

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:05 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, 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
John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, 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 November 21, 2024. 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 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer , sitting in for the General Manager began his update by introducing Tracy Goldberg, Superintendent of the Valley region to introduce staff at the Valley Plaza Recreation Center and provide a little background of the facility.

Mr. Rudnick shared a few updates from the department Mr. Rudnick mentioned that RAP is working with the Mayor's office and the CAO at the beginning of the budget process for next fiscal year. It is already budget season, so we will be giving the board ongoing updates as the budget development process continues communications from constituents and we have assigned staff to address those communications in a timely manner

Mr. Rudnick stated that RAP is entering the holiday season and is hosting several winter festivals, holiday events, and gearing up for winter camp. He mentioned that the Pershing Square Holiday Ice rink, which is now open is the largest outdoor ice rink of its kind in

Southern California. Mr. Rudnick went on to thank all of RAP staff for their hard work throughout the year. He also mentioned a celebration taking place this afternoon at Campo De Cahuenga in honor of Councilman Paul Krekorian from council district 2 who will be ending his term.

Tracy Goldberg, Superintendent of the Valley region presented two employees with a commendation for saving a patron's life who was found unresponsive at Lanark Recreation Center. The commendations were given to Jeremy Aldridge, Sr. Recreation Director and Daniel Maciel, Recreation Assistant

President Simril went on to thank both Jeremy and Daniel for the level and depth of service they each provided.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 6 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; there was 11 such requests submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-252 Measure A – Venice Pier Improvement Project: Grant Agreement Amendment for Time Extension

Yumi Sangen, Sr. Management Analyst , Grants Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-252.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-253 California Department of Social Services Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Child Care and Development Program (CCTR) – Approval of Submission of a Continued Funding Application for Contract Renewal; Adopt Resolution

Board Report No. 24-253 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-254 Los Angeles Equestrian Center – Approval of Proposed Boarding Rates – Statutorily Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 18, Section 15273 [Establishment, Modification, Structuring, Restructuring, or Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, or Other Charges by Public Agencies] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(o) of City CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: CONTINUED

24-255 Citywide Park Needs Assessment – Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 18, Section 15262 [a Project Involving Only Feasibility or Planning Studies for Possible Future Actions Which the Board has not Approved, Adopted, or Funded Does Not Require the Preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but Does Require Consideration of Environmental Factors] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(d), of City CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: CONTINUED

24-256 Northridge Recreation Center – Approval of Amendment to License Agreement No. P-58934 with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Grant of Right for the Proposed West Valley District Yard Parking Lot – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [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], Section 15301(c) [Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities] and 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 1(3), Class 1(14) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-256 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-257 Reseda Skate Facility – Reseda Ice Skating and Roller Rink (PRJ21167) (PRJ21326) (W.O. #E170121f) Project – Grant of Right Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Water and Power for Electrical Meter Assembly

Board Report No. 24-257 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-258 As-Needed Lake Management, Maintenance, and Consulting Services – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst , Contracts Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-258.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-259 Los Angeles Equestrian Center – Approval of Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3947 with ASM Global Arena Management, LLC – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 of the California CEQA Guidelines [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 Article III, Section 1, class 1)14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Rachel Ramos, Sr. Management Analyst , Concessions Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-259.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-260 Arroyo Seco Park – Avenue 64 Playground Replacement (PRJ21589) Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(c) [Minor Alterations of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle And Pedestrian Trails, and Similar], 15301(l)(4) [Demolition and Removal of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures], 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping], and 15311(a) [On-Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(11)(D), Class 3(6), Class 4(3) and Class 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-260 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-261 Hollywood Recreation Center Phase II – Modern Gymnasium (PRJ21441) (PRJ21112) (W.O. #E1908203) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Call for Bids; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15332 [Infill Development] of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Superintendent , Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-260.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril stated that both board reports 24-254 and 24-255 were being continued to our next meeting on December 19, 2024

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-253, 24-256, 24-257 and 24-260. 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 5-0. For reports 24-253 and 24-260. And the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. For reports 24-256 and 24-257.

Commissioner Hutton recused herself from the vote on both board reports 24-256 and 24-257.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-252, 24-258, 24-259 and 24-261 as presented. 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 5-0.

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

Commissioner Hutton stated this Commission will meet today following this meeting and provide an update at our next meeting.

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 regarding the development of Condos along the horse bridge in the City of Burbank. President Simril requested a report back on the decrease in hours at a Child Care center that was mentioned today during public comments. She would also like a report back regarding the perimeter fence of the horse bridge.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY