

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 15, 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, Commissioner Fiona Hutton and Commissioner Marie Lloyd. 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
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 1, 2024. Commissioner Hutton 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.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began his update by stating that in the last 3 weeks our Park Rangers responded to 28 fires on park properties in the Valley region. Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP's Park Rangers are trained in wildland fire safety and suppression. He stated in our regional parks the Park Rangers are usually the first on the scene, and they begin fire suppression duties. Mr. Kim thanked the Park Rangers for their diverse range of responsibilities and for their service to our parks and our communities we serve.

Mr. Kim provided update on our conclusion of our summer season. Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP had over 14,000 unique participants and over 60,000 enrollments in our sports program. Citywide, we had over 53,000 unique participants, of which 55% were male and 45% were female and we had over 87,000 enrollments. He stated this is just for the summer season that started in June and concluded, mid-august

Mr. Kim stated that at our next board meeting RAP will provide graphs and additional data. But he just wanted to highlight the amazing work that this Department has done for our communities and the youth throughout the city of Los Angeles.

Mr. Kim gave a brief update on the Balboa Sports Center Restroom renovation project that was brought up at our last commission meeting. So as the contractors were doing the demolition, they discovered that the interior wood framing had rotted out, and so, because of this unfortunate condition. It resulted in extra work, and time in replacing all of the framing. So there has been a little bit of a delay in terms of the completion of the project, therefore the project should be completed towards the end of October.

Council District four representative Patrick Siggins provided a brief update on the Ambassador Project at the Riverside Bridge House.

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; 3 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-177 Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting (W.O. PRJ20039 & #E170503) Project(Aka Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Cheviot Hills Recreation Center) - Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 24-177 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-178 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Life Support System Renovation (PRJ21119) Project – 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] of

California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-178 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-179 Park Fees Refund for Building Permit No. 20010-20000-04708

Board Report No. 24-179 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-180 Parcel Map AA-2024-2704-PM-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Board Report No. 24-180 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-181 Pico-Union Cesar Chavez Community Garden – Property Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control to the Department of Recreation and Parks from the Department of General Services – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(f) [Acquisition, Sale, or Other Transfer to Preserve Open Space or Lands for Park Purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 25 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-181 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-182 Western and Gage Community Park Phase II – AKA Western Gage Median Park Project – Property Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control to the Department of Recreation and Parks from the Department of General Services – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(f) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 25 of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-182 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-177, 24-178, 24-179, 24-180, 24-181 and 24-182. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

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. 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 10:14 a.m.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY