

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the Pecan Recreation Center at 9:44 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Deputy City Attorney IV Mike Dundas, and Deputy City Attorney III Steven Hong.

The following Department staff members were present:

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreational Services  
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations  
Cathie Santo Domingo, Acting Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance and Construction  
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rocio Hernandez, District Representative for Councilmember José Huizar, made opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Fourteenth Council District.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Halper moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2019 and August 7, 2019; this motion was seconded by Vice-President Alvarez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; seventeen (17) such requests were submitted.

Commissioner Nicole Chase arrived during the General Public comments.

**BOARD REPORTS**

19-165 Proposition 68 Statewide Park Program 2019 Round;  
Approval of Project Scopes and Budget; Resolutions;  
Approval of Donation Agreements; Acceptance of Grant  
Funds if Awarded

Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Grants Administration Division, presented Board Report No. 19-165.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS to header of Attachment No. 5, pages 42, 43 and 44, Exhibits E, F & G respectively to read DEPARTMENT; the same for header of Attachment No. 6, pages 73, 74, and 75, Exhibits E, F & G respectively should read DEPARTMENT; Attachment No. 8, page 79, header should read Meeting No. 3.

19-166 North San Fernando Road Park – New Park Development Phase Two (PRJ20915) Project – Final Acceptance of Project

Craig Raines, Landscape Architectural Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-166.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-167 Denker Recreation Center – Betty Hill Senior Citizen Center Facility Improvements (PJR21115) Project – Final Acceptance

Aren Galustians, Architectural Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-167.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-168 Slauson Recreation Center – Senior Center Facility Improvements (PRJ21116) Project – Final Acceptance

Aren Galustians, Architectural Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-168.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-169 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10547 – Section 1D (Substitute Authority Positions)

Paola Ferrari, Assistant Director, Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 19-169.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-170 Annual Incremental Adjustment to the Dog Obedience Classes and Dog Shows Section of the Department of Recreation and Parks' Schedule of Rates and Fees

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreational Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-170.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

### **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were invited; four such speaker cards were submitted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented, along with Board Report No. 19-165 with corrections as noted. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Board Reports as noted. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

### **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

#### **Commission Task Force on Concessions Report**

The Task Force on Concessions did not meet.

#### **Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance**

Vice-President Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met this morning to discuss the Westwood Synthetic Soccer Field. There were over 40 speakers. Ms. Alvarez also stated that the Task Force encourages the community to participate in the discussions and offer their input.

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

Vickie Israel, Assistant General Manager, presented the General Manager's report, and began by announcing that on Thursday, August 22, 2019, there will be an unveiling of the first test model for a State certified self-cleaning restroom, model name EXELOO, at the North Hollywood Recreation Center. Ms. Israel also gave a shout out to the Aquatics Division, as it has now given over 37,000 swim lessons, with a few weeks still to go this Summer and hopefully reach its goal of 40,000 lessons. She also recognized Recreational Services staff for providing day camps throughout the Summer that served over 65,000 kids and provided over 185,000 free kids lunches. Ms. Israel then shared that RAP is gearing up for the Fall registration of after-school programming, which has already started online, as a new sign-up system is being implemented.

President Patsouras stated that the report on a Marketing Plan for Strategies with Increased Funding to recognize donors requested by Commissioner Diaz would be presented at a future date.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Commissioner Chase requested a report on the Los Angeles Equestrian Center (LAEC) with an overview of the services it offers and fees it charges.

Commissioner Halper requested a report on the facility at Pacific Palisades and an update on Potrero Canyon Park, highlighting inter-agency responsibilities and cooperation.

President Patsouras requested a report on the implementation and future plans for solar panels in parks.

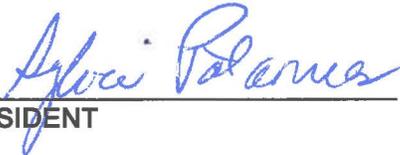
**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Queen Anne Recreation Center, 1240 West Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras requested a Motion to Adjourn. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase. President Patsouras adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m. in memory of Mr. Frank Avila, Department of Recreation and Parks Construction & Maintenance Supervisor.

**ATTEST**

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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BOARD SECRETARY