

M I N U T E S

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

September 1, 2004

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session in the Garland Building Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Mike Roos, Vice-President Christina Sanchez-Camino and Commissioners Christopher Hammond, Mary Luévano and Candy Spelling. Also present were George Stigile, Assistant General Manager, and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Hammond left the meeting so as to recuse himself from Item No. 04-233.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

04-259

NORTH HOLLYWOOD PARK - REFURBISHMENT (#1348B)
(W.O. E170257F) CONTRACT NO. 3088 - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

04-260

KNAPP RANCH PARK SPORTSFIELD LIGHTING - REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF POST-ACCEPTANCE CHANGE ORDER TO
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 3084 (W.O. E170247F)

04-261

POSTPONEMENT OF DATE TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE
ELECTRIC GOLF CART CONCESSION OPERATION FOR ONE
HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS

04-262

ACCEPTANCE OF STOP NOTICE ON DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTS - STONEHURST RECREATION CENTER - FACILITY
UPGRADES (#1237C); BRANFORD RECREATION CENTER -
CHILDCARE CENTER (#1617D); NORTH HOLLYWOOD PARK
REFURBISHMENT (#1248B) W.O. #E170257 AND RELEASE OF
STOP NOTICE ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - CABRILLO MARINE
AQUARIUM - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (#1505D)

04-263

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL
CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF SECTIONS II AND III
OF THE ERNEST E. DEBS REGIONAL PARK

04-264 - Considered later in the meeting.

04-265

WILMINGTON SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER: APPROVAL OF A
LEASE FOR THE CENTER'S USE AND OPERATIONS

04-266 - Considered later in the meeting.

04-267

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH FRIENDS OF THE
OBSERVATORY TO NAME THE PLANETARIUM AND THE
TRANSIT CORRIDOR AT THE GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

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04-268 - Considered later in the meeting.

04-269

WEST COAST ARBORIST, INC. - REQUEST THAT GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RENEW CITYWIDE CONTRACT

04-270

CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM: LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH ROYAL POLARIS SPORTFISHING, INC. TO RETAIN THE ROYAL POLARIS FISHING VESSEL FOR A WHALE-WATCHING EXCURSION TO BAJA, CALIFORNIA - MARCH 13 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2004

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04-271 - Considered later in the meeting.

04-272

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL RESOLUTION NO. 10075 - SECTION 1A REGULAR POSITIONS - SECTION 1C SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS - SECTION 1D IN-LIEU POSITIONS - SECTION 1E SPECIAL FUNDED POSITIONS

04-273

ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS WEST

04-274

ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS EAST

04-275

ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO HUMAN SERVICES

04-276

VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Spelling, 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.

04-264 - Out of Order.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE UP TO TWELVE GRANT-WRITING CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR PREPARATION OF PROPOSITION 40 GRANT APPLICATIONS

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, Kathleen Chan, Superintendent, advised the Board that the report was to request approval of new grant writers for Competitive Grant Applications and not for per capita Grants Applications.

It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, seconded by Commissioner Spelling that Report No. 04-264 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

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04-266 - Out of Order.

APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GRIFFITH
PARK OBSERVATORY CAFÉ AND CATERING CONCESSION
WITH OPTION FOR BOOKSTORE OPERATION

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, Linda Barth, Administrative Resources Division, advised that the RFP did not include a destination restaurant, however, the café would have an outside terrace and included exclusive catering for rooftop catering and lawn events. Furthermore, several companies have received notice of the RFP, which also included a buy-out option that could attract more high-quality operators.

It was moved by Commissioner Spelling, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino that Report No. 04-266 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

04-268 - Out of Order.

APPROVAL TO PERMIT EXCLUSIVE USE OF EXPOSITION
PARK INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER (EPICC)
TO OUTSIDE GROUPS ON COLISEUM EVENT DAYS WHEN
ACCESS TO THE EPICC IS CLOSED TO THE GENERAL
PUBLIC BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EPICC, stated that the Board action did not require approval by the Coliseum Commission and that the pricing was reasonable in terms of target groups.

It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, seconded by Commissioner Spelling that Report No. 04-268 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

04-271 - Out of Order.

PERSHING SQUARE PARK - APPROVAL OF A WIRELESS
INTERNET NETWORK INSTALLATION BY THE COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND DIRECTION TO DEVELOP
AN OPERATIONAL PLAN

Commissioner Hammond recused himself from this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Luévano, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino that Report No. 04-271 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

04-233

APPROVAL OF A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH LONG
BEACH UNIFORMS FOR UNIFORM NEEDS RELATED TO
DEPARTMENT-RUN RECREATION AND DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

The Sr. City Attorney explained that the current system of the Department of Recreation and Parks was to utilize more localized individual

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purchases of uniforms. There may have been some contractual relationships involved with those local businesses, however, those relationships may not have necessarily been approved by the Board nor approved in a manner which the City Charter requires.

Ms. Ellen Daigle, Ellen's Silkscreening, Embroidery and Promotional Products, spoke on the history of her business and contracting with the City. In response to an inquiry from President Roos, Ms. Daigle explained that the complaint that led to the contracting was because it was not a competitive let process.

The Sr. City Attorney further explained that the City had contracted with Long Beach Uniforms to provide uniforms on a citywide basis for one year, pursuant to a competitively bid contract from Long Beach Uniforms, which was let by the Department of General Services (GSD).

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, The Sr. City Attorney explained that one approach to combine the interests with the small businesses and Long Beach Uniforms would be to put the department's needs separate from the whole City's needs, and bid out on a competitive process, and divide the process into regions, if appropriate, or have one provider of all uniforms for the Department.

President Roos directed George Stigile, Assistant General Manager, Operations East, to work with the Sr. Assistant City Attorney to review the options and return to the Board with a legal resolution to the stated issues.

In response to an inquiry from President Roos, Linda Barth, Sr. Management Analyst, Administrative Resources Division, explained that although the Department must comply with City policies on contracting by utilizing the approved uniform contractor, language has been added into the Long Beach Uniform contract requiring a good faith effort by Long Beach Uniforms to outreach to past local vendors as potential subcontractors. Ms. Barth continued to elaborate on a shadow contract that staff will prepare to present to the Board for approval.

Mr. Tim Agajanian, Agajanian Law Group for Ellen's Silkscreening, requested that a motion be made for status quo.

President Roos advised the public and staff that for too long the process has been in violation of City policy, and can no longer afford to do that without risking exposure of attack on the Mayor and the Commission. The Department will adhere to a competitive bid process and proper invoicing. He further explained that the Department will try to enhance and respect what small businesses have done in the delivery of a service and a product that the Department is pleased with, all in accordance with City policy.

Item Held.

MEMORANDUM
ECUADOR FESTIVAL 2004 FEES

Assistant General Manger George Stigile briefed the Commission on staff's

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report to oppose a fee waiver for the Ecuadorean Festival 2000, and further informed the Board that in a letter from Councilmember Jan Perry, she requested that the fees be waived for the event.

Mr. Fred Bolanos, representative, Ecuador Festival 2000, expressed his reasons for the request.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez-Camino, seconded by President Roos that \$5,000.00 be waived and refunded for the Rates and Fees for the Ecuadorean Festival. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMISSION TASK FORCES

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

No reportable items.

Commission Task Force on Concession RFPs (Commissioner Sanchez-Camino)

Commissioner Sanchez-Camino reported that the committee held a discussion on the Griffith Park Observatory Renovation - Café. At the October 6th Board meeting Committee staff will present a presentation on the Hansen Dam and Roosevelt Golf Courses Master Plan. Bids for the Encino Golf Pro and Restaurant were received and being evaluated. Staff is expected to present a recommendation on the Golf Pro in November and a recommendation for the Restaurant in October.

President Roos appointed Commissioner Spelling to the Task Force.

Commission Task Force on Capital Projects (Commissioners Hammond)

President Roos appointed Commissioner Luévano to the Task Force.

George Stigile, Assistant General Manager, informed the Chair that the General Manager requested that the Board consider the creation of a Budget Task Force Committee. President Roos requested that the item be placed on the upcoming agenda.

PRESENTATION

Consolidation of Security Operation (Park Rangers): Presentation by the Department of General Services on Proposed Staff and Deployment for the New Office of Public Safety

Bernadette Soter, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, expressed concern that the consolidation of security operations has, and continues to be, forwarded without consultation with the community of park users.

Christine Peter, Greater Neighborhood Park Elysian Neighborhood Council, expressed concern on how the consolidation will happen and keeping the rangers as park rangers and not losing the rangers that are familiar with the territory of each park. The speaker further expressed the desire to remain involved in the consolidation process.

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President Roos expressed that security service consolidation is mainly due to economy, budget considerations and a serious rise in violence in some parks, and further urged the public to remain in contact with their Council Offices.

Donald Snow, resident, spoke in support of the consolidation.

Julie Butcher, S.E.I.U. Local 347, encouraged the public to stay involved in the process and further expressed that the change is necessary and encouraged all to assist in making the transition in the most positive way possible.

The following submitted Speaker Sheets, but opted to speak at the upcoming meeting where the item would be presented: Kristin Sabo, Amir's Garden in Griffith Park; Lynn Brown, Equestrian Trails, Inc.; Gerry Hans, Hollywood United N.C. and Oaks Homeowners; Carol Ng, Bellevue Park Advisory Board; Catherine Railton, Bellevue Park Advisory Board and Prop K Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee; and Timothy A. Miguel, long-time resident of Glendale/Burbank area submitted a letter.

Item held.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

George Stigile, Assistant General Manager, Operations East, welcomed the two new commissioners and reported on the following:

- West Nile Virus - Majority of parks have been posted with warning signs, employees have received training and flyers have been distributed
- Pools - Last week of season, the Department Pool Report was distributed to the Commission, Council Committee and the Mayor's Office. Staff met with the Mayor's Task Force to deal with the infra structural problems at the pools. 35 Seasonal pools were up and running
- In response to the Commission's request for a response from staff to Ms. Kimberly Foley, concerning benches at dog parks. A survey was completed and benches and tables are secure and safe. Ms. Foley's concern was with Knoll Hill Dog Park regarding folding chairs in the park
- In August the following Parks were Dedicated: Virgil Village Park, known as Madison Park; New basketball courts at Nickerson Gardens; New floor at Normandale Recreation Center; Groundbreaking for Wilmington Community Center; Playground at Lincoln Park; Lake Street Park Opening; and Reopening of E.G. Roberts Pool
- Openings and Dedications for the month of September: Garland Building Open House; Brandford and Eagle Rock Childcare Centers; and Ferraro Soccer Field Outbuildings

President Roos recognized Ms. Camille Lombardo, Executive Officer, Friends Of The Observatory (FOTO) for their remarkable fund-raising efforts towards the Griffith Observatory Renovation project.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jerry Piro, Vice President, East Valley Coalition, requested a feasibility study to build a golf course on the Penrose Landfill.

Kevin Regan, Superintendent, Operations West, explained that Mr. Piro presented records that could possibly indicate that the City placed conditions on the operator of the Penrose Landfill, which was created a number of years ago, to direct that upon the closure of the landfill it would become a golf course or park. The Superintendent further explained that Mr. Piro was lobbying the Commission and the Department to review the documents, which he presented at the meeting, and determine if there was an actual liability on the property owner to build a golf course or park and if so to act accordingly to make it happen.

President Roos directed that the Superintendent work with the City Attorney to investigate the allegations and report to the Board with their findings. Copies of the documents would be distributed to the Sr. Assistant City Attorney and the Superintendent.

NEXT MEETING

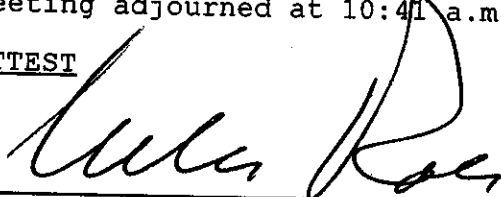
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 9:30 a.m., The Garland Building Auditorium, 1200 West 7th Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

President Roos requested that every third Commission meeting be held in the field.

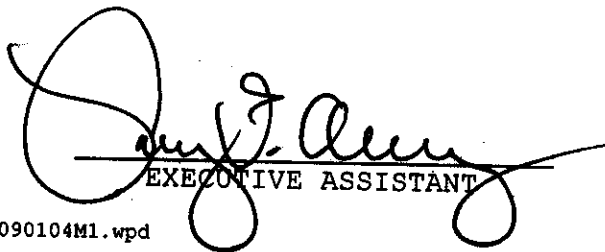
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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