

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:03 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran . Also present were, 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

Steven Tran, Senior Management Analyst, 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 April 4, 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

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, introduced Anita Meacham, Superintendent of the Metro Region Recreation Division. to introduce staff and provide a little background of our Metro Region and the Glassell Park Recreation Center.

Mr. Rudnick began by highlighting a few events, he stated RAP has a number of Earth Day events occurring this coming Saturday. Mr. Rudnick mentioned that the department has received various communications from constituents which staff is following up on as well as some of the public comments from our last meeting including comments made by a Local Neighborhood Council related to the Bill Green Memorial Park and is coordinating with the Council Office on those communications

.Mr. Kim provided the Commission regarding the golf division. He stated the golf division did go live and implement the \$10 nonrefundable deposit that the Board had approved last meeting. RAP will be providing an update on the response and the impacts of that policy change

Veronica Polanco, Chief Innovation Officer provided a brief update on our Race/Ethnicity data for our sports and aquatic programs which is collected in RecTrac .

Ms. Chinyere Stoneham, Acting Assistant General Manager of our Recreation Services Branch introduced Yamil Verdi and his team and thanked them for their heroic actions that took place at our Sylmar Recreation Center. She stated that on Tuesday, April 16th they found a young teenage girl who appeared to be suffering from an overdose and quickly became unresponsive. In an effort to save the girls life, Yamil not only had to administer Narcan, but also had to provide chest compression several times to keep her alive until the paramedics arrived. All three employees were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

President Simril introduced Councilman Blumenfeld to share a few words on the Caballero Creek Park project.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 21 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

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

BOARD REPORTS

24-079 Partnership Section – Memorandum of Understanding with the Junior League of Los Angeles, Inc. for the Financial and In-Kind Support of Various Park Facilities Citywide

Board Report No. 24-079 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-080 Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center – Agreement with Sherman-Oaks Playgroup Dba Sherman Oaks Cooperative Nursery School to Continue Program Operations During Permitted Times – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structure] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-080 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-081 Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Transportation for the Donation of Five Beam EV ARC Solar Electric Vehicle Mobile Charging Stations – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Installment of 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. 24-081 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-082 Westwood Gardens Park – Fencing and Gate Improvements (PRJ21775) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – 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 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-082 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-083 Park Fees – Refund for VTT-72415-CN – Decommitment of Park Fees from Pan Pacific Park – Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ21423) Project

Board Report No. 24-083 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-084 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Council District 15 Tiny Homes Village Project – Extension of Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed One Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 and Government Code Section 65660(b) Applicable to City of Los Angeles Low Barrier Navigation Centers, Government Code Section 8698.4 Governing Homeless Shelter Projects Under a Shelter Crisis Declaration, and California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) as Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency

Board Report No. 24-084 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-085 Caballero Creek Park – New Park Project – Approval of Final Plans – 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]; Section 15304 [Minor Alterations to Land]; and Section 15311(a) [Installation of on Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4, and Class 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-085 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-086 California Department of Education – Summer Food Service Program 2023-2024 – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Summer Lunch Program; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Board Report No. 24-086 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-079, 24-080, 24-081, 24-082, 24-083, 24-084, 24-085, and 24-086. . It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

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. This Task Force will meet today following this meeting and report back at our next meeting.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

There were no updates or report backs.

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 report backs requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY