

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, October 16, 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, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Tafari Bayne, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, 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

Vice President Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2025. Commissioner Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Bayne voted to Abstain from this vote due to being absent at the Meeting held on October 2nd.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by introducing Anita Meacham the Superintendent of the Metro Region Recreation division to provide an introduction of the staff and share a bit of history regarding Chevy Chase Recreation Center.

Mr. Kim stated the Commission has received various communications from constituents, and he has assigned appropriate staff for follow up. Mr. Kim made note that today October 16th at 10:16 a.m. will be participating the International Shakeout day. This is when millions across the region will simultaneously drop, cover, and hold on. The drill scenario is a simulated 7.8 magnitude earthquake striking on the San Andreas Fault, developed by seismologists and experts. By participating, we not only enhance our readiness, but also recognize that practicing emergency preparedness is the most effective strategy for building a stronger, safer, and more resilient Los Angeles.

Mr. Kim mentioned that Mr. Patrick Higgins CD4's Director of Homeless Services is in attendance today. He was ready to report out on the ABH Riverside status update. But RAP didn't agendaize it on this meeting's agenda, so we will agendaize it for the next meeting, where he will come and give a full report out.

Mr. Kim provided a few report backs that was requested by the Commissioners. Mr. Kim stated RAP, Real Estate and Maintenance teams will be meeting with the Legacy LA Armory next week. To look at the lease and go over their proposal for consideration. He also provided a report back on synthetic turf. The Department of Recreation and Parks began installing synthetic sports fields in the early 2000s to address both high demand for public play space, as well as citywide water conservancy goals. From that effort, we have seen significant savings with the estimated annual savings of 103 million gallons, resulting in a notable decrease in our water utility costs, which the department has to pay. We also have made considerable cost savings in maintenance. For context, it takes about 2 staff to maintain 75 synthetic fields, whereas you would need, triple and quadruple that amount to maintain natural grass fields. We have also increased community access and facility scheduling due to the continuous year-round use without requiring extensive downtime for recovery and repair. Player safety is a priority for us, with maintenance focused on ensuring an even, level surface, a condition often difficult to achieve on heavily used natural grass fields. This has resulted in claims and litigation for RAP. We have also placed shock-absorbing pads beneath the turf to further mitigate impact-related injuries.

Mr. Kim introduced Sonia Young Jimenez the Superintendent of the West Region to recognize Dylan Thomas for his heroic efforts in saving a life.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 21 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 27 such requests were submitted.

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 was no such comment from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

BOARD REPORTS

- 25-172** California Department of Education 2026-27 California State Preschool Program – Approval of Submission of a Continued Funding Application for Contract Renewal; Adopt Resolution: Accept Award

Board Report No. 25-172 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-173** Various Centers – Proposed Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Use of Eighteen Department of Recreation and Parks (Rap) Facilities to Host Voting Centers in Connection with the November 4, 2025 State Special Election – 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. 25-173 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-174** Larissa Parkway – Retaining Wall Renovation (PRJ21685) Project – Approval of Final Plans – Commitment Of Supplemental Park Fees – Categorically Exempt From The Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Repairs of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities] and Section 15301(d) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) and Class 1(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-174 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-175** Del Rey Lagoon – Curb Ramp (PRJ21830) Project – Approval of Project Scope – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-175 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-176 MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project – Recommend Certification of California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Impact Report State Clearinghouse No. 2022040153

Darryl Ford, Superintendent , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-176.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-177 MacArthur Park – Conceptual Approval of Perimeter Fencing Project – Reallocation and Transfer of General Capital Funds

Darryl Ford, Superintendent , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-177.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-178 Revision of Golf Tournament and League Policy

Board Report No. 25-178 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-179 Valley Plaza Park – Agreement with Volunteers of America of Los Angeles, for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of a Head Start Preschool Program on Park Property – 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. 25-179 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-180 Pershing Square – Approval of Award and Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Seasonal Holiday Ice Rink Concession at Pershing Square to Willy Bietak Productions, Inc. – Categorically Exempt 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

Board Report No. 25-180 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-181** Approval of Changes to Rates and Fees for Tregnan Golf Academy – Allocation of Forty Percent of Forfeited Golf Reservation Non-Refundable Deposit Fee to Tregnan Golf Academy – Approval of Adjustment of Non-Refundable Deposit Fee at 9-Hole Facilities – Statutorily Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 18, Section 15273(a)(1) [CEQA Does Not Apply to the Establishment, Modification, Structuring, Restructuring, or Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, or Other Charges by Public Agencies which the Public Agency Finds are for the Purpose of Meeting Operating Expenses, Including Employee Wage Rates and Fringe Benefits) and 15273(a)(2) [CEQA Does Not Apply to the Establishment, Modification, Structuring, Restructuring, or Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, or Other Charges by Public Agencies which the Public Agency Finds are for Purchasing or Leasing Supplies, Equipment, or Materials] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2, Class o(1) and Class o(2) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-181 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-182** Approval of Partnership Agreement with the Youth Cricket Development Organization Inc., for the Introduction and Development of Cricket Within PlayLA Youth and Adaptive Youth Sports Program

Board Report No. 25-182 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-183** Measure A – Authorization to Submit Competitive Grant Applications for Planning and Design and Capital Improvement Projects; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded

Board Report No. 25-183 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-184 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Contract - Award of Contract to InCharge Energy Inc

Board Report No. 25-184 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-172, 25-173, 25-174, 25-175, 25-178, 25-179, 25-180, 25-181, 25-182, 25-183, and 25-184. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

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 a report back on Hazard Park, she would like to know if a permanent exterior restroom will be part of the improvements at that facility. Vice President Sanchez requested a report back on the Elysian Park Master Plan, he also requested a report back on Lemon Grove and Glassell Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY