

MINUTES

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

November 20, 2002

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session at Lincoln Park Recreation Center at 5:45 p.m. Present were President Mike Roos, Commissioners Christopher Hammond and Christina Sanchez-Camino. Absent: Vice-President Christopher Pak and Commissioner Lisa Specht. Also present were Manuel Mollinedo, General Manager and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

02-389

PROPOSITION K TRANSITION - DELEGATION OF CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY TO THE BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND INCREASE LEVEL OF CHANGE ORDERS NEEDING APPROVAL ON GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY PROJECT

02-390

BARNSDALL PARK - PHASE I MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (#1026C) - REQUEST FOR CHANGE ORDERS TO CONTRACT NO. 2995

02-391

IMPERIAL COURTS RECREATION CENTER - NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING (#1605D) - CHANGE ORDERS TO CONTRACT NO. 2836

02-392

APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF SERVICES TO CLASS PARKS FOR THE YOUTH INTERVENTION PILOT PROJECT

02-393

VENICE BEACH OCEAN FRONT WALK REFURBISHMENT PLAN (#1019B) - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO DESIGN CONTRACT NO. 2814 WITH RRM DESIGN GROUP

02-394 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-395

SEPULVEDA BASIN WOODLEY GOLF CLUBHOUSE (#1554A) - APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CLUBHOUSE

02-396 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-397 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-398

EXPOSITION PARK - AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE WITHIN THE EPICC SWIM STADIUM FOR 'KIDS IN SPORTS'

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02-399

APPROVAL FOR THE AMORTIZATION OF COSTS
TO GPRAH, INC., DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE TRAVEL TOWN MUSEUM LOCOMOTIVE PAVILION

02-400 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-401 - Considered later in the meeting.

02-402

POINT FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE - APPROVAL OF A
PLAQUE ACKNOWLEDGING FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF
THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

02-403

APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PLAQUE
ON THE JOSE MARTI MEMORIAL BUST IN ECHO PARK

02-404

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

02-405

ACCEPTANCE OF STOP NOTICES AND RELEASE OF
STOP NOTICES ON VARIOUS DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

02-406

TRANSFER OF USED AND OBSOLETE DESIGN MODEL OF
BARNSDALL PARK PHASE I MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
(#1026C) TO ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN (A+D) MUSEUM

02-407

VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino 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.

Councilmember Reyes welcomed the community and the Board to Council District One and thanked Department staff for their efforts in work being done in the northeast area parks.

The Councilmember further spoke in support of Lincoln Park, The Wall - Las Memorias Memorial - Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, and Conceptual Approval of the Memorial (Board Report No. 02-400).

02-394 - Out of Order.

WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE: RESCISSION
OF PRIOR BOARD ACTIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF
GRANT AWARDS

The Sr. Assistant City Attorney amended the report as follows to better describe the actions taken by Council:

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Recommendation No. 2 should be deleted.

Recommendation No. 3 should be amended to read:

"Recommendation that Council rescind its action, taken on December 12, 2001, in connection with Council files 99-1237 and 99-1237-S1, which amended the Fiscal Impact Statement and authorized the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks to apply for the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency, under the Trails Program, for grant funding in the amount of \$57,600, with an in-kind match of 50% to implement the White Point Nature Preserve Trails Project."

Add a new Recommendation at the end which reads:

"Recommend that Council amend the Fiscal Impact Statement in connection with Council files 99-1237 and 99-1237-S1 to state that the Habitat Conservation Program grant requires a 50% match which will be funded by a Metropolitan Transit Authority Transportation Improvement grant."

It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that Report No. 02-394 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-396 - Out of Order.

BRAND PARK - RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS (#1839A)
PARK FEES ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The Commission Executive Assistant amended Recommendation No. 4 Fund 205-H900 amount to read \$19,973.09.

It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that Report No. 02-396 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-397 - Out of Order.

VENICE BEACH OCEAN FRONT WALK: CONCEPTUAL
APPROVAL OF PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURE

Kimberly Davis, representing L.A. Louver, spoke in support of permanent placement of a sculpture at Venice Beach.

It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, that Report No. 02-397 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-400 - Out of Order.

LINCOLN PARK, THE WALL - LAS MEMORIAS MEMORIAL -
ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION,
A MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM,
AND CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF THE MEMORIAL

Iris Miranda, Sr. Field Representative to Assemblyman Gil Cedillo's Office, read a brief statement from the Assemblyman in support of the

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report.

Richard Zaldivar, spoke in support of the report, indicating that the idea is to create a monument to the people who have died from AIDS. The representative further indicated that in nine years 2,500 signatures have been obtained in support of the memorial.

Mary Leos-Pacheco, resident, spoke in opposition of the report, indicating that park space is precious and a memorial in the park is not appropriate. The resident further presented for the record letters that were collected in opposition of the memorial.

Gloria Placeros, resident, spoke in opposition of the report, and further requested that the merry-go-round be returned to the park for use of the children in the community.

The following spoke in opposition of the report: Daniel Almanza, resident; Emmett Escobar, resident; Emily Marielena Pacheco, resident; Hugo Pacheco, representing Community At Large; Lydia Pacheco, resident; and, Sallie Neubauer, representing Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park.

Oscar Garcia, President, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council, indicated that due to the Council's recent election, the Neighborhood Council could not make a vote in opposition or support of this item. However, the representative requested that the Commission consider the Neighborhood Council as a key component in deciding their vote, and to recognize that the Council does have a say in what takes place in Lincoln Park.

Ray Covarrubias, resident, suggested that the memorial be placed in either Elysian Park or the County General Hospital, to accommodate the number of people visiting the memorial.

The following spoke in support of the report: Charles L. Henry, Director, L.A. County Office of AIDS Programs & Policy, Department of Health Services; Maria Elena Durazo; Rev. Fr. Peter V. Lambert, representing Philanthropia Ministry & Las Memorias; Dennis Leoni, representing The Wall - Las Memorias; Edgar Garcia, representing The Wall - Las Memorias; Andy Martinez, representing Ranch Schrader Clinic; Dennis Martinez, representing Cultural Affairs Commission; Nick Vasquez, resident; Eileen Cole, representing The Wall - Las Memorias; Ernestina Montellano, representing The Wall - Las Memorias, Sylvia Marquez, representing The Wall - Las Memorias; Geronima Fonseca; Aurora Baez; Mike Zellner, representing The Wall - Las Memorias; Ann Marie Perdue, representing Barrio Action Youth and Family Center; Richard Fajardo, representing The Wall - Las Memorias; Al Ballesteros, Los Angeles County Commission on HIV; and Martha Ugarte.

Commissioner Hammond stated that, generically, he has been opposed to using open space, however, the particular disease is so huge in terms of impact on people of color, that not only should it be appropriate, but should also be occurring in other parts of the City. The Commissioner further indicated his support of the report.

Commissioner Sanchez-Camino expressed her support of the report.

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President Roos indicated that in adopting the negative declaration, the General Manager is further instructed to complete a variety of assignments. More importantly, no construction activity will commence prior to the Board giving final approval of the agreement negotiated by the General Manager. The President further indicated that the way the memorial looks, the way that it is carried out, and the way that it flows with the remainder of the park, still allows for input by the community, urged all to continue to participate in the process which is open and welcoming of all input.

Commissioner Hammond further indicated that the Board is very concerned about safety in Lincoln Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, that Report No. 02-400 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

02-401 - Out of Order.

CELLULAR INSTALLATIONS ON PARK PROPERTY

Mr. Afriat, representative for Sprint, spoke in favor of the report and requested that the Commission consider one minor change to the "Department Guidelines for the Installation of Cellular Equipment on Recreation and Park Property". The representative stated that the Commission was asked to adopt a policy that states that the agreement be revocable, and while that in many cases the Commission may choose to enter into agreements that are revocable, by making it a policy it will never be possible for Sprint to negotiate any agreements, other than ones that are revocable. The representative further stated that the cellular sites cost on the average of \$200,000 to the industry and additionally they are set-up in conjunction with other sites, because it is part of an entire system.

Commissioner Roos inquired if it is revocable doesn't it go to the carrier rather than, couldn't it be sold/rented/leased to another carrier.

The representative indicated that the City would have the right to do that, however, it is believed that the intent is to not have a site there at all. Sprint would like the commission to make that decision on a case-by-case basis, not to suggest that the commission never do that, but rather it not be a matter of policy because it eliminates the flexibility to negotiate those terms after the fact.

The General Manager requested that staff be allowed to meet with the City Attorney's office and return to the commission with the report.

President Roos approved the request to hold the report to the next Commission meeting with the approval of the representative.

Sallie W. Neubauer, representative for the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park, submitted photos for the record that showed what the AT&T and Verizon boxes looked like in Elysian Park. The point being that the boxes are all on the curb, they were allowed by law because you could use the street easement to just go in and put these boxes. In the guidelines there is a clause that says Recreation and Parks should not

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be involved in the conditional use permit hearings, and the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park strongly objects to that notion because, particularly in Elysian Park, that is really the only place where your going to have any litigation possibility

It was moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, that Report No. 02-401 be held to December 11, 2002. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

02-372

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

Item Held to December 11, 2002.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY - RENOVATION AND
EXPANSION (#1504C)

MEMORANDUM

RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS AT
RUNYON CANYON DOG PARK

President Roos indicated that there are problems in the park that could grow geometrically and instructed that staff expedite corrections to the situations.

The General Manager indicated that Councilmember LaBonge requested a community meeting which staff is in the process of setting-up.

MEMORANDUM

ZONE CHANGE PARK FEES/ZONE CHANGES

COMMISSION TASK FORCES

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

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)

Commissioner Hammond reported that he met individually with Department staff regarding Capital Projects, and requested that a meeting be noticed to the public on the subject matter.

The General Manager informed that staff will notice and arrange the meeting.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

The General Manager introduced Art Manask, who presented an organizational study on Concession Contracts with the City (see attached).

President Roos requested from Mr. Manask a professional thought on new ideas that would not be offensive to the Department's central purpose of open space for the community.

The General Manager stated that the Consultant identified many issues regarding how the Department manages contracts and concessions. The recommendations that were made are recommendations that the Department is looking at implementing.

The General Manager further requested that the Lazaretto presentation be held to the next Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session pursuant to California Government Code S54956.9(a) to discuss with, and receive advice from, legal counsel concerning Baca v. City of Los Angeles, CV-98-2865R(RCx).

President Roos reported that there were no reportable comments from the Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Hernandez, Host and Producer, Fishing Television Program, requested to host fishing programs at two lakes within the City. President Roos requested that he meet with General Manager.

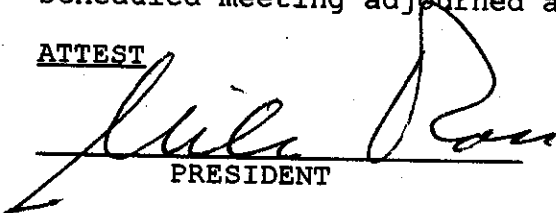
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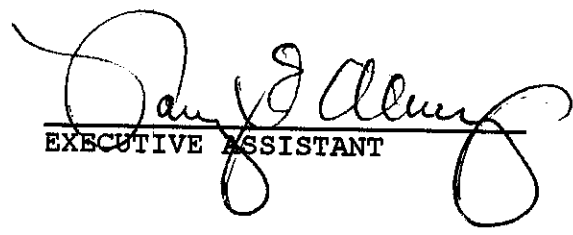
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 5:30 p.m., Hansen Dam Golf Course, Fairways Restaurant, 10400 Glenoaks Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 91331.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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City of Los Angeles—RAP RFP Study

Findings:

- Decentralized
- Concessionaire protests and litigation
- Operating on expired contracts
- Quality of scoring and selection review panel process is flawed
- Electronic applications not up to date
- Reporting to CAO and City Attorney not consistent in substance and format which slows down the review process

Recommendations:

- Centralize RFP Administration.
- Prepare a 10-year master calendar of all Concessions indicating when the contracts expire with key dates noted for 'concession review' and 'start of RFP process'.
- Evaluate every concession at least 12-18 months before the RFP process starts to determine the highest and best use (service to users, income to the City and business opportunity to prospective concessionaires).
- Start the RFP process at least 12-months in advance for the smallest least controversial concessions to 18-24 months out for the larger ones.
- Have sufficient staff, computer and consultant resources to, a) Catch-up with expired contracts and paperwork backlogs, and to, b) Stay-up with future work and activities.
- Prepare a budget for the RFP Administration department and consider 'income' from Concessions on a current and forecasted basis.
- Establish a review panel or task force to include representatives from RAP, City Departments, Concessionaires and other experts in their respective fields to develop a mutually beneficial user-friendly new process and involve in all aspects including 'highest and best use of concessions', RFP documents, Scoring Criteria, Scoring Panel, etc.
- Upgrade and improve Scoring Criteria and quality of selection review panelists. Consider paying panelists (part of budget process) to insure the highest quality with the appropriate background and experience.