

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL MEETING

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

August 14, 2002

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in Special session at 9:34 a.m. at Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center (EPICC). Present were President Mike Roos, Vice President Christopher Pak, Commissioners Lisa Specht and Christopher W. Hammond. Absent: Commissioner Christina Sanchez-Camino. Also present were Manuel Mollinedo, General Manager and Sr. Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

02-306

TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF
LOTS TO COMPLETE THE FORMATION OF CAREY
RANCH PARK

02-307

NON-FINANCIAL TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION
OF SELMA PARK

02-308

FIELD OF DREAMS (#1346A) - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

02-309

SEPULVEDA PARK WEST - RECREATION CENTER (#1832A) -
CHANGE ORDERS TO CONTRACT NO. 3011

02-310

AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO.
2605 WITH LEWIS S. SOLOFF DBA SOLOFF
SURVEYING AND CONSULTING FOR AS-NEEDED
LAND SURVEYING SERVICES

02-311

APPROVAL OF A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS, BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS FOR THE DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE SEPULVEDA DAM RECREATION AREA - STREET
AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS (#1022A)

02-312

PARK FEES/QUIMBY FEES EXPENDITURE: SILVERLAKE
RECREATION CENTER: FUNDING FOR ACOUSTICAL
IMPROVEMENTS OF GYMNASIUM (#6102G)

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ENCINO PHOTOGRAPHY CENTER: APPROVE RENEWAL
OF PERMIT NO. 480 TO CULTURAL AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT FOR A TWO YEAR TERM

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AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY (CRA) FUNDS AT BARNSDALL PARK

It was moved by Commissioner Specht, seconded by Vice President Pak, that the foregoing reports, with exceptions as noted, be approved, and that the appropriate Resolutions be adopted. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Belinda Jackson, EPICC Director, welcomed the Commission to Exposition Park and invited them to tour the facility immediately following the meeting.

Laura Ybarra, Sr. Recreation Director II, welcomed the Commission and introduced and thanked the EPICC staff for their efforts in putting together the meeting.

Commissioner Christopher Hammond arrived at 9:55 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM
PARK SAFETY

Commander McDonnell, L.A.P.D., reported that under the direction of the Mayor the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Police Department have joined to identify 62 parks city wide as "Stop In" centers, meaning these would be locations whereby officers can visit with the park directors to create an open line of communication with the Department. There will be an increased visibility of officers in the parks; the Police Department will also look at a prioritized list of three tiers of parks needing attention and prioritize resources and required.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Specht, the Commander indicated that the next steps would include further communication from the Police Department. Commander McDonnell indicated that he is the Senior Lead Officer Coordinator and Safe Parks Coordinator, and also oversees "Fast Track" which is the command accountability system for the Police Department where crime trends, patterns, and clusters are observed to try to develop strategies to address those issues. The Department has now integrated the safe parks along with the Senior Lead Officer concept under the Fast Track model, where the accountability is not only now for the crime trends and patterns, but also problems in the community and quality of life issues that can be addressed in one forum, and in doing so the Police Department stresses the importance of keeping the parks safe.

In further response to Commissioner Specht, the Commander indicated that the Stop In-Centers are designed for officers to write their reports while meeting with the Park Director, and the community can observe police presence in the park, which is more approachable than a police station. Currently, officers are assigned to the parks on an overtime basis and are primarily from the Metropolitan Division Mounted Unit. This has been a high-visibility deterrent. However, when the officers are present the criminal element will dissipate within five minutes and

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the officers will remain for the next six to eight hours with very little to do. The Police Department is currently reviewing the use of these units in the larger parks, as well as utilizing the overtime funds within the 18 geographic areas so that officers in that area have the opportunity to work the parks on an off-duty basis, which gives them further reason to watch the park while on duty and develop a relationship with park staff.

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, the Commander briefed the Commission on the gang truce intervention program that took place in the 1980's through the Police Department and community-based organizations. The Commander further indicated that the Police Department continues to work with gang intervention entities and community-based organizations.

The General Manager commended the Commander and the Police Department for their efforts at Echo Park in search of a lost child.

Tony Coroalles, Assistant General Manager, presented an update on the steps that the Department of Recreation and Parks has taken to look after the safety of patrons in the parks as well as employee safety.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Roos, the AGM indicated that through the CLASS Parks Program, the Department has a contract with L.A. BRIDGES, which is an organization made-up of previous gang members, to allow for gang intervention resources as necessary.

Commissioner Hammond expressed his concern for follow-up evaluation by staff, of all terms agreed-upon by both Departments.

In response to Commissioner Hammond's request, Jim Combs indicated that he will meet with Commissioners Hammond and Sanchez-Camino to develop a strategy to re-engage the Police Department in developing a report to the Police Board.

The General Manager indicated that staff will report on park violence which has occurred over the past month, at the September 4, 2002 Commission meeting.

MEMORANDUM

STATUS UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS/LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT LAND EXCHANGE AND JOINT
USE FOR AVALON PARK AND OTHERS

Mr. Coroalles summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Hammond, Mr. Coroalles indicated that L.A.U.S.D. will not devote any BB Bond funding toward South Park, however, they continue to review the option of condemning the land around South Park in order to build a school, and the option of engaging Recreation and Parks in a joint use agreement. He further indicated that for all practical purposes, the Department of Recreation and Parks no longer has an interest in the operation, other than

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supporting a high school and eliminating the Methadone Clinic which would make for a better park. Mr. Coroalles stated that L.A.U.S.D. continues to have legal problems with their BB Bond Council in somehow wrapping-up and giving Recreation and Parks \$5 million for park improvements and consideration for a joint use agreement. The latest from the City Planners is that L.A.U.S.D. has pulled out of that, however, there is no factual information as to when they will go to the School Board recommending when, and if, that project will move forward. Further, Mr. Coroalles indicated that the Department of Recreation and Parks is no longer involved in the L.A.U.S.D./South Park; however, if political forces in the city wanted this to go forward that the Department would work collaboratively with all entities involved.

In further responding to Commissioner Hammond, Mr. Coroalles indicated that there is no condemnation involved at neither Avalon Park or Hollywood, and no park space will be lost, it is a reconfiguration of park space, square foot for square foot the same amount of park space.

The Special Meeting was closed at 10:10 a.m. to enter into Closed Session.

The Special Meeting was re-opened at 10:47 a.m. to enter into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9(a) the Commission met in Closed Session to discuss with, and receive advice from, legal counsel concerning D&M Construction v. City of Los Angeles, BC255210.

President Roos reported that there was no reportable action taken at the Closed Session.

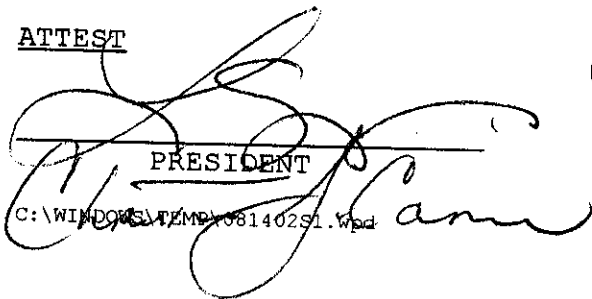
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002 at 9:30 a.m., 200 North Main Street, 13th Floor, Room 1325, Los Angeles, California 90012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY

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