

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, February 6, 2020

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at Friendship Auditorium at 9:04 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Commissioners Nicole Chase, and Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Deputy City IV Attorney Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong

The following Department staff members were present:

Charles Singer, Superintendent, Valley Shoreline Region
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations
Javier Solis, Superintendent of Maintenance, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Salaices, Superintendent of the Griffith Region, introduced the Friendship Auditorium staff and provided background information about the facility.

Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations, acknowledged Joe Salaices, Superintendent of Griffith Region, on his retirement, years of service, accolades, accomplishments, and many contributions to the Department of Recreation and Parks. General Manager Michael A. Shull also said a few words to acknowledge Superintendent Joe Salaices, as did President Patsaouras, Commissioner Chase, Commission Halper, and former councilmember Tom LaBonge.

Mr. Salaices said a few words regarding growing up in the City of Los Angeles, and what prompted him to work in the Department of Recreation and Parks. He introduced his wife, Peggy, who he said has been a great partner to him, and thanked many people including General Manager Michael A. Shull, former Councilmember Tom LaBonge, and acknowledged many others that helped him throughout his career. He was especially thankful to his staff for always making him look good. Pictures followed with the Board Commissioners, General Manager Michael A. Shull, Tom LaBonge, and other key staff members.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Halper moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020, and the Special Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION TASK FORCE ON CONCESSIONS

President Patsaouras requested a Motion authorizing the Board President to fill a Task Force absence created by a vacancy. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a

vote of 3-0. Through this approved motion, President Patsouras appointed herself to the Concessions Task Force.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORTS

20-016 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant – LA River Greenway – Habitat Restoration (PRJ21336) Project – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; Acceptance of Grant Funds; Allocation of Quimby Fees

Nicole Panza, Management Assistant, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-016.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-017 Proposition A – Sepulveda Recreation Center Aquatic Pool Equipment Improvement Project (PRJ21340); Approval of Project Scope; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Minor Alterations to Existing Public Structures with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Mechanical Systems to Meet Current Standard of Public Health and Safety] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-017.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-018 As-Needed Environmental Health and Safety Services – Award of Contracts

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

20-019 As-Needed Environmental Hazardous Substances Abatement Services – Award of Contracts

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

20-020 Echo Park – Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project; Allocation of Quimby Fees

Ligaya Khennavong, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-020.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-021 Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project – Modification of Scope – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Commitment of Park Fees; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations to Existing Pathways], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing], Class 2(2) [Removal and Replacement of Existing Structures where the New Structure will have Substantially the Same Function, Size and Capacity], Class 3(6) [Construction of Accessory Structures to Existing Facilities], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Refilling], and Class 11(3) [Installation of Minor Accessory Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302(b), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-021.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-022 Glassell Park Synthetic Soccer Field (PRJ20760) (W.O. #E170187F) Project – Approval of Final Plans; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Minor Exterior Alteration of Existing Public Structures Involving Minor Construction] and Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Structures to Meet Current Standards of Public Safety] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-022.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-023 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O. #E1907715) – Acceptance of Release of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3555 for G2K Construction, Inc.

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-023.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-024 Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex (AKA Rancho Cienega Sports Complex) Project - Phase I (Re-Bid) (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O. #E1907694) – Adjustment of Funding for Construction Contract (C#3645)

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-024.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-025 Rancho Cienega Park - Celes King III Pool Demolition (PRJ20308) (PRJ21190) (W.O. #E1908333) Project – Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, Adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations, Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and Approval of the Project

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-025.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-026 Measure A – Request Authorization to Submit Grant Applications For 15 Capital Improvement Projects and For the Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager to Accept Grants

Steven Tran, Senior Management Analyst I, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-026.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

20-027 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Sports Field Lighting (PRJ21342) Project – Commitment of Park Fees; Project Approval and Agreement with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for the Acceptance of Dreamfield Improvements to Existing Baseball Fields; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Minor Exterior Alterations of Existing Public Structures], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 4(1) [Grading on Land with Less Than 10% Slope], Class 11(1) [On Premise Sign] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Accessory Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15304(a) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Division, presented Board Report No. 20-027.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT, ADD
RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 TO READ AS
FOLLOWS:

Authorize RAP staff to approve changes to Section 11 (Indemnification/Hold Harmless) of the Agreement, subject to approval by RAP's Risk Manager

20-028 Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center – Project Approval and Agreement with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for the Acceptance of Dreamfield Improvements to the Existing Baseball Dreamfield; Sports Field Lighting; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations of an Existing Facility where there will be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting], Class 11(1) [On Premise Sign] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a), and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Division, presented Board Report No. 20-028.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT, ADD
RECOMMENDATION NO. 9 TO READ AS
FOLLOWS:

Authorize RAP staff to approve changes to Section 11 (Indemnification/Hold Harmless) of the Agreement, subject to approval by RAP's Risk Manager

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; no such speaker cards were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented, with the exception of Board Report Nos. 20-027 and 20-028, which were approved with amendments as noted earlier, and Board Report Nos. 20-018 and 20-19, which were withdrawn. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the Board Reports as noted. There being no objections, the Motion passed by a vote of 3-0 in a unanimous vote.

PARK FEE BOARD REPORT

20-029 Parcel Map No. AA-2019-7419-PMLA – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 20-029.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE PARCEL MAP NO. AA-2019-7 419-PMLA (PROJECT) TO PAY IN-LIEU FEES TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) SECTION 12.33.

PARK FEE BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the Park Fee Board Reports were invited; there was 1 such speaker card submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PARK FEE BOARD REPORT

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Park Fee Board Report as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, and seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions Report

There was no report.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper reported that the Task Force met and discussed the Algin Sutton Pool and Bathhouse Renovation - Discussion of Change Order Approval due to a fire at this facility; and the Pecan Recreation Center - Discussion of Ballfield Improvement Project.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES

General Manager Michael A. Schull reported that rangers will meet at Hollenbeck Park to address the community's concerns. Staff will address issues with the Venice Pool as well as the concerns with Westminster Dog Park that were brought up today.

At tonight's LAUSD meeting, Matt Rudnick will be representing RAP on the vision of greening of schools and the importance of the community school parks program, as a joint report co-authored with UTLA and LAUSD staff will be presented. The expansion of the Community School Park program will also be discussed. Mr. Shull also shared that this upcoming Friday, City Council will be considering the final approval of the Youth Sports Agreement, which will bring in \$160 Million in the next 8 years to RAP for equity-based programming sports and fitness programs across the City. Mr. Shull concluded his report by stating that RAP expects to launch this program in the Spring quarter.

LA CITY GOLF – 2018-2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

Laura Bauernfeind, Golf Manager, provided the 2018-2019 Golf Year in Review. Ms. Bauernfeind said that momentum has picked up from the previous year, in spite of a few big hurdles such as experiencing 39 days of measurable rain and major capital improvements, which closed down facilities at Roosevelt and other facilities. She shared that there was a complete renovation of the Hansen Dam Golf shop, and also improvements at Penmar and the Rancho Driving Range. Ms. Bauernfeind stated that construction for the Food and Beverage facilities at Roosevelt, Los Feliz, Griffith, Rancho and Penmar took place in the last year. She shared that RAP continues to gain new users through the adoption of new technology and now has over 50,000 golf subscribers in its data base. Ms. Bauernfeind elaborated that some of these new technologies include booking tee-times through third-party search engines and using a new app to keep score, check yardages, and book tee-times for golfers on their cell phones. She disclosed that Junior Golf was extremely successful this year due to partnerships with non-profits such as the First Tee of Los Angeles, SCGA Juniors, California Junior Golf, and Ayumi Hori. Ms. Bauernfeind made public that RAP's Golf Division is looking at revenues of \$24.2 million for this period. She mentioned that merchandise sales are also strong. Ms. Bauernfeind concluded by announcing that Total Rounds played were 760,455 meaning that Golf Rounds are up as is Revenue, Total Expenses were \$15.8 million, and Net Revenue is \$8.4 million, and continues an upward trajectory.

There were 3 public comments.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items. Commissioner Halper requested an update on Echo Park Lake regarding the potential removal of the homeless.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at the Rosecrans Recreation Center, 840 West 149th Street, Gardena, CA 90247.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Halper. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY