

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the Yosemite Recreation Center at 9:31 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Commissioner Nicole Chase, Commissioner Pilar Diaz, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services  
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations  
Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lucy Aparicio, District Representative for Councilmember Jose Huizar, made opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Fourteenth Council District.

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Metro Region, introduced the Bellevue Recreation Center staff and provided background information about the facility.

**SWEARING IN OF JOE LOSORELLI AS CHIEF PARK RANGER**

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, introduced Mr. Joe Losorelli and administered the Peace Officer Oath of Office.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Chase moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2019 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; seven public comments were submitted.

**BOARD REPORTS**

19-064 LA84 Summer Splash 2019 Grant Program – Grant Application Submitted for Aquatics Programming; Acceptance of Grant Funds, If Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, presented Board Report No. 19-064.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-065 National Recreation and Parks Association / Disney Meet Me at the Park Play Spaces 2019 Grant Program – Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Mobile Recreation Program; Acceptance of Grant Funds, if Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, presented Board Report No. 19-065.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-066 Andres Pico Adobe Historical Museum – Amendment to Agreement No. 3549 with the San Fernando Valley Historical Society to Extend the Term

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, presented Board Report No. 19-066.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-067 Lemon Grove Recreation Center – Installation of a Mural Project – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alteration of an Existing Public Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-053.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT; THE CORRECTION OF RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 TO NOW READ:

“Find that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to **Article III**, Section 1, Class 1 (1) of the CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);”

19-068 Award of Contracts for As-Needed Brush Clearance, Weed and Refuse Abatement – Use of the Competitive Selection Process of the Los Angeles Fire Department Request for Qualifications No. 2017-038-001

Robert Feld, Senior Management Analyst, Contracts Administration, presented Board Report No. 19-068.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-069 Echo Park - Skate Park (PRJ20837) (W.O. #E170186F) – Cancellation of Bids

Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-069.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-070 Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – Tennis Court and Building Improvements (PRJ21253) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior and Exterior Alterations of Existing Facilities with Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(2) [Repair of Existing Public Utilities], Class 1(3) [Repair of Minor Alterations of Existing Pedestrian Trails], Class 1(11) [Demolition of Accessory Structures], Class 11(3) [Placement of Fences], and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(a),(b),(c),(l) and Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-070.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented, except for Board Report No. 19-067 which had an amendment as noted previously. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the Board Reports as noted above. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

## **PARK FEE BOARD REPORTS**

19-071 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82227 – Rescission of Recommendation No. 1 to Report No. 18-194; Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-071.

DISPOSITION: APPROVE WITH A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO PAGE 9 OF THE REPORT TO REMOVE A REDUNDANT PARAGRAPH AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE; RESCINDED APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 OF REPORT NO. 18-194, APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE PARCEL MAP 2018-7264 (PROJECT) TO DEDICATE LAND TO THE CITY, OR PROVIDE A COMBINATION OF LAND DEDICATION AND FEE PAYMENT TO THE CITY, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.33, AND TO ALSO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH A PERPETUAL EASEMENT OVER AN APPROXIMATELY 7,600 SQUARE-FOOT PORTION OF THE GROUND FLOOR ELEVATION OF THE PROJECT, FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE AND TO ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND COVENANT WITH THE CITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PARK AMENITIES ON THE PROPOSED EASEMENT

## **PARK FEE BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant to the Park Fee Board Report were invited, one such comment was provided. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the Motion was approved unanimously

## **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

President Patsouras reported that there were no Task Force Meetings this day and thus no updates to announce.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES**

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, announced that several RAP members attended the 2019 California Park & Recreation Society Conference and presented before other recreation and park systems from the state. Mr. Diaz also announced that RAP will be participating with Nike in an event to support the Department's GirlsPlayLA initiative. He also announced that Albion Riverside Park recently opened, and how proud RAP is to see this project come to fruition. Mr. Diaz announced that the Greek Theatre's 2019 Season Opener will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>. He then reported that RAP's GM and other senior management members recently met with the City's Ad Hoc Olympic Committee and presented RAP's plan for services and infrastructure updates related to the 2028 Olympics to take place in Los Angeles. Mr. Diaz

then reported that RAP recently participated in an outreach meeting with stakeholders for the First and Broadway (FAB) park development project. He also updated the audience about the upcoming Park Ranger interviews, as RAP looks to add staff in that class. Mr. Diaz mentioned that RAP recently met with LAFD to discuss further partnerships for brush clearance abatement to prepare for the upcoming fire season. He also communicated that RAP continues to meet with the Veterans' Affairs Department to ensure that RAP meets its goals and mandates regarding Barrington Park. Mr. Diaz closed by broadcasting that RAP will continue its community outreach as part of the Measure A grant application to expand services and facilities.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Commissioner Halper requested an informational report on RAP's partnership with LAUSD to utilize school facilities to augment park programs in underserved communities. Commissioners Chase and Diaz requested a report back on the "hold harmless" clause in RAP's online court reservation system.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center, 14201 Huston St., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras requested a Motion to Adjourn. It was moved by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Diaz and the Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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BOARD SECRETARY