

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 19, 2024

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:15 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and 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
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Steven Tran, 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 5, 2024. Commissioner Lloyd made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Vice President Sanchez joined the meeting after we voted on the minutes.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, began his update by introducing Sonya Young Jimenez Superintendent over the West Region to introduce staff and provide a little background of our West Region and the Palisades Recreation Center. Mr. Rudnick went on to thank our Emergency Management division and our field staff. We opened a total of 7 cooling centers during the heat wave. RAP served just under 2,000 residents at those cooling centers. He also thanked our Park Ranger Division, they were on the front lines, working hand in hand with the fire department during the extreme heat, particularly addressing brush fires in the Sepulveda Basin.

Mr. Rudnick mentioned RAP just demobilized Alpine Recreation Center as an activation for shelter due to a fire in the Chinatown area. I want to thank the staff that participated in supporting that activation as well.

Mr. Rudnick stated the City Council this week adopted a series of recommendations that request Recreation and Parks and other departments to study from an environmental perspective the pros and cons, and mostly the environmental impacts of synthetic turf fields. With a look at potentially phasing out synthetic turf fields based on concerns relative to heat and the materials used for the synthetic fields. So, we'll be coming back to the board. Given the number of synthetic turf fields out in the park system.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 13 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; there were no such requests submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

24-197

Griffith Park – Travel Town Sewer Line Improvements (PRJ21802) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-197 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-198

MacArthur Park – Approval of Box Planter Stencil Art Project Surrounding MacArthur Park Lake – 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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of

City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 24-198 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-199 Tract Map VTT-84466-CN-HCA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency
for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Board Report No. 24-199 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-200 South Los Angeles Wetlands Park – Termination of Lease with Museum
Associates DBA the Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance & Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 24-200.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

24-201 Measure A – Authorization to Submit Competitive Grant Application for Strathern
Park West Acquisition and to Accept Grant Funds if Awarded; Authorization to
Initiate Preliminary Acquisition Activities

Board Report No. 24-201 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 24-197, 24-198, 24-199, and 24-201 . It was moved by Commissioner Hutton and seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 24-200, as presented. 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.

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

This Task force will meet today after the regular meeting and will provide an update at the next Regular meeting.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

This Task force did not meet.

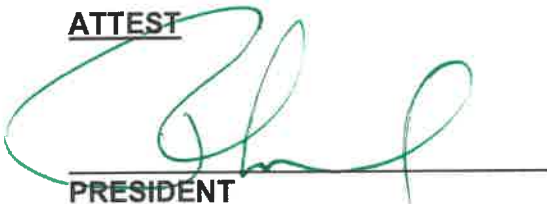
COMMISSION BUSINESS

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 the progress of moving gas leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers. President Simril also requested a report back on the Rancho Park Golf Concession on the status and the plan for moving that project forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY