

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:08 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Tafarai Bayne, Commissioner Marie Lloyd 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  
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 August 21, 2025. Commissioner Lloyd 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.

Vice President Sanchez joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Bayne joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

President Simril introduced staff to Acknowledge Robert Simanovich on his 39 years of City Service.

President Simril Introduced Councilman Bob Blumenfield of Council District 3 to give a brief welcome.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by thanking Councilmember Bob Blumenfield for his support for our RAP Department and for joining us this morning. Mr. Kim introduced Traci Goldberg the Superintendent of the Valley Region Recreation division to provide and introduction of the staff and share a bit of history regarding Woodland Hills Park.

Mr. Kim stated our official summer pool operation concluded on Labor Day, but due to funding support from some of our council offices, we are happy to announce that we are extending 7 swimming pool operations through September 29th. Those 7 pools are Valley Plaza, North Hollywood, Pan Pacific, Ritchie Valens, Reseda, Sylmar, and Harbor. These 7 pools will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm until 5 pm.

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

Mr. Kim provided a few specific updates. Mr. Kim provided some background on Wilmington Senior Center. He stated it is currently under a month-to-month lease agreement with the Wilmington JC Foundation. RAP approved a board report, 24-068, back in April. That board report is currently in process and currently in the design stage now. JC is currently working with our roof and HVAC staff to develop a scope. The JCs are still working on that scope, and once the final plan is approved, RAP will then come to the board for approval so they can start the work. Mr. Kim provided a report back on the swimming pool, just by way of background, the Peck Park swimming pool was shut down in 2016 due to a critical infrastructure failure. The main tank, was no longer capable of holding water, and so the cause of this significant issue, pointed to the inherent geological instability of its location. A ballpark estimate to replace the pool would be somewhere in the range of \$40 to \$60 million.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 7 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.

## **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**

- 25-151**          Donation from Los Angeles Clippers Foundation for the Continued Support of the Clippers Late Night Hoops Basketball Program for 2025

Board Report No. 25-151 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-152**          Ernest E. Debs Regional Park – Restroom Replacement (PRJ21571) (PRJ21817) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances] 15301(l)(4) [Demolition and Removal of Individual Small Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] and 15303(e) [New Construction of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(11)(d) and Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-152 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-153**          North Hollywood Park – Security Improvements (PRJ21881) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Section 15301(f) [Addition of Safety or Health Protection Devices] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-153 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-154**          Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park – Fire Alarm Upgrades (PRJ21833) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Section 15301(f) [Addition of Safety or Health Protection Devices] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-154 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-155** Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-84832-CC – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Jeremy Silva, Planning Assistant , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-155.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-156** Tujunga Greenbelt Park – Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge (PRJ20773) Project – Partial Acceptance

Bryan Miller, Management Analyst , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-156.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-157** Tobias Avenue Park – Playground And Perimeter Fencing (PRJ21796) Project – Modification of the Scope of Work – Allocation and Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Minor Alterations to Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities], 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) [New Construction of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, And Fences] and Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping, Including The Replacement of Existing Conventional Landscaping with Water Efficient or Fire Resistant Landscaping] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2, Class 3(6) and Class 4(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-157 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-158** Griffith Park/Park Center – Tennis Court Conversion to Hybrid Pickleball Courts Project – 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 California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III,

## Section 1, Class 1(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-158 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-151, 25-152, 25-153, 25-154, 25-157, and 25-158. 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 5-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Report 25-155 and 25-156 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Bayne and seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

#### **Commission Task Force on Concessions**

This Task force did not meet.

#### **Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance**

Commissioner Lloyd stated this Task force met and discussed the First and Broadway Project. They asked the Project Manager move the project forward to full consideration by the board.

### **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 the Tujunga Land Conservancy project. Commissioner Bayne asked for an update on the Canoga Park Equestrian trails maintenance issue being addressed at today's meeting. President Simril asked for a report back regarding the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and an update on the billing and invoicing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
**PRESIDENT**  
**BOARD SECRETARY**