

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:02 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, 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
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 20, 2025. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

Both Commissioner Hutton and Commissioner Lloyd joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by introducing Sonya Young Jimenez, Superintendent of the West Region Recreation Services Branch. Sonya Young Jimenez provided an introduction of the facility and staff at Stoner Recreation Center.

Mr. Kim stated the Commission office has received various communications from constituents, and he has assigned appropriate staff to follow up on those communications.

Mr. Kim provided an update on Palisades Park regarding the operations that are happening at the facility. The Department has completed and submitted the right of entry for debris, removal to Fema, for the amenities that were either severely damaged or completely damaged, which includes the new Recreation Center Building and Maintenance Building, which were both severely damaged

and the tennis court center or the tennis Center, which was a complete loss. We expect to get a response from Fema within the next 2 weeks, and at that point we'll do a walkthrough with them to begin the debris removal of those 3 amenities. We have also been in close discussion with the mayor's office, as well as the Council office on the next steps, on the rebuild in the most expeditious manner possible. We have also adjusted the right of entry to allow a lay down and construction area for the playground rebuild, and that is moving forward expeditiously, and so that that they've already met on site.

Mr. Kim provided the Commissioners with an update on Macarthur Park he stated the department currently have a handle on trash within the park RAP has maintenance as well as graffiti service requests that are serviced in a timely manner. Generally speaking, for graffiti removal we have a 24-to-48-hour removal within the department. Not just that Park but Citywide. Macarthur Park is also designated as a high use site location. He mentioned the park has a way to go but there have been some improvements

Mr. Kim introduced Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer to provide an update on the Budget. Ms. Williams provided a brief update on the budget and stated we should expect some service cuts in all departments. Ms. Williams mentioned our expected revenue is about 355 million dollars.

Mr. Kim provided an update on California Bill, 310. He mentioned this bill focuses on enhancing safety measures within youth sports organizations, the bill mandates that by January 1st of 2027 youth sports organization must ensure their coaches are certified in CPR. And the operation of an automated external defibrillator or AED.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 27 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 1 such request was submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

- 25-045** Sherman Oaks Castle Park Arcade And Food & Beverage Concession – Approval of Award And Agreement for the Operation And Maintenance of the Sherman Oaks Castle Park Arcade and Food & Beverage Concession to Sherman Oaks Castle Park Arcade and Cafe, LLC (SOCPAC) – 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 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(1), Class 1(14) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-045 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-046 As-Needed Brush Clearance, Weed and Refuse Abatement Services – Award of Contracts

Brenda Velasco, Management Analyst , Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-046.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-047 Yosemite Recreation Center – Pool Heater Replacement (PRJ21835) 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 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-047 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-048 Verdugo Hills Pool – Roof Replacement (PRJ21832) Project – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical 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 Will 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. 25-048 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-049 Oakwood Recreation Center – HVAC and Roof Replacement (PRJ21851) 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 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA

Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-049 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-050** Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – Roof & HVAC Replacement (PRJ21849) Project – 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 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-050 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-051** Lafayette Park – Play Area Improvements (PRJ21839) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical 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 will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-051 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-052** Loren Miller Recreation Center – Roof & HVAC Replacement (PRJ21848) Project – 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 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-052 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-053** Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-84700-VHCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-053.

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DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-054 Pershing Square Renovation Phase 1A (PRJ21113) (PRJ21586) (W.O. #E1908536) Project – Request to Increase Construction Contingency – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees

Darryl Ford, Superintendent , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-054.

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DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-055 California Department of Education – Summer Food Service Program 2024-2025 – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Summer Lunch Program; Acceptance of Grant Funds
Board Report No. 25-055 was taken on consent

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DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-056 Valley Plaza Park – Council District 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 Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21080.27.5 and 21080.10(c) Applicable to Leasing, Financial Support, Operating, or Contracts to Provide Services Related to Low Barrier Navigation Centers; 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) and Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4) Applicable to Lease, Conveyance, Encumbrance, Financial Assistance, or Contract to Provide Services for People Experiencing Homelessness

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DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

25-057 Amendment of Previous Board Actions Regarding Reporting Requirements for Temporary Homeless Shelter Projects Located at North Hollywood Recreation Center, Lafayette Park, Arroyo Seco Park, and Eagle Rock Recreation Center

Board Report No. 25-057 was taken on consent

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DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-045, 25-047, 25-039, 25-048, and 25-049, 25-050, 25-051, 25-052, 25-055 and 25-057. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Vice President Sanchez . There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 25-046, 25-053, and 25-054 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 5-0.

Board Report 25-056 was Withdrawn

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 would like to request an update on Palisades Recreation Center. She would also like an update on Los Angeles Equestrian Center. President Simril requested a report back on the status of our Child Care Centers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY