

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, February 20, 2025

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 Fiona Hutton and Commissioner Benny Tran. 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:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Mariana Valdivia, Chief Management Analyst, 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 February 6, 2025. 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 Anita Meacham, Superintendent of the Metro Region Recreation Division to introduce staff at the El Sereno Recreation Center and provide a brief update on the Metro Region.

Mr. Kim stated that RAP Commission Office has received various communications from constituents and those communications have been assigned to appropriate staff for follow up. Mr. Kim mentioned that CD 4 was prepared to come and provide an update on the Ambassador program and the Riverside a bridge home program. But this item was not specifically listed on our agenda. So, we'll be hearing that update at the next regularly scheduled board meeting

Mr. Kim introduced Grace Duncan, Chief Data Officer and Veronica Polanco, Chief Innovation Officer. They will be providing us a presentation on the fiscal year 2324 data and statistics for the Youth Sports Programs.

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; 2 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

25-019 Transfer of Recreation and Park Funds to Meet the Operational Needs at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center

Board Report No. 25-019 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-020 Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Salaries As-Needed in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 25-020 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-021 Transfer of Appropriations within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 25-021 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-022 Woodley Park – License Agreement for the Operation of the Valley Block Party – 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, Including Carnivals, Sales of Christmas Trees, Etc.] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Traci Goldberg, . Superintendent , Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-022

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

- 25-023** Banning Museum – Gift Agreement with Friends of Banning Park Corporation for the Rehabilitation of the Banning Museum Historic Well; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15331 [Projects Limited to Maintenance, Repair, Stabilization, Rehabilitation, Restoration, Preservation, Conservation or Reconstruction of Historical Resources in a Manner Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer] of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-023 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-024** Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-84331-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Board Report No. 25-024 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-025** South Park Recreation Center – Restroom Renovation (W.O. #E1908366) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Call for Bids; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article 19, Section 15301(L)(4) [Demolition and Removal of Individual Small Structures Such as Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], Section 15302 [Reconstruction of Existing Structures 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) [Construction of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11)(d), Class 2 and Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-025 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-026** North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation Unit 20 & 21 – Zoo Dr. Right-of-Way to Doran St. (W.O. #SZC13947)(CIP C960) – Approval of Final Plans; Approval of a Right of Entry Associated with the Scope of Work of the Sewer Rehabilitation at Griffith Park Ferraro Fields - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(b) [(Repair and Maintenance of) Existing Facilities of Both Investor and Publicly Owned Utilities Used to Provide Electric Power, Natural Gas, Sewerage, or Other Public Utility Services] and Section 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) and Class 2(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-026 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-019, 25-020, 25-021, 25-023, 25-024, 25-025 and 25-026. 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 Report 25-022, with corrections 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)

There were no comments from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Hutton stated the Commission Task Force on Concessions will meet today following this meeting and will have a report for next week's 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. Vice President

Sanchez would like for RAP to mitigate the concerns regarding the choice of Restroom and work with the Community on the Los Vecinos and Arroyo Seco expansion projects. President Simril also mentioned she would like for RAP to check on other alternative choices beside a concrete restroom. Vice President Sanchez requested a report back on Ascot Hills trails. He also requested a report back regarding Elysian Park and the fire safety concerns mention by constituents. President Simril requested a report back on the requirements of State law on brush clearance. She is requesting a report that would distinguish what are the requirements of parks, and what are the requirements of our neighboring homeowners

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY