

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, July 3, 2019**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the EXPO Center at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Nicole Chase, Commissioner Pilar Diaz, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, 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  
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Patsaouras welcomed the audience and recognized EXPO Center staff for their hospitality.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Chase moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Halper. 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; no such requests were submitted.

**BOARD REPORTS**

The Board decided to consider Report No. 19-135 separately.

19-135 Rancho Park Golf Course – Approve and Authorize Execution of Revised Negotiated Agreement for the Redevelopment, Operation and Maintenance of the Food and Beverage Concession at Rancho Park Golf Course – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Class 1(1) [Interior and Exterior Alterations

Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(14) [Issuance of Lease to Use Existing Structures Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15331 of California State CEQA Guidelines [Historical Resources Rehabilitation]

Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Division, presented Board Report No. 19-135.

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS**

Public comments relevant to this Board Report were invited, 10 such speaker cards were submitted. Commissioner Alvarez put forth the motion to amend the Report and add Recommendation No. 9 to read as follows: **Instruct staff to include a definition of “special event” in the proposed revised agreement and authorize staff to make any necessary amendments to the agreement to implement that definition prior to execution.** This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report No. 19-135, as amended. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve this Board Report as noted previously. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved

19-136            Donation from the Natasha Watley Foundation in Support of the Department of Recreation and Parks operated Girls Spring and Summer Softball Leagues at twenty-two Park Sites

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreational Services, presented Board Report No. 19-136.

**DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

**BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant to the Board Report No. 19-136 were invited; no such speaker cards were submitted.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report No. 19-136 as presented, as Board Report No. 19-135 was considered separately. It was moved by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve Board Report No. 19-136 as noted previously. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Halper recused himself from consideration of this Board Report due to his membership of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Board

19-126            Glen Alla Park – Donation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment and Other Park Improvements from Cedars-Sinai; Approval of Donor Recognition Signage; Categorical

Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New Landscaping and Tree Planting], Class 11(1) [On Premise Signs] and Class 11(3) [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Facilities] of the City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15304(b), 15311 and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-126.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant to the Unfinished Business Board Report were invited; 2 such speaker card were submitted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS BOARD REPORT**

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

Commissioner Halper rejoined the Meeting.

### **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

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

Commissioner Diaz reported that the Task Force on Concessions met and discussed the Rancho Park Golf Course Concession proposed contract.

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

Commissioner Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met and discussed the Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Change Order Approval and the RFQ for As Needed On-Call Park Facilities Construction Contractors.

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

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff announced that RAP has been working with LAFD to safeguard parks and open space areas from fire and firework related dangers. Mr. Diaz also shared that RAP hosts several July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations at various sites such as the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the Valley Cultural Center at Warner Center Park. He then reported that RAP recently re-opened the Lincoln Center Pool and reminded the audience that RAP offers free and low-cost swim lessons throughout the City to children and community members of all ages. Mr. Diaz stated that RAP recently added a synthetic turf field at Van Nuys Recreation Center with a state of the art material that requires less maintenance and allows for year-round use for multiple activities. He then made public that RAP continues its partnership with the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA), the next project being the 100

acre LA River Park. Mr. Diaz also updated the audience on the Griffith Park aerial tram study that was approved by the Board with an expected formal Report to be presented later this year. He then reminded the audience that Roosevelt Golf Course will be re-opening soon with a modern water irrigation system that was developed and installed in cooperation with DWP. He also provided an update on the on-going Prop 68 community meetings.

Charles Singer, Superintendent, Valley Shoreline Region presented a verbal report on Pickleball at Woodland Hills Recreation Center and other RAP facilities. Mr. Singer provided a brief background on the game and social clubs that have grown in support of the sport. He also shared that RAP has reacted to the rising popularity of the game by converting some lesser-used tennis courts and making basketball courts compatible with pickleball usage, as the need arises. Mr. Singer then updated the audience on the changes that will be made at Woodland Hills to balance the needs of the park users and park neighbors.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

President Patsouras requested follow-ups from staff on the correspondence received by RAP that requires resolutions.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Eagle Rock Recreation Center, 1100 Eagle Vista Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90041.

**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 Halper and the Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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BOARD SECRETARY