

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:05 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, 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, 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 October 17, 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 the Pacific Region to introduce staff at the Algin Sutton Recreation Center and provide a little background of the facility. Mr. Kim shared a few highlights from the department First off congratulations to the Dodgers on their win for the World Series. The Department hosted 4 Dodger World Series viewing parties throughout the city at Michelle and Barack Obama Sports complex, El Sereno Recreation Center, Ritchie Valens Recreation Center, and right here at Algin Sutton Recreation Center with support from both the Council and Mayor's office. Mr. Kim stated he was at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex game 5 viewing party and there was a lot of energy and electricity in the air.

Mr. Kim provided a few general updates. RAP has received various communications from constituents and the department has assigned appropriate staff to follow up and

address those concerns. I wanted to give you an update on the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports complex incident that was mentioned two board meetings ago. A RAP employee was attacked by a person experiencing homelessness in the parking lot, and that employee sustained broken ribs. We have provided staff, mental health, resources, and he is currently recovering from his injuries. The suspect was apprehended and arrested on the day of the incident, and our Park Rangers and LAPD were working in partnership to make sure that we increase patrols in our park. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident.

Mr. Kim provided an update on the Rancho Park Golf course, clubhouse. The department set a deadline of October 31st for TRP to demonstrate that they have secured financing to complete the improvement projects. To date TRP has been unable to do so, therefore we're taking a 2-prong approach in dealing with the situation. First, we have assigned staff to begin administrative steps to allocate funds and resources to allow RAP to complete the improvement projects, and, secondly, we'll be negotiating a path forward in regards to the concession agreement with the intent to ensure that continue operation of food and beverages services remain.

Mr. Kim introduced Deputy Chief Billy Rockway of the LAPD to introduce his Community Safety Partnership staff and to provide a brief update on the CSP program.

Deanne Dedmon presented Aaron Mitchell with a retirement certificate for his 42 years of service. And Aaron shared a few words of gratitude.

Stefanie Smith presented Sean Hinton with a certificate of appreciation for his 27 years of working for the department and Sean Hinton came up to thank RAP.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 1 such request was submitted.

## **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

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

## **BOARD REPORTS**

24-225

Chatsworth Park South Recreation Center – Roof Replacement (PRJ21808) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt 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 Have

Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] Of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-225 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-226

Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area – Ballfield Improvements (PRJ21546) (PRJ21613) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(B) [Minor Alterations of Existing Facilities of Both Investor and Publicly Owned Utilities Used to Provide Electric Power, Natural Gas, Sewerage, or Other Public Utility Services], Section 15301(d) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety], Section 15301(L)(4) [Demolition and Removal of Individual Small Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], 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], Section 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping], and Section 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2), Class 1(4), Class 2, Class 3(6), Class 4(3) and Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-226 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-227

Stonehurst Recreation Center – Basketball Court Improvements (PRJ21819) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees –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] and Section 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-227 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-228

Glassell Recreation Center – Power And Sports Lighting Upgrades (PRJ21813) (PRJ21547) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] and Section 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling Where the Surface is Restored] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2(3) and Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-228 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-229

Glassell Park Recreation Center – Fitness Equipment Installation (PRJ21794) Project – Allocation of Quimby 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 Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-229 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-230

Knapp Ranch Park – Tennis Courts Refurbishments (PRJ21812) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – 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] and Section 15302 [Replacement of a Structure with the Same Function, Location and Capacity of the Structure Replaced], of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-230 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-231

Macarthur Park – Building Improvements (PRJ21814) 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 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-231 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-232 Personal Service Contract Between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Law Office of Roberta M. Yang, P.C. to Provide On-Call Workplace Investigations and Compliance Training Services

Board Report No. 24-232 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-233 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 24-233 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-234 Measure A – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for South LA Wetlands Master Plan and to Accept Grant Funds if Awarded; Revised Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (Parc) Improvements Project and to Accept Grant if Awarded – Recission of Previous Authorization – Exempt 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

Board Report No. 24-234 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-235 Pan Pacific Park – HVAC Replacement (PRJ21738) 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 Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-235 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-236

Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center – Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4099 with Pete Brown Tennis for the Expansion of the Premises to Allow the Installation of an Equipment Shed; Categorical Exemption 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, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] and Section 15311 [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-236 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-237

Griffith Park – Agreement Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for the Operation and Maintenance of the Nursery House, Demonstration Garden and Terraces at Commonwealth Nursery – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [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 the California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 4(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-237 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-238

Porter Ranch Community Park – Project Final Acceptance – Renaming of Porter Ranch Community Park as “Jane and Bert Boeckmann Park” – Renaming of the Englander Pavilion as “Sesevenga Pavilion”

Board Report No. 24-238 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-239

Transfer of Recreation and Park Funds to Fund Furnishings, Fixtures, and Equipment, Management Fees and Cash Flow at the Reseda Ice Rink Facility

Board Report No. 24-239 was taken on consent

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-225, 24-226, 24-227, 24-228, 24-229, 24-230, 24-231, 24-232, 24-233, 24-234, 24-235, 24-236, 24-237, 24-238 and 24-239. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Vice President Sanchez. 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 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. President Simril requested a report back on the Ranho Park Golf Clubhouse project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**