

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 20, 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 Marie Lloyd, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, 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 June 06, 2024. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, provide a few general updates. Ms. Santo Domingo mentioned that an RFP was released last week for Stoney Ranch seeking a long-term operator. RAP received input from the community and Equestrian experts and the Council office. RAP has received inquiries regarding the RFP from multiple interested parties and we're hopeful that significant numbers of proposers will respond to this particular RFP. The RFP submission will be due mid-September.

Ms. Santo Domingo stated with regards to recreation updates and aquatic updates. Summer play. LA, Summer registration for sports programs and classes are now open. You can also find information for other citywide upcoming events at laparks.org.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 9 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 10 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-129 Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Reimbursement and/or Advances for Petty Cash and Expenses, and Refunds

Board Report No. 24-129 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-130 Signature Authority as Acting General Manager and Acting Chief Accounting Employee

Board Report No. 24-130 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-131 Reimbursement of Salaries and Related Expenses from the Municipal Recreation Program Fund, Special Accounts and Grant Fund Accounts for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Board Report No. 24-131 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-132 Transfer of Expenditures to Bogdanovich Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Board Report No. 24-132 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-133 Kaiser Permanente Operation Splash 2024 and 2025 Grant Programs – Retroactive Approval of Submission of Grant Application for Aquatics Programming and Subsequent Executed Grant Agreement; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Board Report No. 24-133 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-134 As-Needed Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, and/or Repairs – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 24-134 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-135 Expo Center – Donation from the Play Equity Fund for the 2024 and 2025 Summer Youth Job Corps Program

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

24-136 Runyon Canyon Park – Early Closure on July 3, 4, and 5, 2024 for the Independence Day Holiday

Board Report No. 24-136 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-137 California Department of Education 2024-25 California State Preschool Program – Acceptance of Grant Contract Terms and Conditions: Acceptance of Grant Fund, if Awarded

Board Report No. 24-137 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-138 Baldwin Hills Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting (W.O. PRJ21134 & #E170501) Project (AKA Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Baldwin Hills Recreation Center) – Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 24-138 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-139 Ernest E. Debs Regional Park – Restroom Replacement (PRJ21571) Project – Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [New Construction of 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. 24-139 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-140 Griffith Park – CD4 Riverside Drive Bridge Housing – Extension of Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility With Personal Storage for the Homeless for a Period Not to Exceed One (1) Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to 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(a)(4) Governing Homeless Shelter Projects Under a Shelter Crisis Declaration, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15269(c) as Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-140.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

24-141 Sepulveda Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting (PRJ21138) (W.O. #E170511) Project (AKA Prop K Sports Field Lighting Improvement: Sepulveda Recreation Center) – Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 24-141 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-142 Felicia Mahood Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Agreement With Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles for the Provision of Senior Nutrition and Social Services Programs; 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 Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-142 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-143

North Hollywood Recreation Center – Right of Entry Permit to Community Sports Foundation for the Operation of Youth and Adult Ball and Roller Hockey Programs on Park Property; Categorical Exemption from 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] and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-143 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-144

Griffith Park And Elysian Park – Amendment No. 3 to Right of Entry Permit PD-ROE-125 to Extend Term of Temporary, Revocable Right of Entry Permit to Northeast LA Forest School for the Operation of an Outdoor Nature Based Early Childhood Recreational Development Program – 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 Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-144 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-145

Elysian Park – Donation Agreement with The Broad for the Planting and Maintenance of the Social Forest: Oaks of Tovangaar Project; 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

Board Report No. 24-145 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-146

Metro Region, 43rd Lotus Festival – Acceptance of Proposed Donation from Yaamava' Resort & Casino Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation

Kimberly Simonet, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-146.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

24-147 Caballero Creek – Property Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control to the Department of Recreation and Parks from the Department of General Services – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(f) [Acquisition, Sale, or Other Transfer to Preserve Open Space or Lands for Park Purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 25 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-147 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-148 Environmental Site Assessment and Remediation Services – Award of Contracts

Harold Arrivillaga, Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-146.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-149 US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Los Angeles (L.A.) River TOE Access Road Repair Project – Authorization to Issue a Temporary Right-of-Entry Permit to Access Two L.A. River Project Sites for the Duration of the USACE TOE Repair Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304(e) [Minor Temporary Use of Land Having Negligible or No Permanent Effects on The Environment] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) Of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-149 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-129, 24-130, 24-131, 24-132, 24-133, 24-134, 24-136, 24-137, 24-138, 24-139, 24-141, 24-142, 24-143, 24-144, 24-145, 24-147 and 24-149. 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 4-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-140, 24-146 with corrections and 24-148 as presented. 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 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)

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

This Task force did not meet.

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. Commissioner Lloyd requested an update from the General Services Department regarding the Bridge Home Programming. President Simril requested a report back on El Sereno Recreation Center regarding the health and wellness classes, specifically yoga for seniors. She would like to know how RAP balances the kids programming with senior programming. President Simril would also like a report back regarding the golf initiative against the bots.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY