

M I N U T E S

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

December 10, 2002

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session at Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center at 9:00 a.m. Present were President Mike Roos, Commissioners Christopher Hammond and Lisa Specht. Absent: Vice-President Christopher Pak and Commissioner Christina Sanchez-Camino. Also present were Manuel Mollinedo, General Manager and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, welcomed the Board and introduced his staff and members of the Park Advisory Board (PAB).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

02-408

GRANADA HILLS RECREATION CENTER - COMMUNITY BUILDING (#15690) - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

02-409 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-410

GRIFFITH PARK FERRARO SOCCER FIELDS - IMPROVEMENTS (#1342B) - CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 3060

02-411

WESTCHESTER RECREATION CENTER COMMUNITY BUILDING (#1539A) - CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 2950

02-412

ASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS AND RELEASES OF STOP NOTICES; CDD/YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED - ALTERNATE HIGH SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES (#1724C) - CONTRACT NO. 2857

02-413 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-414

VENICE BEACH OCEAN FRONT WALK REFURBISHMENT PLAN (#1019B) - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 TO DESIGN CONTRACT NO. 2814 WITH RRM DESIGN GROUP

02-415

CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001-02, 2002-03, AND 2003-04 LATCHKEY CHILD CARE AND GENERAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

02-416

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH FREMER/SAVEL ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS - CONTRACT NO. 2653

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02-417

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL RESOLUTION NO. 9987 -
SECTION 1A REGULAR AUTHORITY - ONE ACCOUNTING
CLERK I

Item Held.

02-418

INCLUSION OF CABRILLO BEACH BATHHOUSE
IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHEDULE OF RATES AND
FEES AND REVISION OF PAY PARKING LOT SECTION

02-419

REQUEST FOR PRICE INCREASE AT THE SHERMAN
OAKS CASTLE PARK BATTING CAGES

02-420

2002 SEASON GREEK THEATRE CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

02-421 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-422

SUBSTITUTION OF SUBCONTRACTOR; EAGLE ROCK
RECREATION CENTER - CHILDCARE CENTER (#1628D) -
CONTRACT NO. 2953

02-423

SUBSTITUTION OF SUBCONTRACTOR; EL SERENO NORTH
PARK RESTROOM (#1350B) - CONTRACT NO. 3069

02-424

ACCEPTANCE OF STOP NOTICES ON VARIOUS DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

02-425

ASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS AND RELEASES OF STOP NOTICES;
BRANFORD RECREATION CENTER - CHILDCARE CENTER
(#1617D); CONTRACT NO. 3004

02-426

ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY
SERVICES BRANCH

02-427

VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Specht, seconded by Commissioner Hammond 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.

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02-409 - Out of Order.

DELANO RECREATION CENTER - COMMUNITY
BUILDING (#15690) - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Robert Fawcett, Superintendent, Planning and Construction Division, amended the report to include as Recommendation No. 1 the following:

1. Rescind the Board's prior action on April 18, 2001, Board Report No. 01-132;

It was moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Specht, that Report No. 02-409 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-413 - Out of Order.

CDD/YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED ALTERNATE
HIGH SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE FACILITY (#1724D) -
CONTRACT NO. 2857 - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

The Superintendent of Planning and Construction Division amended Recommendation Nos. 3, 5, 7, and renumbered Recommendation No. 8 as 9, and inserted a new Recommendation No. 8, of the report as follows:

Recommendation:

3. Authorize a time extension of 90 days, final amount of time extension shall be part of the final settlement as noted on item 9 below;
5. Deduct \$450,689.18 from the unpaid contract balance and retention monies for outstanding Stop Notices including 25% penalty;
7. Authorize the Department's Director of Finance to retain the \$825,391.11 in unpaid contract balance and retention monies held under Contract No. 2857, after acceptance by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, to satisfy outstanding amounts due to the City in accordance with Charter Section 264;
8. Authorize the Department's Director of Finance to release \$284,191.86 of unpaid contract balance held under Contract No. 2857; and,

Paragraph 5 of the Summary of the Report was amended as follows:

The current project's unpaid contract balance and retention are \$1,109,582.97. Staff recommends deductions from this amount \$450,689.18 and \$9,451.93 for outstanding Stop Notices plus penalties and OCC violations respectively. Staff also recommends assessment of liquidated damages in the amount of \$365,250.00. The total of these three amounts are \$825,391.11, and resulted in a release of \$284,191.86 to the contractor. It is recommended that the Board withhold any further payment to the contractor as allowed for under City Charter Section 264,

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Reduction of Demands on the Treasury. The total amount to be withheld is \$825,391.11.

Motion:

It was moved by Commissioner Specht, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that Board Report No. 02-413, be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-421 - Out of Order.

DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTION OF
SUBCONTRACTOR - CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM
(#1505D) - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
CONTRACT NO. 3062

Lawrence Collins, representing Casco Group, Inc., made himself available to answer any inquiries from the Board.

President Roos indicated that the participation of Casco Group, Inc. is indispensable to the success of the project.

The representative further stated that installing life support systems for aquariums is a long-term commitment, and Casco Group, Inc. has 20 years experience with doing installations worldwide. He further indicated that Casco Group, Inc. had a proven relationship with the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

It was moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Specht, that Report No. 02-421 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

02-401 - Out of Order.

CELLULAR INSTALLATIONS ON PARK PROPERTY

Susan Huntley, Chief Management Analyst, summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

It was moved by Commissioner Specht, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that Report No. 02-401 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-372 - Out of Order.

WILMINGTON SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (#1803A) -
APPROVAL OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Robert Fawcett, Superintendent, Planning and Construction Division, amended the second paragraph of the Summary of the report as follows:

"There were 50 change orders issued on this project for a total amount of \$151,445.40. The total amount of funds expended on this project is \$2,511,045.40."

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It was moved by Commissioner Specht, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that Report No. 02-372 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM

HANSEN DAM EQUESTRIAN CENTER CONTRACT -
REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT

Linda Barth, Senior Management Analyst, summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Specht, the Sr. M.A. indicated that the term of the lease with Mr. Eddie Milligan, Operator, is 1997 to 2020. The Sr. M.A. further explained that the contract was originally long-term due to the scope of capital improvements, and that essentially the Operator built the entire Hansen Dam Equestrian Center as seen currently, and needed the long-term contract in order to amortize the value of that capital improvement, which was several millions of dollars.

In response to President Roos, the Sr. M.A. stated that the Los Angeles Equestrian Center contract was also 25 years, which commenced in the late 1980's. Further, the practice or the policy at that time was to look at longer term contracts and larger capital improvement dollar amounts.

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, the Sr. M.A. informed that there had been a lawsuit with Mr. Milligan, in which the City paid a little over a million dollars to Mr. Milligan.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Specht, the Sr. Assistant City Attorney informed the Board that there would be no harm in notifying others that there might be an opportunity to bid on the contract. In terms of terminating the contract the Sr. Assistant City Attorney would need to review the termination rights under the contract. Assigning the contract is almost discretionary with the Board.

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, the Sr. M.A. informed the Board that Mr. Lopez had conducted special events at the Equestrian Center, such as Charro demonstrations and rodeo activities. She further informed the Board that the Department had a fairly positive reaction to Mr. Lopez and he would bring interesting cultural diversity to the area. However, there was need to ensure that Mr. Lopez was aware of the primary mission of the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center in terms of boarding and training, and to ensure that those terms are satisfied. The Department is cautiously optimistic that the arrangement could work out quite beneficially. The Sr. M.A. further stated although staff feels because Mr. Milligan is the current contractor it is their responsibility to work with him on the assignee he has given, however, ultimately it will be at the Board's discretion to approve the assignee.

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In response to Commissioner Specht, the Sr. M.A. informed that another private operator, who represents a potential coalition of other investors, had expressed interest in the contract, as well as the L.A. Equestrian operators were also aware of the project.

Commissioner Specht, requested that the Sr. Assistant City Attorney work with the Concessions staff to draft language that would prohibit the original operator from receiving money in connection with the termination of their assignment, and further require that any arrangements made to allow the operator to receive a premium payment when terminating their contract, be made known to, and approved by, the Board.

MEMORANDUM

RAISE THE BAR GENDER EQUITY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Jim Combs, Assistant General Manager, summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

Paula Olsen, L.A.J.C.C.; June McIvor, L.A. Women In Sports; and Irene Camarena, L.A. Dodgers all spoke in support of the Program.

Rocio Cordoba, ACLU of Southern California, commended the Department on the report and requested further details in clarifying certain points in selected components of the report. Requests for details were submitted to the AGM.

MEMORANDUM

PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A MERRY-GO-ROUND AT LINCOLN PARK

The General Manager summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES, PROGRAMS, AND CURRENT PROJECTS

Tony Coroalles, Assistant General Manager summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Specht, Vicki Israel summarized the Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) Program which is sponsored by Disney and involves children that participate in camping, and are allowed to take part in the Rose Parade.

Jerry Piro and Debra Baumann, residents, presented data to the Board regarding the Department's response to citizen's preferences for equestrian trails and related issues pertaining to Hansen Dam Basin.

President Roos requested a copy of the Hansen Dam Master Plan with a timeline of future funding and development objectives submitted to the Board at a future meeting within the next 45 days.

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MEMORANDUM
JAZZERCISE RECENT CHANGES

Mr. Coroalles, Assistant General Manager, summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

MEMORANDUM
STUDIO CITY GOLF AND TENNIS COMPLEX

Jim Combs, Assistant General Manager, and Rick Sessinghaus, Consultant, summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

Lory Obert, Women's Public Links Golf Association, and Gene Vano, L.A. Municipal Golf Association, expressed their concerns on the City's acquisition of the Studio City Golf and Tennis complex.

MEMORANDUM
PROPOSITION K PROJECT STATUS

Robert Fawcett, Contractor Administrator, Planning and Construction Division, summarized the background of this matter as outlined within the staff report.

Commissioner Hammond requested that the Capital Projects Task Force research the development of a local hiring practice as it relates to Proposition K projects as well as for all Recreation and Parks projects. The Commissioner further requested that the Sr. Assistant City Attorney research the requirements of awarding a Proposition K project to the low bidder and whether there is legal capacity to award to a more qualified bidder.

The Sr. Assistant City Attorney informed the Board that the Department has both the Contractor Responsibility Ordinance and the ability to set some criteria for potential bidders. Although pursuant to the City Charter, the Department is required to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, staff does have the ability to make threshold determinations about who is qualified.

The General Manager informed the Board that staff would include the Board's request as an item on the upcoming Board Agenda.

COMMISSION TASK FORCES

Commission Task Force on Park Safety (Commissioners Hammond and Sanchez-Camino)

Commissioner Hammond expressed his concern on the delay of the Chief of Police to attend the Park Safety Task Force meeting.

Commissioner Specht requested that staff invite Councilwoman Miscikowski and the Chief of Police to the next Task Force meeting to discuss Park Safety.

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Commission Task Force on Concession RFPs (Vice President Pak and Commissioner Sanchez-Camino)

Commission Task Force on Capital Projects (Vice President Pak and Commissioner Hammond)

GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

The General Manager reported on the following:

- Winter Holiday Festival at Exposition Park in the Rose Garden
- Wonderful Outdoor World Program, partnered with Disney
- Pershing Square Ice Skating Rink - Aired live on KTLA
- Commended Department staff for the removal of fallen trees throughout the City
- Murray-Hayden Funds in the amount of \$700,000 donated to the Department for park improvements at Seoul International Park, as well as \$300,000 donation by Councilmember Nate Holden
- Department Nutcracker Winter Program

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sallie W. Neubauer, representing Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park, expressed her disappointment with the Department in regard to the meeting time change and the Board's decision to adopt the guidelines for Cellular Installations on Park Property (Board Report No. 02-401).

Fritz Bronner, representing Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, announced the "Day of the Horse" event held on December 14, 2002.

George Harrison, resident, requested that the Board consider the input of the community and Advisory Board regarding the Hansen Dam issue.

Mary Benson, representing the Valley View Vaulters, expressed her concern on the Hansen Dam Habitat and Flood Control, and the inappropriate location of high-impact recreational facilities that would be flooded out in the next rainstorm. She further explained that the soccer fields were built on fill and the fill was imported in order to extend high ground to keep projects out of the flood plain. Although there was no objection to the soccer fields, in referring to the Mitigated EIR that was developed for the soccer fields, the representative recommended that they be relocated on a higher level on the north side of Foothill Boulevard. The representative submitted a report for the Board's review.

President Roos informed the representative that the Army Corps of Engineers must sign off on all plans.

Claudette English and Bette Jane Blank, residents, submitted for the record speaker cards and petitions to ban fishing at Lake Balboa.

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Phyllis Hines, representing the Lakeview Terrace Improvement Association, expressed the need for lighting in the parking area west of the Lakeview Terrece recreation building.

Kevin Regan, Superintendent, informed the Board that the Department is researching the option of additional lighting to the parking area.

Judith McCurdy, resident, expressed her concern on the fishing in Lake Balboa and its effect on the bird wildlife in the Lake. The resident further stated that the fishing and bird life were not compatible with the wildlife needs of the area.

Sharon Brewer, resident, expressed her concern on the fishing in Lake Balboa and its effect on the bird wildlife in the Lake. The resident further informed the Board that the wildlife in the area were dying from fishing line and hooks both left behind on land and in the water. Ms. Brewer further indicated that the Lake had not been dredged since it was opened about ten years earlier, and although the resident, in the past, had made the Department aware of the problem, it continued to exist. In closing, the resident informed the Board that the problem could only be solved by the immediate banning of fishing and a cleanup of the water, and requested to know who had the authority to stop the fishing at Lake Balboa and how to go about having the recourse implemented.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Hammond, the General Manager informed the Board that public fishing in Lake Balboa had been allowed for several years.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at 9:30 a.m., City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, Room 1325, Los Angeles, California 90012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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