

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Deanne Dedmon, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch
Crislyn Mckerron, Executive Director of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Special Operations Branch
John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2024. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, began his update by introducing Ramon Cerrillos Principal Recreation Supervisor II over the West Region to introduce staff and provide a little background of our West Region and the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center. Mr. Kim stated RAP is supporting the citywide cooling center activation that started October 1st until today, October 3rd. Mr. Kim went on to remind everyone that is listening that all of our public facing facilities Recreation centers, libraries, and even just any public counter is available for refuge from the heat. So, if you need a place to cool off, be sure to check out one of those locations.

Mr. Kim mentioned that this Saturday, October 5th RAP is having our grand opening of our 10th Community School Park at Garden Grove Elementary School from 11 a.m. To 5 p.m. The Mayor's Office, Council Member Nithya Rahman and Board Member Nick Malborne will all be in attendance. The CSP Program is part of our mission to increase

community access to walkable parks and open spaces within a half mile radius or 10-minute walk from their homes. It's a tool that we continue to utilize with our relationship with LAUSD. RAP utilizes LAUSD properties as parks to help Recreation and Parks fill all the gaps in the city where park access is limited

Mr. Kim stated the department has received multiple communications from the public through the board office and those communications have been assigned to appropriate staff for response. Mr. Kim gave a report back on the Tavern at Rancho Park, LLC. Mr. Greg Plummer, who is the owner that's facilitating Tavern at Rancho LLC. Is optimistic that their financing will come through. But RAP concession staff is working with the executive staff as well as finance, and the city attorney on developing options that we can take to help maybe have a direct investment and restructuring the agreement in case those financials do not come through. He also provided an update for the South Los Angeles Wetlands. RAP met with the Council Office as well as the Mayor's office to implement a strategy that will begin on October 13th. RAP will be assigning maintenance staff to provide cleaning of the park 7 days a week from 4 p.m. To 8 p.m. Prioritizing the cleaning of the portable restrooms. RAP is replacing all of the outdated park operation hours signs. We will be posting signs that the park is open from 5 a.m. To 10:30 p.m. Beginning on October 13th there will be unarmed security to close the gates at 1030, and they'll monitor the Park until 2 a.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 2 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; there was 1 such request submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-202

State Parks Grant Amendments – Time Extension Requests for Slauson-Wall Park, Rio De Los Angeles State Park, Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park, Cesar Chavez Park (aka Sheldon-Arleta Park Phase IIIC), Hollywood Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field, South Park Center (Meadow) Soccer

Board Report No. 24-202 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-203 El Sereno Senior Citizen Center – Roof Replacement (PRJ21811) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-203 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-204 Palisades Recreation Center – Restroom Renovation (PRJ21371) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances] and Section 15301(c) [Minor Alterations to Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section III, Class 1(1), and Class 1(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-204 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-205 Sepulveda Basin Park – Approval of Offer of Relinquishment of a Portion of Army Corp Property Under Lease No. DACW09-67-11 –Exemption from the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) [The Activity is Covered by the Common-Sense Exemption that CEQA Applies Only to Projects Which Have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment; Where it can Be Seen with Certainty that there is No Possibility that the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of the California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-205 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-206 Arroyo Seco Park – CD14 Tiny Homes Village Project – Extension of Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed One Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 and Government Code Section 65660(b) Applicable to City of Los Angeles Low Barrier

Navigation Centers, Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4) Governing Homeless Shelter Projects Under a Shelter Crisis Declaration, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) And State CEQA Guidelines, Article 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15269(c) as Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency

Board Report No. 24-206 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-207 Public Art Policy – Adoption of New Public Art Policy

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-207.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-208 Clean and Safe Spaces (Class) Parks Youth Employment Internship – Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; Acceptance of Grant Funds

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

24-209 California Department of Education 2025-26 California State Preschool Program – Approval of Submission of a Continued Funding Application for Contract Renewal; Adopt Resolution

Board Report No. 24-209 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-210 Approval of the Department of Recreation and Parks Revised FY2024-25 Project Plan Between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for the City’s Youth Sports Program Partnership

DISPOSITION: CONTINUED

24-211 Griffith Observatory – Partnership Agreement Between the City of Los Angeles and Griffith Observatory Foundation for the Fabrication, Installation, and Donation of the Celestial Globe Exhibit at Griffith Observatory –

Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of the California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-202, 24-203, 24-204, 24-205, 24-206 And 24-209 . It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-207 and 24-211, as presented with corrections to the art policy on board report 24-207. It was moved by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

There were no comments from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Hutton stated the task force on Concessions met discussed the Rancho Golf concession and the sense of urgency to get the project completed. The task force also discussed the purchasing of the telescopes at the Observatory.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

This Task force did not meet.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. President Simril requested a report back on alleged stabbing of an employee at Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex

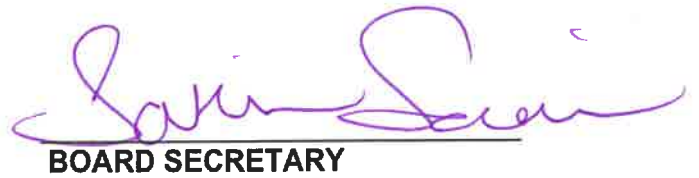
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY