

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at EXPO Center at 9:33 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, 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, Recreational Services Branch  
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch  
Javier Solis, Superintendent of Maintenance, Planning, Maintenance, & Construction Branch  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., made opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Ninth council District.

Patricia Delgado, Principal Recreation Supervisor I, Aquatic Division, introduced the EXPO Center staff and provided background information about the facility.

General Manager Michael A. Shull began the Acknowledgement of Service for Commissioner Pilar Diaz by thanking her for the passion, devotion, and service to the Department.

Anthony-Paul Diaz echoed the parting words of Mr. Shull and presented Commissioner Diaz with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Commission. This certificate is signed by all the Commissioners and General Manager to acknowledge her service to the City of Los Angeles. Also, he presented Ms. Diaz with a tile for her to sign that will then be placed on the Greek Theatre's Artists Wall, as is customary for artists who perform at this venue, as well as officials that serve the City.

The Commissioners also acknowledged Commissioner Pilar Diaz' service and spoke about her enthusiasm for parks, her many attributes, and contributions to the City.

Mr. Diaz, also presented the Acknowledgement of Service for Management Analyst Sonia Robinson, and presented her with a 35-year service pin. He thanked her for the many contributions she has made to the City and the many roles she has served within the Department. He acknowledged her retirement date. Mr. Shull also thanked Sonia for serving as the Executive Administrative Assistant to the previous General Manager and then staying on to help him when he became the General Manager. He added that Sonia was instrumental in mentoring and ensuring a smooth transition with his new duties. He also acknowledged and commended Ms. Robinson for going back to school to earn her degree and then promoting to Management Analyst in the Concessions Unit of the Department.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Alvarez moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Halper. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; 7 such requests were submitted.

*Commissioner Chase arrived during the General Public Comments.*

**BOARD REPORTS**

19-240 Agreement for Funding 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 Sport Program Partnership

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Board Report No. 19-240.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-241 Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-241.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Report No. 19-254 was taken out of order

19-254 Pan Pacific Park – Conceptual Approval for the Expansion of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-254.

President Patsouras invited Public Comments on this Board Report. There were 14 public speaker cards submitted.

It was moved by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Halper, that Board Report No. 19-254 be approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

The meeting then returned to its scheduled agenda order.

19-242 Transfer of Appropriations for Cultural Programming at Pershing Square

Belinda Jackson, Executive Director of EXPO Center presented Board Report No. 19-242.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-243 Proposition 68 Specified Grant; Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Rhodes Park (PRJ21331); City Council Resolution; and Acceptance of Grant Funds

Nicole Panza, Management Assistant, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-243.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-244 Various Recreation Centers and Parks - Donation of Koala Diaper Changing Stations from Pampers to be Installed in Men's Restrooms in the Metro, Valley, and Pacific Regions

Edneisha Lee, Management Assistant, Partnership Section, Finance Branch presented Board Report No. 19-244.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-245 Award of Contract for As-Needed Purchase and Installation of Playground and Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Site Accessories, Surfacing, and Related Products and Services – Use of the Selection Process of Omnia Partners, Public Sector (Subsidiaries National IPA and U.S. Communities) to Provide these Services Under Contract No. 2017001135 with Kompan, Inc.

Aaron Arevalo, Management Assistant, Contracts Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-245.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-246 Griffith Park – Greek Theatre – Amendment to the User Agreement

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Board Report No. 19-246.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-247 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10547 – Section 1D (Substitute Positions) and Section 1G (Other Special Funded Positions)

Harold Fujita, Director, Director of Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 19-247.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-248 MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation Grant – Application Submitted for Improvements to the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center Baseball Field; Acceptance of Grant Funds; Approval to Remove and Replace Fencing and Hardware along the Backstop and Dugouts and make Repairs to Fencing along Foul Lines and Outfield at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center Baseball Field - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [External Alterations of Existing Structures with Negligible Expansion of Use] and Class 2(2) [Replacement of Existing Structures with a New Structure of Substantially the Same Size and Purpose] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, Recreational Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-248.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-249 Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Measure A Grant Program – Authorization to Submit a Program Grant Application Under Recreation Access

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, Recreational Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-249.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-250 Griffith Park Performing Arts Center – Phase I – Restrooms Renovation - (W.O. #E170202A) Project – Approval of Final Plans

Aren Galustians, Architectural Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-250.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-251 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

Craig Raines, Landscape Architectural Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-251.

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

19-252 Hansen Dam Baseball Fields Refurbishment & Restrooms (PRJ20041) (W.O. #E170111A) Project – Phase II - Approval of Final Plans

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-252.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-253 Sepulveda Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting (W.O. #E170511) Project (Aka Prop K Sports Field Lighting Improvement: Sepulveda Recreation Center) – Approval of Final Plans - Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations with Negligible Expansion of Use], Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Structures] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operation] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-253.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-254 Considered earlier in the meeting.

19-255 Veterans Barrington Park – Revocable License Agreement with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of Veterans Barrington Park – Fitness Equipment Installation (PRJ21303) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of License], and Class 11 (6) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing

Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Board Report No. 19-255.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-256 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O #E1907715) – Withholding of Payments for Amounts Forfeited on Construction Contract No. 3555

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-256.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-257 Studio City Recreation Center – New Gymnasium (PRJ20404) (W.O. #E170267B) Project - Approval of Final Plans and Call For Bids; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2(2) [Replacement of an Existing Structure with a New Structure of Substantially the Same Size, Purpose and Capacity] and Class 3(17) [Projects involving Less than 15,000 Square Feet] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302(b) of California CEQA Guidelines

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-257.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Commissioner Alvarez left during Board Report No. 19-257.

19-258 Amendments to the Rules of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

President Patsouras requested a motion to suspend the current Board Rules so this Report could be considered. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase to suspend the Board Rules. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Harold Arrivillaga, Commissioner Executive Assistant, presented Board Report No. 19-258.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT to remove Rule No. IX, 5, listed on Page 8 under Miscellaneous Provisions of Rule.

**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, except for Report No. 19-251 which was withdrawn, 19-254 which was considered separately and 19-258 which had an amendment. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase that the foregoing reports, with exceptions as noted above, be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

## **PARK FEE BOARD REPORTS**

19-259 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82829 – 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. 19-259.

DISPOSITION: APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY REQUIRE VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) 82829 (PROJECT) TO PAY IN-LIEU FEES TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.33.

19-260 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82716 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-260.

DISPOSITION: APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY REQUIRE VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) 82716 (PROJECT) TO DEDICATE LAND TO THE CITY, OR PROVIDE A COMBINATION OF LAND DEDICATION AND FEE PAYMENT IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.33.

## **PARK FEE BOARD REPORTS PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments relevant to the Park Fee Board Reports were invited; 2 such speaker cards were submitted.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE PARK FEE BOARD REPORTS**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Park Fee Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Park Fee Board Report as presented. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

## **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 on Facility Repair and Maintenance met and discussed the Central Service Yard - Universal Play Division Headquarters, and the Quimby Park Fee Ordinance Implementation Update.

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

General Manager Michael A. Shull began by acknowledging the great progress staff has made to improve the park system in the City and thanked staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Shull stated that RAP will be notified in February regarding the results of the \$150,000,000 in grant funds that RAP has requested for 23 park projects in the City. He noted that RAP will soon launch the largest equity-based recreational programming initiated in the history of the Department thanks in large part to the funding request related to the Youth Sport Program Partnership report that Anthony-Paul Diaz presented earlier. Mr. Shull emphasized that RAP will begin putting a great deal of Measure A funding back into the park system and expending the funds that RAP receives in perpetuity every year for measure A. He also shared that RAP continues to build upon the Griffith Park shuttle and looks to expand service. Mr. Shull also announced that RAP will follow up with the Commission on completing the feasibility study for the Griffith Park Transit Aerial System. He also shared that new construction on many recreation centers will begin in 2020, as the Board is now seeing some of these plans come before the full Commission, including the First and Broadway Park, as this is the largest downtown park since Pershing Square, which is one of the original parks in the City. Mr. Shull closed by reporting that RAP is working to expand park access with Joint Use Agreements and wished everyone a happy, safe and joyous holiday and New Year.

Joe Losorelli, Chief Park Ranger, presented the verbal Update on Off-leash Dogs in City Parks. He mentioned that he has received various complaints regarding these issues, and as a result, the Park Rangers continue trying to educate the public on the laws regarding this concern. Chief Losorelli reiterated that enforcement at Oakwood Park, Westminster, and Rustic Canyon on the Westside is especially concerning. He stated that he often visits parks and checks the signage when multiple complaints are received. Chief Losorelli commented that the problems related to this matter at Elysian Park have mostly been addressed, but parks on the outer edges of the City are more difficult to answer in a timely matter, as it takes from 1 hour to 1 ½ hours to travel to those locations, and by then usually the ordinance-breaking party is gone by the time Rangers arrive. He also stated that Rangers often follow up with LAPD to make sure citations are processed, and commented that LAPD is also putting together its own task force to address these issues throughout the City. Chief Losorelli revealed that the biggest issue Rangers encounter Citywide is people who make a living dog sitting and walking. They usually have more dogs than the Ordinance allows when they commit these violations, and are aware when Rangers are present in the parks, so they move elsewhere until the Rangers are gone.

Anthony-Paul Diaz reported on the Greek Theatre Season 2019 End-of-the-Year Update. Mr. Diaz provided a recap on how the year went and how successful the open venue model is performing. He announced that the Greek Theatre hosted 84 events this year between April and October with a total attendance of approximately 350,000. Mr. Diaz shared that the Greek had 72 concerts and 12 special events. He also announced the Greek is now in its offseason and this is the time where renovations usually take place. He announced that part of \$4 million in capital investments that came as a result of the new contract have been directed to improvements, including the Redwood Deck that serves as the prime hospitality VIP area that is ADA accessible with lifts creating an easy way to get in and out. Mr. Diaz stated that other improvements included the development of the Franklin's Café and Market across the street at the Roosevelt Golf Course as this was part of the new agreement with the Greek Theatre's operator to ensure that a place was available to grab a bite during the day and for golfers to relax.

Mr. Diaz stated that the next 5 months will be focused on a complete roof renovation using money that RAP received from facility access fees. He then expanded on the roof renovation, detailing how each tile will be replicated and fabricated to match the exact style from 1929 because the Greek Theatre is a historic monument. Mr. Diaz also provided an overview of the gross revenue of food and beverage sales. He acknowledged Charles Bretner and Veronica Quintero, who oversee the food and beverage management and are professionals constantly looking to enhance the visitor experience, who were challenged to completely enhance the food service at the Greek and at Franklin's Café. Mr. Diaz noted that the Greek Theatre brought in approximately \$6.2 million in gross revenues and of that RAP's share is nearly \$2.6 million. He concluded by saying that the Greek Theatre's total gross receipts was \$39.092 million, of which the RAP Net Return was \$5.7 million.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items. Commissioner Alvarez requested an update in the Spring of 2020 on the Griffith Park Performing Arts Center Renovation Project that was approved today.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 9:30 a.m., at Expo Center, 3980 Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Halper motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Chase. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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BOARD SECRETARY