

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:06 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton and Commissioner Marie Lloyd. 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:

Javier Solis, Superintendent, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch
Crislyn McKerron, Executive Director, 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 January 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 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began his update by introducing Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent of our Pacific Region Recreation to introduce staff and provide a little background on Green Meadows Recreation Center.

Mr. Kim stated RAP has requested that the Association at Fort Macarthur park, provide a set of their completed bylaws and related documents. Both the Department as well as the City Attorney's office is still waiting on the documentation.

Mr. Kim provided an update on the Jackie Robinson stadium at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex at Rancho Cienega Park. RAP issued a Notice to proceed at the end of November, specifically we requested that the consultant provide a site survey in the anticipation of installation of a regulation track and field and new synthetic turf field. Currently, Jackie Robinson Stadium is not regulation size. And so, we have received that work in mid-December, and we are currently looking at 3 potential track and field configuration, and Staff is reviewing those materials. The next step will be to identify the recommended concept and configuration, and then develop Initial estimates. Mr. Kim gave an update on drainage at the Balboa Sports field and that mitigation efforts are being made. So last year we did add additional infield mix to correct the low spots at the baseball field, and then we also did, grading and bladed the fields

as well. Mr. Kim gave an update on the Griffith Park concessions, formerly known as the pony rides the final report back remains on schedule for late spring of 2024. We have also received the final historical structure report. It's being reviewed by staff and is expected to be released to the public through our website in February.

Veronica Polanco Senior Project Coordinator provided us with a brief update on the FY 22/23 Annual Report To Ad Hoc Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 13 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 3 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-018 Signature Authority as Acting General Manager and Acting Chief Accounting Employee

Board Report No. 24-018 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-019 Measure A – Authorization to Submit Grant Applications for Pacific Palisades (Temescal Canyon) Dog Park Project and Sycamore Grove Master Plan and to Accept Grant Funds if Awarded

Board Report No. 24-019 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-020 Citywide Coach LA Plan – Agreement with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) and Nike USA, Inc. (Nike) for the Acceptance of Funding and in-kind Support for the Continuance of the Equitable Coaching Program Initiative

Trish Delgado, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-020

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-021 Robertson Recreation Center Project – Site Improvements (PRJ21608) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Repair, Maintenance, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Class 1(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-021 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-022 Larissa Parkway – Retaining Wall Renovation (PRJ21685) Project – Commitment of Additional Park Fees – Modification of Scope of Work

Board Report No. 24-022 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-023 Boyle Heights Sports Center – Synthetic Field Replacement – (PRJ21735) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle And Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities], Section 15301(h) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping, Native Growth, and Water Supply Reservoirs], 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] and Section 15303(e) [Installation of Small New Equipment Such as Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(8), Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-023 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-024 Griffith Park – North Atwater Park – Central Service Yard (CSY) Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Improvements (PRJ21751) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – 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 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(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-024 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-025 Arroyo Seco Park – Hermon Park – Maintenance Yard Improvements (PRJ21720) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(I1) [Demolition and – Removal of up to Three Single-Family Residences]; 15301(L4) [Demolition and Removal of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures]; 15303(E) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences]; 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping] and 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11a), CLASS1(11d), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6), of City CEQA Guidelines; Final Acceptance of Hollenbeck Park – Park Renovation (PRJ20205) Project; Final Acceptance of Wabash Recreation Center – Roof Renovation (PRJ21408) Project); Allocation of Unexpended Quimby and zone Change Fees

Board Report No. 24-025 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-026 Venice Beach – Conceptual Approval of “Declaration” Sculpture Removal

David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-026

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-027 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Project – Phase 1 (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O. #E1907694) – Release of Stop Payment Notices on Construction Contract No. 3645 for Pinner Construction Co., Inc.

Board Report No. 24-027 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-028 Michelle And Barack Obama Sports Complex (FKA Rancho Cienega Sports Complex) Project – Phase I(Re-Bid) (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O. #E1907694) – Final Acceptance, Authority to Negotiate and Execute the Final Change Order, Increase Construction Contract Contingency, Adjustment of Funding for Construction Contract No. 3645, Release of Retention - Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of 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. 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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-028

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent. 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 Board Report 24-020, 24-026 and 24-028 as presented. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez 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

This Task Force will meet following today's meeting, and will report back at our next meeting.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

This Task Force did not meet.

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 future agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY