

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 06, 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, Commissioner Marie Lloyd, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer 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

Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch

Rick Reinschmidt, Golf 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 May 16, 2024. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, introduced , Traci Goldberg Superintendent of the Valley Region Recreation Division. To introduce staff and provide a little background of our Valley Region and the Valley Plaza Recreation Center.

Mr. Kim began by providing a few general updates. Mr. Kim mentioned that the Commission Office has received various communications from constituents, and those requests have been assigned to appropriate staff for follow up. Mr. Kim mentioned the pickleball court at Palisade Recreation Center was approved under board report 22-251 with an amendment to perform a sound test. The pickleball sound test that we did, did not meet the thresholds without additional mitigation. so currently, we are looking to identify additional funding. So that we could add the additional mitigation necessary to achieve the appropriate sound levels. But we do look forward to moving forward on this project.

Mr. Kim stated our RAP budget team will be providing a more detailed review in the first meeting in July, he also wanted to note that through the budget process RAP was able to restore some

critical positions, as well as some funding that's important to maintaining our core program and services

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer thanked members of the Board and members of the public who advocated for the department during the budget process. He thanked the City Council, particularly members of the Budget and Finance Committee. While the city is currently in a challenging financial position, they recognized how critical Recreation and Parks services, programs, and parks are to the wellbeing of the city, and for that reason made quite an effort to restore funding and positions in the budget. So, we just wanted to thank everybody who advocated for the Department and for our parks cause. It went a long way in getting those positions and funding restored.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 48 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 4 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-110 Donation from Burgis Holdings, LLC. in Support of 2023 Summer Swim Programs at Sylmar Pool

Board Report No. 24-110 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-111 Summer Food Service Program 2024 – Approval of Standard Food Services Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District

Board Report No. 24-111 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-112

Unidad Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21780) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – 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 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. 24-112 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-113

Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center – Park Improvements (PRJ21531) (PRJ21676) Project – Modification of Scope of Work – 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 will be Negligible or No Expansion of Use]; Section 15301(c) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of 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 and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] and Section 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-113 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-114

Chevy Chase Recreation Center – Roof Replacement and HVAC Replacement (PRJ21782) 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 as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-114 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-115

Mason Recreation Center – Roof & HVAC Replacement (PRJ21789) Project –

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 as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-115 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-116 Granada Hills Recreation Center – Roof Replacement and HVAC Replacement (PRJ21786) 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 Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-116 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-117 Branford Recreation Center – Roof & HVAC Replacement (PRJ21781) 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 Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-117 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-118 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Roof & HVAC Replacement (PRJ21788) 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 Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-118 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-119 Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center Sports Court Lighting (W.O. #E170513) Project (AKA Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center) – Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 24-119 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-120 Proposition 40 Youth Soccer (Prop 40 YS) – Project Scope Amendment No. 2 – Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Field Project (PRJ21065) – Categorically Exempt 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], 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(e) [Location of a Limited Number 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 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Kai Wong, Sr. Project Coordinator, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-120.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-121 As-Needed Roofing Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance and/or Repairs – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 24-121 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-122 As-Needed Park Facility Prefabricated Building Construction Services – Award of Contract

Board Report No. 24-122 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-123 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-84471 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Jeremy Silva, Planning Assistant, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-123.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-124

Park Fee Ordinance – Changes to the Park Fees Section of the Schedule of Rates and Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 18, Sections 15273(a)(1) [CEQA Does Not Apply to the Establishment, Modification, Structuring, Restructuring, or Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, or Other Charges by Public Agencies for the Purpose of Meeting Operating Expenses, Including Employee Wage Rates and Fringe Benefits] and 15273(a)(4) [CEQA Does Not Apply to the Establishment, Modification, Structuring, Restructuring, or Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, or Other Charges by Public Agencies for the Purpose of Obtaining Funds for Capital Projects, Necessary to Maintain Service Within Existing Service Areas] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article II, Section 2, Class (o)(1) and Class (o)(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-124.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-125

Jackie Tatum Harvard and Saint Andrews Recreation Centers – Agreement with the Pete Brown Junior Tennis Program for the Operation of a Youth Tennis Program on Park Property – Categorically Exempt 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] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Melissa Bettis, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-125.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-126

Westwood Recreation Center – Westwood Tennis Facility – Tennis and Pickleball Improvements 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 and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-126 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-127 Bellevue Recreation Center – Hilltop Nursery School; Approval of 4% Tuition Rate Increase Commencing on Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Approval of the Exercise of Option to Extend the Contract Term for Five (5) Years

Adriana Bautista, Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-127.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-128 Griffith Park – Agreement Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and LA Compost for the Operation and Maintenance of a Community Compost Hub at Griffith Park; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304 [Minor Public or Private Alterations in the Condition of Land, Water, and/or Vegetation Which Do Not Involve Removal of Healthy, Mature, Scenic Trees Except for Forestry or Agricultural Purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 4(7) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-128 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-110, 24-111, 24-112, 24-113, 24-114, 24-115, 24-116, 24-117, 24-118, 24-119, 24-121, 24-122, 24-126 and 24-128. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Hutton recused herself from board item 24-111. This report was approved by a vote of 4-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-120, 24-123, 24-124, 24-125 and 24-127 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Vice President Sanchez. 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)

We received 1 public comment from Jennifer Clark from North Hollywood, Northeast Neighborhood Council 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

Vice President Sanchez stated the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance will be meeting today and will have a report back at our next meeting.

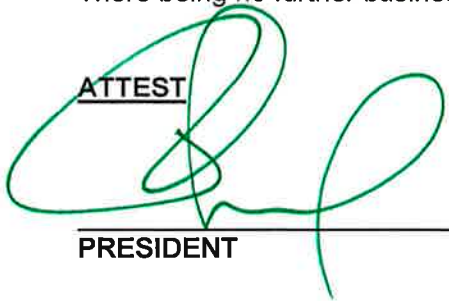
COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. Commissioner Lloyd requested an update on the Stoney Point Equestrian Center, an update from CD4 and GSD regarding the Tiny Home program and she also would like an update on the Community School program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY