

MINUTES

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

April 18, 2001

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session in the William Nickerson Recreation Center at 3:30 p.m. Present were Vice President LeRoy Chase, Commissioners David Michaelson, Robert W. Nizich, and Lisa Specht. Absent: Commissioner Maria Elena Durazo. Also present were Ellen Oppenheim, General Manager, and Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

The General Manager introduced Gat Lum, Superintendent of the Pacific Region. The Superintendent welcomed the Board to the Nickerson Recreation Center. The Superintendent introduced Maile Marquand, Principal Recreation Supervisor, Chuck Savor, District Supervisor, and Anthony Gordon, Acting Facility Director. The Superintendent also introduced Taehoon Kim, a representative from the Republic of Korea.

CLOSED SESSION - Considered later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Considered later in the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Nizich, and seconded by Commissioner Specht, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2001 and the Special Meeting of April 11, 2001 be approved. There being no objection, the Motion was approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

01-117 - Considered later in the meeting.

01-118 - Considered later in the meeting.

01-119

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD REPORT NO. 00-346 -
PARK FEES EXPENDITURE PROGRAM - FISCAL
YEAR 1998-1999 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS
TO LEXINGTON POCKET PARK

01-120

BANNING RESIDENCE MUSEUM -
REFURBISH BUILDING - GARDEN (#2801N) -
APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

01-121

SEPULVEDA PARK WEST - ACQUISITION

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AND NEW RECREATION FACILITY (#1832A) -
APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

01-122

FIELD OF DREAMS (#1346A) -
CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION
OF THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION - APPROVAL OF
FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

01-123

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY - RENOVATION
AND EXPANSION (#1504C) EXTRA
SERVICES TO DESIGN CONTRACT NO. 2860

01-124

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY - RENOVATION
AND EXPANSION (#1504C) EXTRA
SERVICES TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT NO. 2859

01-125

ACCEPTANCE OF STOP NOTICE(S)
AND RELEASE(S) OF STOP NOTICE(S)

01-126

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL
RESOLUTION NO. 9863 -
SECTION 1C SUBSTITUTE AUTHORITY -
ONE SENIOR GARDENER AND
ONE GRAPHIC DESIGNER III

01-127

GRIFFITH/METRO
REGION DONATIONS

01-128

DONATIONS TO THE
VALLEY REGION

01-129

VARIOUS
COMMUNICATIONS

01-130

GARAGING VEHICLES
OFF CITY PROPERTY

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01-131
BOARD OFFICE -
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

01-132 - Considered later in the meeting.

01-133 - Considered later in the meeting.

01-134
STONER RECREATION CENTER
SWIMMING POOL (#1534C) -
APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS
AND CALL FOR BIDS

01-135
AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL
RESOLUTION NO. 9863 - SECTION
1C SUBSTITUTE AUTHORITY -
ONE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

It was moved by Commissioner Specht, seconded by Commissioner Nizich, that the foregoing reports, with exceptions as noted, be approved, and that the appropriate Resolutions be adopted. There being no objection, the Motion was approved.

01-118 - Considered later in the meeting.
APPROVAL OF A JOINT USE AGREEMENT
WITH THE LAUSD FOR THE SHARED USE
OF VARIOUS FACILITIES AT BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
HIGHLAND PARK AREA OF LOS ANGELES

Robert L. (Bob) Cavage, representing the Pacific Palisades Residents Association, spoke in opposition to the report. The representative stated that a review of the proposed agreement indicates inadequate consideration of protecting the immediate surrounding neighborhood from the excess noise, light, traffic, and overflow parking that will be generated on an ongoing basis by the non-school usage, facilitated by the addition of lights on the football field.

It was moved by Commissioner Nizich, seconded by Commissioner Specht, that Board Report 01-118 be approved. There being no objection, the Motion was approved.

01-132 - Out of Order.
DELANO RECREATION CENTER -
COMMUNITY BUILDING (#1805A) -

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Maureen Tamuri, Assistant General Manager for Planning and Construction (AGM), revised the report to reflect that the project include a deductive alternate, instead of an additive alternate on page 2 of the report.

It was moved by Commissioner Nizich, seconded by Commissioner Specht, that Board Report 01-132 be approved as amended. There being no objection, the Motion was approved.

01-133 - Out of Order.

QUEEN ANNE RECREATION CENTER -

BUILDING EXPANSION (#1774C) -

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The AGM requested that Recommendation #1 be amended to add a future funding clause to the bid subject to approval by the Assistant City Attorney. The AGM also requested that the report be amended to change the reference relative to the refurbishment of the stage, to the creation of a community room, in order to clarify that the Department is not using Prop K monies for a theatrical stage.

It was moved by Commissioner Nizich, seconded by Commissioner Specht, that Board Report 01-133 be approved as amended. There being no objection, the Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Out of Order.

Mark Crouch, Steven Myrick, Nora King, Cynthia Mendenhall, Dwight Locke, and Greg Brown expressed concern relative to the gymnasium located in the Imperial Courts Housing Project, which has not been completed and the negative impact that it has on the youth in the area. The General Manager stated that a community meeting would be held to address the concerns of the public speakers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

01-115

BARNSDALL PARK PHASE I -

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

(#1026C) - REVIEW OF BIDS

AND AWARD OF CONTRACT

Held until May 16, 2001.

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The Board was recessed to address the Special Agenda at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened at 4:19 p.m.

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 4:20 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 and Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) for discussions with the Department's designated representative, OARS, with respect to labor negotiations for the Recreation Assistant employees and for a conference with legal counsel concerning House of Blues Concerts, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, BC 247258 respectively and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

The Assistant City Attorney stated that the Commissioners met in Closed Session and that no actions were taken during either Closed Sessions.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

The General Manager stated that the Nickerson Recreation Center is a CLASS Park and that physical improvements had been made to the facility. She stated that a Barnsdall Park community meeting would be held on May 2, 2001 at the Municipal Arts Theatre. It was reported that awards were presented to the Department by the Los Angeles Business Council for EPICC in the Unbuilt Category; Shane's Inspiration; and the Off-Track Youth Enrichment Programs. The General Manager stated that staff had completed the RFP for the Greek Theatre.

01-117 - Out of Order. GREEK THEATRE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2001

Juliet Kiperman, representing the Greek Theatre Neighborhood Task Force 90-Day Study, stated that she was outraged because community input was not solicited. The representative requested that the RFP not be approved due to insufficient time given to the neighborhood and Task Force to review and comment.

Charlotte De Armond, representing the Los Feliz Improvement Association, stated that insufficient time prevents requisite analysis of the new RFP, and requested that the report not be approved. The representative expressed concern relative to assurance that the panel recommendations would be considered and stated that the minimum was too low.

Mark Armbruster, representing SFX Entertainment, requested

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that the RFP stipulate the CPI inflation rate. That the letter of credit should include a draw provision. He suggested that the RFP require that the funds be committed specifically for said project.

Adam Burke, representing Nederlander-Greek, Inc., requested that the Dun and Bradstreet report be included.

Commissioner Specht requested that GTAC be allowed to review the RFP. She stated that the minimum rent percentage should be raised and that the minimum bid should be raised to eight-percent. The Commissioner also requested that the report be held due to insufficient time for an adequate review.

George Milstein, representing House of Blues, requested that a minimum show attendance be stipulated in the report.

The General Manager requested that all comments be provided by April 25, 2001 so that the matter could be considered at the May 2, 2001 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM

HAZARD PARK - FORMER
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Alex Man, representing Friends of Hazard Park, expressed his concern relative to Hazard Park and the wetlands.

Receive and File.

MEMORANDUM

PARK ADVISORY BOARD
COMPOSITION AND MEMBER TERMS

Held until May 2, 2001.

MEMORANDUM

PETITION BY MR. BUSHNELL
REGARDING CONDITIONS
AT DELONGPRE PARK

Receive and file.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and

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Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., City Hall, 200 North Main Street, Room 1325, Los Angeles, California 90012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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