

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the South Los Angeles Sports Activity Center at 9:38 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Commissioner Nicole Chase, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations, 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
Cathie Santo Domingo, Acting Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance and Construction
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer
Joe Salaices, Superintendent, Griffith Region

CALL TO ORDER

Anthony Anderson, District Representative for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, made opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Eighth Council District.

Randy Kelly, Superintendent, Pacific Region, introduced the South Los Angeles Sports Activity Center staff and provided background information about the facility.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Halper moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2019; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Chase. 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; 3 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

19-121 Reimbursement for Petty Cash, Expenses, and Refund Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, presented Board Report No. 19-121.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-122 Pershing Square Parking Garage - Annual Status Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, Transfer of Appropriations

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, presented Board Report No. 19-122.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-123 Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center – California Department of Education 2019-2020 California Center-Based Child Care and California State Preschool Program – Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements; Adopt Resolutions; Acceptance of Grant Funds Awarded

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, presented Board Report No. 19-123.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-124 Donation from Various Sponsors in Support of the 2019 Girls Play LA Program Sports Day

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, presented Board Report No. 19-124.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-125 Robertson Recreation Center – Installation of a Mural Project

Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-125.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

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

DISPOSITION: HELD TO JULY 3, 2019

The Board decided to consider this Report separately.

19-127 Rancho Park Golf Course – Rescind Prior Approval And Authorization of Execution of Negotiated Agreement for the Redevelopment, Operation and Maintenance of the Food and Beverage Concession at 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, presented Board Report No. 19-127.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS

Commissioner Chase put forth the motion to amend the Report, thus deleting Recommendations No. 2-9. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the amendments to the Report. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved. President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report No. 19-127, as amended. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Board Report as noted previously. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved

19-128 Runyon Canyon Park – Early Closure on July 2, 3, and 4, 2019, for the 2019 Independence Day Holiday

Joe Salaices, Superintendent, Griffith Region, presented Board Report No. 19-128.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-129 50 Parks Initiative – Madison Avenue Park Project - Final Acceptance

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-129.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-130 Exposition Park Rose Garden – Brick Wall Renovation (PRJ21268) 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 or Exterior Alterations

Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15331 [Historical Resources Rehabilitation] of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-130.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-131 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – Fire Life Safety System Replacement (PRJ21289) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Equipment and Systems to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-131.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-132 Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Modification of Scope of Work; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Internal Modifications to Existing Park Facilities involving No Expansion of Use And Operation]; Class 1(3) [Maintenance and Repair of Pedestrian Trails and Sidewalks]; Class 2 [Replacement of Existing Structures]; Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment for Safety and Public Convenience]; Class 4(3) [New Landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling]; Class 11(1) [On Premise Signs] and Class 11(3) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to Existing Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 (a),(c); 15302; 15303; 15304(b),(f); 15311 and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-132.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-133 Pan Pacific Park – Swimming Pool Renovation (PRJ21199) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees;

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 Public Structure with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-133.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were invited; 15 such speaker cards were submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented, except for Board Report No. 19-126, which was withdrawn, and No. 19-127, which was considered separately. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Board Reports as noted previously. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

PARK FEE BOARD REPORT

19-134 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82229 –
Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land
Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-134.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE VTT 82229 (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 REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments relevant to the Park Fee Board Reports were invited; 2 such speaker card 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 Board Reports as presented. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions Report

Commissioner Chase reported that the Task Force on Concessions met and discussed several RFPs, including Griffith Park Snack Stand and Vending Machine, as well the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Food and Beverage Opportunity.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Halper reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met and discussed the Proposed Renaming to “Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex” at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex and the proposed Studio City Recreation Center – Sculpture Installation.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES

Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations announced that RAP has kicked off its 2019 Summer Day Camp season as well the Summer Swim Season and that over 6,500 participants have already registered for swim lessons. Ms. Piña-Cortez also shared that RAP, through its SwimLA program, has a goal of 40,000 registrants for swim lessons this swim season. She concluded by reminding the audience that the Pershing Square Summer Concert Series will begin on July 13th.

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction presented a verbal report on Synthetic Fields Update: Technology, Usage, Benefits. Mr. Ford provided a brief survey of the open space in RAP facilities, amounting to over 56 acres, 312 fields, and 57 of those fields that have been converted synthetic material. He also reported that synthetic fields have an expected lower irrigation and maintenance costs, as well provide 8-10 years of use. Mr. Ford also shared that many of these fields are protected by fencing but remain open to the public when not in use for organized or permitted activities. Synthetic fields need to be constantly checked for chewing gum and non-water liquids.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Chase requested a report back on pickleball courts and usage at Woodland Hills Recreation Center and other RAP facilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at EXPO Center, 3980 Bill Robertson Ln., Los Angeles, CA 90037.

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 11:31 a.m.

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BOARD SECRETARY