the Park Rangers to mitigate issues with illegal permitting. For our community school parks program we're currently awaiting approval from LAUSD.

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer provided the board with a Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget Presentation.

Wendy Novack a principal at place works and urban planning design and environmental and community engagement firm provided a presentation on Griffith Park Pony Ride Site Community Engagement.

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; two such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

23-154 Transfer of Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 23-154 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-155 Youth Sports Program - Establishment of Appropriation Account

Board Report No. 23-155 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-156 Proposition K – L.A. For Kids Program 11th Funding Cycle Grant Proposals – Authorization to Apply and Submit Grant Application for Land Acquisition; Resolution

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Grants Administration Branch presented Board Report No. 23-156.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-157 Zero Waste City Facilities and Events on City Property Ordinance (Zero Waste Ordinance) – Amendment to Concession Agreements Entered into or Board Approved on or after January 1, 2023 to Incorporate Mandatory Provisions of the Zero Waste Ordinance

Latricia Jones, Sr Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch presented Board Report No. 23-157.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-158 Sherman Oaks Castle Park Batting Cages Concession – Approval of Award and Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Sherman Oaks Castle Park Batting Cages Concession to A.J. Family Entertainment, LLC. - 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

Sonia Robinson, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch presented Board Report No. 23-158.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

23-159 Contract with Carl Zeiss Jena GMBH for the Regular Maintenance and Special Repair of the Universarium Mix Model 555 Star Projector at the Samuel Oschin Planetarium

Board Report No. 23-159 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-160 Rancho Park Golf Course – Amended and Restated Agreement to Agreement with the Tavern at Rancho Park, LLC for Redevelopment, Operation and Maintenance of the Food and Beverage Concession at Rancho Park Golf Course – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances;]; 15301(d) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety]; 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity]; 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences]; and 15304(a) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less Than 10 Percent] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1),

Class 1(4), Class 1(14), Class 2(3), Class 11(6) and Class 4(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Rachel Ramos, Sr Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch presented Board Report No. 23-160.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-161 Leimert Plaza Park – Restroom Installation (PRJ21558) Project (Project) – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, And Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-161.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-162 Fred Roberts Recreation Center– Lighting Upgrades and Security Camera Installation (PRJ21534) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances] and 15303 [Construction and Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Facilities or Structures; Installation of Small New Equipment and Facilities in Small Structures; and the Conversion of Existing Small Structures from One Use to Another Where only Minor Modifications are Made in the Exterior of the Structure] of California CEQA Guidelines and to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-162 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-163 Potrero Canyon Park - Landscaping (W.O. E1908635) Project – Contract No. 3799 – Approval of Change Orders – Partial Acceptance, Removal of Allowance No. 8, Increase of Construction Contingency and Partial Release of Retention

Board Report No. 23-163 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-164 Roger W. Jessup Park Gate Public Art Project – Roger W. Jessup Park – Fencing Project (PRJ21663) (PRJ21664) – Commitment of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby Funds – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-164 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-165 Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53421 – Pueblo Del Sol Development – Approval of Amended Covenant and Agreements – Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [The Activity is Covered by the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA Applies Only to Projects which have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment, and Where it can be Seen with Certainty that there is No Possibility that the Activity in Question may have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity Is Not Subject to CEQA] of CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch presented Board Report No. 23-165.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-166 Reseda Ice Rink – Approve Award and Authorize Execution of Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Facility with JV Ice Reseda, LLC

Rachel Ramos, Sr Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch presented Board Report No. 23-166.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

23-167 5800 South Figueroa Street – New Park (PRJ21577) Project – Approval of Final Plans – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between The Department of Water and Power and the Department of Recreation and Parks for the Use of Certain Land Located at 5800 South Figueroa Street – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301 [Leasing, Licensing or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures], 15303 [Construction and Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Facilities or Structures; Installation of Small New Equipment and Facilities in Small Structures; and the Conversion of Existing Small Structures From One Use to Another Where Only Minor Modifications are Made in the Exterior of the Structure], 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping, Including the Replacement of Existing Conventional Landscaping with Water Efficient or Fire Resistant Landscaping], Class 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] and Class 15311(a) [on Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14), Class 3(6), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 23-167 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on consent 23-154, 23-155, 23-159, 23-162, 23-163, 23-164 & 23-167. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez 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.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were presented 23-156, 23-157 & 23-158, 23-160, 23-161 & 23-165. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Vice President Sanchez that Board Reports 23-156, 23-157 & 23-158, 23-160, 23-161 & 23-165 be approved as presented with corrections to board report 23-158.

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 that this task force will meet today directly after the Board of Commissioners meeting.

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. Commissioner Hutton requested a document that reflects the different terms of concession contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY