

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

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:

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch  
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch  
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch  
John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Simril requested a nomination for President for the 2024-25 FY. Commissioner Tran made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0. President Simril requested a nomination for Vice President. Commissioner Hutton 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024. Commissioner Hutton made such motion, and it was seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, began his update by bringing up Superintendent Tracy Goldberg from RAP's Valley region to introduce staff and provide a little background of our Valley Region and the Balboa Sports Complex.

Mr. Rudnick provided a few highlights and updates from the Department. Last Friday the department held Olympic and Paralympic games, opening ceremonies, and viewing parties at 4 park sites, and in the coming weeks RAP will be hosting a series of viewing parties at parks

across the city. Mr. Rudnick mentioned the department is wrapping up its summer camp programs and beginning registration for fall activities already, for more information on our upcoming citywide events please visit laparks.org.

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf Manager provided a verbal update on the implementation of our \$10 nonrefundable deposit for golf. RAP has seen a significant improvement in available tea times. There has been a decrease in cancellations of 94%.

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch provided a brief update on the Arroyo Secco water reuse project. He stated there's an approximately a half-acre of department owned property, that the City of Pasadena and South Pasadena have included in the scope of work for this project. In 2021 the City of Pasadena approached the city of Los Angeles inquiring if they could utilize this portion of department owned property for this project, and then we engaged in discussions with them about that.

Special Introduction and Opening Remarks by Councilmember Imelda Padilla, Sixth Council District

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 28 such requests were submitted.

## **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 6 such requests were submitted.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

24-168

Reynier Park – Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21777) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-168 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-169

Queen Anne Recreation Center – Lighting & Security Cameras (PRJ21339)

Project – Decommitment of Park Fees – 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 No Expansion of Existing or Former Use], 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], and Section 15303 [Construction and Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Facilities or Structures; Installation of Small New Equipment and Facilities in Small Structures; and the Conversion of Existing Small Structures from One Use to Another Where Only Minor Modifications are Made in the Exterior of the Structure] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(11d), Class 1(12), Class 2, and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-169 was taken on consent.

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

24-170 State Street Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21600) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Minor Alterations of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities (This Includes Road Grading for the Purpose of Public Safety), and Other Alterations], Section 15301(f) [Addition of Safety or Health Protection Devices for Use During Construction or in Conjunction With Existing Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features Including Navigational Devices], Section 15302 [Replacement of Existing Structures or 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) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], and Section 15311(a) [On-Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(6), Class 2, Class 3(6), and Class 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-170 was taken on consent.

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

24-171 Hansen Dam Phase III – Road and Trail Improvements (W.O. #E170422f) Project – Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 24-171 was taken on consent.

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

24-172 Measure W Safe Clean Water Program – Memorandum of Agreement Between the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, And the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for the Implementation of the Stormwater Capture Parks Program at Seven (7) Park Locations

Board Report No. 24-172 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-173 Chatsworth Park North And Chatsworth Park South – Grant of Easements to the Las Virgenes Water District for Water Pipeline – 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 15303(d) [Construction of Water Main, Sewage, Electrical, Gas, and Other Utility Extensions, Including Street Improvements, of Reasonable Length to Serve Such Construction] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 3(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-172 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-174 As-Needed Environmental Impact Analysis and Special Studies – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 24-174 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-175 Griffith Park – License Agreement for the 2024 Los Angeles Haunted Hayride and Related Attractions – Categorically Exempt from 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.], as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) and Class 4(7) of City CEQA Guidelines

Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-175.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH ADDITION OF A RECOMMENDATION

24-176 Expo Center – Donation from the Play Equity Fund for the 2024 Summer Youth Job Corps Intern Program

Board Report No. 24-176 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-168, 24-169, 24-170, 24-171, 24-172, 24-173, 24-174 It was moved by Commissioner Hutton and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Hutton made motion to take 24-176 on consent, President Simril recused herself from the vote and it was seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Report 24-175 as presented with a recommendation to add exhibit B. 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**

This Task force did not meet.

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

This Task force will meet directly after today's meeting and will provide an update at our next meeting.

**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 Hutton requested a report back on the community outreach and the progress of the Arroyo Secco project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

**ATTEST**

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PRESIDENT

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BOARD SECRETARY