

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 4, 2024

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, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Acting Assistant General Manager 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 March 7, 2024. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, introduced Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent of the Pacific Region Recreation Division. to introduce staff and provide a little background of our Pacific Region and the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center.

President Simril thanked Kimani Black, Chief of Staff from Council District 10 for joining our meeting and making welcome remarks.

Mr. Kim began by highlighting a few events, he thanked all of the hardworking RAP employees that put together various spring events that were held this past weekend all across the city. Mr. Kim shared that RAP celebrated their 25th Anniversary of our girls play LA Sports program formerly known as Raise the bar to honor some of the amazing women who have been champions in the advancement of gender equity in sports. Mr. Kim also thanked Capri Maddox the General Manager of the Civil Rights and Equity Department for attending this event.

Mr. Kim provided the Commission an update on Augustus Hawkins, Nature Park. He stated that the department, with the support of the Mayor's office have been working on a broad vision to develop a comprehensive open space and nature program. RAP will be repurposing a position over at Augustus Hawkins, Nature Park into an open space and nature type, position.

So, this transition will benefit Augustus Hawkins, Nature Park, as well as our open spaces in several ways.

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer provided a brief update on our RAP Budget.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 15 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 9 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-061 Elysian Park Recreation Center – Agreement with Los Angeles Theatre Academy, Inc. for the Operation of a Recreational Youth Theater Program on Park Property – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-061 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-062 Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Donation from Wells Fargo Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Consisting of the Installation of Twelve (12) 24-Inch Box Trees and a Two (2) Year Forest Maintenance Plan; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(h) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping, Native Growth, and Water Supply Reservoirs] and Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping, Including the Replacement of Existing Conventional Landscaping with Water Efficient or Fire Resistant Landscaping] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) and Class 4(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-062 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-063 North Hollywood Park – Building and Security Improvements (PRJ21752) Project –

Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle And Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities (This Includes Road Grading for the Purpose of Public Safety), And Other Alterations Such as the Addition of Bicycle Facilities] and Section 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) and Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-063 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-064 Shatto Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ21768) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] and Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and 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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-064 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-065 The Hollenbeck Park & I-5 Freeway Adjacent Beautification Project (W.O. M0016623) – Request for Authorization to Install Gateway and Refurbish Existing Planter

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-06\5.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-066 Normandale Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21458) (PRJ21774) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Construction of 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

Board Report No. 24-066 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-067 Hermon Park – Restroom Renovation (PRJ21565) 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], Section 15301(c) [Alterations to Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities], Section 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity], and Section 15331 [Restoration, Preservation, Conservation or Reconstruction of Historical Resources in a Manner Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), and Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-067 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-068 Banning Park – Approval of Wilmington Senior Citizen Center Improvements (PRJ21541) Project – Categorically Exempt 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], Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] and Section 15303 [Installation of Small New Equipment and Facilities in Small Structures] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 2(6) and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Acting Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-068.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTION

24-069 Valley Plaza Park – Council District Two (2) Pallet Housing Project – Extension of Emergency use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter/Low Barrier Navigation Center Facility for a Period Not to Exceed One (1) Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 Applicable to City of Los Angeles Low Barrier Navigation Centers, California Government Code Section 8698.4 Applicable to Homeless Shelters Under a Shelter Crisis Declaration, and California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) Applicable to Specific Actions

to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency, as Reflected in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c)

Board Report No. 24-069 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-070 Palms Recreation Center – Exterior Lighting Upgrades and CCTV Installation (PRJ21551) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311 [Construction of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-070 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-071 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Lake Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) 1600-2019-0275-R5 With California Department of Fish and Wildlife to Remove Vegetation – Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(H) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping, Native Growth, and Water Supply Reservoirs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) and Class 6 of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-071.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-072 Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration (LARER) Project – Concurrence with the 2016 City Council Approval of the LARER Recommended Plan, Alternative 20, for Implementation of the Project, as Identified in the Final River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) and in the Real Estate Plan, Land Use Actions, and Project Partnership Agreement, in Concurrence with the Adopted LARER Project Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) (SCH 2008121014), Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)

Rick Tonthat, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-072.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-073 Chevy Chase Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21769) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-073.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-074 Barnsdall Park – Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and Barnsdall Art Park Foundation of Outdoor Landscape Improvements – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping, Including the Replacement of Existing Conventional Landscaping with Water Efficient or Fire Resistant Landscaping] and Section 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) and Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-074 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-075 Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Mark Taper Intergenerational Center – Approval of Proposed ONEgeneration Childcare Facility Expansion – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(e) [Additions to Existing Structures Provided that the Addition will not Result in an Increase of More Than 10,000 Square Feet if the Project is in an Area Where all Public Services and Facilities are Available to Allow for Maximum Development Permissible in the General Plan and the Area in Which the Project is Located is Not Environmentally Sensitive] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-075 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-076 Transfer of Recreation and Park Funds for Deferred Maintenance, Repairs and Safety Improvements at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Executive Office Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-076

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-077 Griffith Park - Approval of Scope of Work and Acceptance of City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation Funding for the Griffith Park Safety and Active Transportation Improvements Project – Phase III (PRJ21772) – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing Highways and Streets, Streets that Do Not Create Additional Automobile Lanes, Including the Addition of Bike Lanes] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-077

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-078 Approval of Revised Golf Rules, Regulations & Code of Conduct and Implementation of a Pilot Program Charging a Non-Refundable Deposit Fee to Golf Tee Time Bookings

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-078

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-061, 24-062, 24-063, 24-064, 24-066, 24-067, 24-069, 24-070 and 24-075. . It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Report 24-074 that were taken on Consent. . Commissioner Lloyd recused herself from the vote on this item. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Hutton recused herself before board report 24-078 was presented and did not return to the meeting.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-065, 24-068 with corrections, 24-071, 24-072, 24-073, 24-076, 24-077 and 24-078 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

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

There were no updates or report backs.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

This Task Force will meet today following this meeting and report back at our next 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. President Simril requested that RAP staff reach out and meet with the Neighborhood Council Group at Bill Green Memorial Park, and look into the matter of the hardscape versus the greenscape. She would also like to request a report back in the next three months regarding item 24-078 to give a progress report on if the fee has been effective.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY