

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, December 19, 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, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, 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 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 December 5, 2024. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Benny Tran joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began his update by introducing Anita Meacham, Superintendent of the Metro Region Recreation Division to introduce staff at the El Sereno Recreation Center and provide a brief update on the Metro Region.

Mr. Kim stated that the department posts special holiday themed events leading up to Christmas throughout the city. Mr. Kim also made note that the Commission Office has received various communications from constituents and those communications have been assigned to appropriate staff for follow up.

Mr. Kim introduced Michael Zambrano from the CAO's office to provide the performance metrics and operations update for the A Bridge Home Shelter located at 3248 Riverside

Drive. He also introduced Patrick Siggins from Council District 4 to provide an update on the ambassador program.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 13 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 16 such requests submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-262 Ernest E. Debs Regional Park – Restroom Replacement (PRJ21571) (PRJ21817) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Where it can be Seen with Certainty that there is No Possibility that the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i), of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-262 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-263 Rustic Canyon Recreation Center – Pool Improvements (PRJ21824) (PRJ21825) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(d) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety] and 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] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-263 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-264 Juntos Park – Park Improvements (PRJ21816) Project – Acceptance of Donation – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement 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(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-264 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-265 Venice Beach – Windward Plaza Playground (PRJ21621) (PRJ21615) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [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. 24-265 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-266 Griffith Park – Multi-Use Trail (PRJ21702) Project – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, , Sections 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations], 15301(c) [Minor Alterations to Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities, 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures] and 15311(a) [Placement of On-Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Classes 1(1), 1(3) 3(6) and 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-266 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-267 Runyon Canyon Park – New Restroom (PRJ21235) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(c) [Installation of a Small Structure] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-267 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-268 Roosevelt High School Pool – Pool Heater Replacement (PRJ21828) Project –

Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorically Exempt 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 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. 24-268 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-269 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

Jeremy Silva, Planning Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-269.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-270 Woodley Avenue Park – Revocable Right of Entry Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering for AVORS Sewer Wet Well – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(b) [Minor Alteration of Existing Facilities of Both Investor and Publicly Owned Utilities Used to Provide Electric Power, Natural Gas, Sewerage, or Other Public Utility Services] and Section 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) and Class 2(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-270 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-271 Bus Services – Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Mark Garcia, Administrative Clerk , Budget Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-271.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-272 Summer Night Lights Program and Related Activities – Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 24-272 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-273 As-Needed Equestrian Educational Services – Award of Contracts

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst , Contract Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-273.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-274 Solano Canyon – Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3681 with the Los Angeles Community Garden Council to Clarify Certain Boundaries on the Solano Canyon Community Garden Site Map and Update the City’s Standard Provisions

Board Report No. 24-274 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-275 Various Parks and Recreation Centers – License Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of Bench Memorial Plaques on Existing Benches – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Where it can be Seen with Certainty that there is No Possibility that the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines

Mariana Valdivia, Chief Management Analyst , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-275.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-276 Runyon Canyon Park – Approval And Acceptance of Biological and Ecological Education Sign Improvements as a Donation from the Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation to be Installed Throughout Runyon Canyon Park – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311(A) [Installation of On-Premise Signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-276 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-277 North Hollywood Recreation Center – Council District 2 Pallet Housing Project – Extension of Emergency use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed One Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 and

Government Code Section 65660(b) Applicable to City Of Los Angeles Low Barrier Navigation Centers, Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4) Applicable to Homeless Shelter Projects Under a Shelter Crisis Declaration, Public Resources Code Section 21080(B)(4) And State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) as Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency, and Public Resources Code Sections 21080.27.5 and 21080.10(c)(1) for Lease and Operation of a Low Navigation Center at a City-Owned Facility

Board Report No. 24-277 was taken on consent

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-278

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

Rachel Ramos, Chief Management Analyst , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-278.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH A MODIFICATION

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-262, 24-263, 24-264, 24-265, 24-266, 24-267, 24-268 , 24-270, 24-272, 24-274, 24-276, and 24-277. 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.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-269, 24-271, 24-273 and 24-275 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Hutton 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 24-278, with the provision of hay cubes continuing to be included in the boarding fees paid by all LAEC boarders

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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.

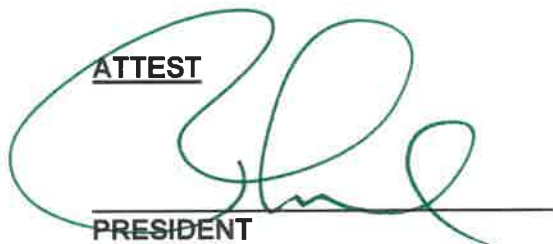
COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. President Simril requested a report back on the City of Burbank Trails Project. She would also like a report back on the reduction of hours at Child care facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY