

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:10 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Marie Lloyd, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Brenda Aguirre, Assistant 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

Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent, Recreation Services 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 6, 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 4-0.

Rudy Martinez field deputy for Council District 15 gave opening remarks.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager filled in for General Manager Jimmy Kim in his absence, began her update by introducing Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent of the Pacific Region Recreation Services Branch.

Deanne Dedmon provided an introduction of the facility and staff at Normandale Recreation Center.

Ms. Aguirre stated that over the past 7 months. The LA City United Football Club participated in the Southern California Soccer League State Cup. We'd like to recognize 3 of the teams that had victories this past weekend, the 2014 black team. They're champions of the classic cup level, the 2012 team, they're champions of the classic cup level as well, and the 2011 white team are champions of the Elite Cup level, and we plan to have them recognized at a future Commission meeting.

Ms. Aguirre provided an update on our Emergency Management Division. They have had three activations this month, primarily supporting the rainstorms very recently, where we did have one evacuation center open at Stoner Recreation Center, and most recently for the LA Marathon, which is a planned activation that thankfully had no incidents.

Gary Singer, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Operations provided an overview of the Aquatics Division.

Leslie Richter, Recreation Supervisor provided an overview of the Community Schools Park Program

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 3 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**

### **25-037** As-Needed Park Facilities Consultant Services – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 25-037 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

### **25-038** Los Angeles Maritime Museum – Ship Model SS Poseidon Loan Agreement Renewal with Disney Worldwide Services Inc.

Board Report No. 25-038 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

### **25-039** Donation from Los Angeles Clippers, Inc for the Continued Support of the Junior Clippers Basketball Program

Board Report No. 25-039 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

### **25-040** MacArthur Park – Playground Fencing (PRJ21795) Project – Allocation of Supplemental Quimby Fees – Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [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

Robert Eastland, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-040.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**25-041** Van Cesar Chavez Recreation Complex Phase IIIC (aka Sheldon Arleta Park Phase IIIC) (W.O. #E170163A) (PRJ #20817) Project – Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of General Services, and the Bureau of Engineering

Board Report No. 25-041 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**25-042** Proposed Acquisition of 355 South Kingsley Property for Park Purpose – Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Acquisition Activities Including Due Diligence Related to the Possible Acquisition of the Property for Park Development

Board Report No. 25-042 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**25-043** Palisades Recreation Center – Project Approval for a Gift Of Playground Equipment from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Funded Through Donations from Fireaid, Gametime, and BANC of California; approval of Donor Recognition Signage; 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] and Section 15311(a) [on-premise signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 And Class (11)(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Melissa Bettis, Management Analyst , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-043.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**25-044** Approval of the Department of Recreation and Parks Fy2025-26 Project Plan

Between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee  
for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for the City's Youth Sports Program  
Partnership

Veronica Polanco, Sr. Project Coordinator, Recreation Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-044

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-037, 25-038, 25-039, 25-041, and 25-042. 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 25-040, 25-043 and 25-044 with corrections to board report 25-043 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 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 Budget Crisis as it pertains to RAP. Commissioner Lloyd would like to know what the problem could be regarding the Budget crisis. President Simril would like to request an update on Palisades Recreation Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

**ATTEST**



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**PRESIDENT**



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**BOARD SECRETARY**