

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at Bellevue Recreation Center at 9:34 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Nicole Chase, Commissioner Pilar Diaz, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, 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, Recreation Services
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations
Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION TASK FORCE ON CONCESSIONS

President Patsouras nominated Commissioner Chase to the Commission Task Force on Concessions, Vice-President Alvarez seconded the nomination. Commissioner Chase accepted the appointment and will now serve on said Task Force.

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; three public comments were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

19-050 California Department of Education – Summer Food Service Program 2018-2019
– Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Summer Lunch Program;
Acceptance of Grant Funds

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Metro Region, presented Board Report No. 19-050.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-051 Warner Center - Additional Special Events to Serve Alcoholic Beverages

Charles Singer, Superintendent, Valley Region, presented Board Report No. 19-051.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-052 Changes to Rates and Fees for Tregnan Golf Academy and Golf Fees Associated with Golf Professional Stall Rentals, Golf Group Lessons/Classes/Camps and Driving Range Ball Tracking Technology

Laura Bauernfeind, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-052.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-053 Golf Division – Designation of Golf Courses (Including Course Parking Lots and Turf Management Lots) as Special Use Facilities for Filming

Laura Bauernfeind, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-053.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT; THE STRIKEOUT OF THE PARENTHETICAL NOTATION IN RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 TO NOW READ:

“Approve the proposed changes to the Schedule of Rates and Fees for Film Permit Fees and Golf Film Permit Fees (Attachment A and Attachment B) as outlined in the Summary of this Report, effective March 1, 2019; and”

19-054 Athletic Surface Inspection, Testing and Related Professional Services - Request for Bid (RFB)

Robert Feld, Senior Management Analyst, Contracts Administration, presented Board Report No. 19-054.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-055 Award of Contracts for As-Needed All-Weather Turf Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, Design, Engineering, Inspection and/or Repairs

Robert Feld, Senior Management Analyst, Contracts Administration, presented Board Report No. 19-055.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-056 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O #E1907715) – Acceptance of Release of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3555 for G2K Construction, Inc.

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-056.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-057 Proposed Brooklyn Heights Park – Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Acquisition Activities Including Due Diligence related to the Possible Acquisition of the Property for Open Space and or Park Development

Cid Macaraeg, Director of Real Estate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-057.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-058 Hill and Broadway Park Parcels – Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Acquisition Activities Including Due Diligence Related to the Possible Acquisition of the Property for Open Space and or Park Development

Cid Macaraeg, Director of Real Estate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-058.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-059 Proposed Allegheny Park – Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Acquisition Activities Including Due Diligence Related to the Possible Acquisition of the Property for Open Space and or Park Development

Cid Macaraeg, Director of Real Estate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-059.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS; THIS SITE IS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 ONLY, ALLEGHENY HEIGHTS PARCEL'S ADDRESS IS 11957-11961, AND THE PARCEL'S SIZE IS 0.61 ACRES

19-060 1st and Broadway Civic Center Park - 1st and Broadway Civic Center Park – New Park Development (PRJ20781) (PRJ21252) Project – Commitment of Park Fees

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-060.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-061 Griffith Park Horticulture Learning Center (AKA Griffith Park – Horticultural Learning Center) Renovation (PRJ21006) (W.O. #E170160F) Project – Approval of Final Plans – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) [Minor Alteration of Existing Electrical Systems], Class 4(1) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less than 10%], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping and Planting], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling] and Class 11(1) [On Premise Signs] as well as Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(B), 15304 (A),(B) and (F), Section 15311(A) and Section 15331 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-061.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-062 Lafayette Park – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter and Storage Facility for the Homeless for a Period not to Exceed Three (3) Years – Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III Class 1(8) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security Purposes], Class 4(1) [Minor Grading on Land that Occurs with a Slope of Less than 10%], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping] and Class 4(6) [Temporary Use of Land that Has No Permanent Effect Upon the Environment] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301(H) [Maintenance of Existing Landscaping], 15303(3c) [New Construction of a Store, Motel, Office, Restaurant or Similar Commercial Structure not Exceeding 10,000 Square Feet in Floor Area on Sites Zoned for Such Use, Where All Necessary Public Services and Facilities are Available, and the Surrounding Area is Not Environmentally Sensitive], 15304(A) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less than 10 Percent], 15304(B) [New Gardening or Landscaping], and 15304(E) [Minor Temporary Use of Land Having Negligible or No Permanent Effects on the Environment]

Cid Macaraeg, Director of Real Estate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-062.

The Board decided to consider Report No. 19-062 separately. President Patsouras requested public speakers relevant to this report, 4 such speakers addressed the Board. Commissioner Alvarez made a motion to amend the staff report to reduce the time period from not to exceed

three (3) years to one (1) year from the start of occupancy. The motion was seconded by Diaz. The vote the Motion to Amend was approved 4-0 with Commission Chase abstaining. The Board's discussion of the matter continued with additional questions for City staff. At which point, President Patsouras requested a motion to move this Report to a future meeting. A Motion to Continue this Report to a future meeting was moved by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved. At this time, Council President Wesson requested to be able to address the Board. Council President Wesson spoke about the importance and urgency of the project and asked the Board to consider acting on the original staff report at the current meeting. The Board then decided to reconsider this motion. President Patsouras requested a Motion to Reconsider the previous vote to move this Report to a future meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase to reconsider the Motion to Continue this Report to a future meeting. There being no objections, the Motion to Reconsider was unanimously approved. The Board then voted on the Motion to Continue this Report to a future meeting, which was now pending before the Commission once again. Commissioner Halper requested a "no" vote on the motion. With all board members voting no, the Motion was unanimously disapproved. The Board then considered a Motion to Amend the Amended Report with the following recommendations: Reset the time period for the project to the original staff recommendation of "not to exceed three (3) years;" Replace references to Exhibit C with Exhibit C-1, as introduced by Staff; and to change the word "could" to "will" on Page 5, fourth paragraph, to now read "The Department, if needed, will also obtain permits to utilize two (2) additional tennis courts at Belmont High School which is less than two (2) miles away." The motion was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Chase. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved. President Patsouras then requested a motion to approve the Amended Report, as further amended. It was moved by Commissioner Halper, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the Report as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

Reset the time period for the project to the original "not to exceed three (3) years," replace references to Exhibit C with Exhibit C-1, as introduced by Staff; and to change the word "could" to "will" on Page 5, fourth paragraph to now read "The Department, if needed, will also obtain permits to utilize two (2) additional tennis courts at Belmont High School which is less than two (2) miles away."

19-063 Measure A Proposed Park Improvement Plan with Budget and Status Report Subject to the Review and Approval of the Plan by the Los Angeles For Kids Steering Committee

Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-063.

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. 19-062 which was considered separately, 19-053 and 19-059 which had amendments as noted previously. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Board Reports as noted above. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions Report

Commissioner Diaz reported that the Task Force on Concessions met and discussed the updates on the execution of the Rancho Park Golf, Griffith Park Golf, and Penmar Golf agreements that were previously approved by the Board. This Task Force also discussed the possibility of having a mobile cart at Harbor Golf Café, as no proposals have been received. The ongoing negotiations for the First and Broadway (FAB) Concession as well as the possibility of a concessionaire at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met and discussed the Solar + Battery Storage Resiliency Project at Green Meadows Recreation Center and Final Concept Approval for The Wall Las Memorial art project, among other items.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES

Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, thanked Joe Losorelli and his Park Ranger staff for their prompt response to a report of vandalization and theft at one of RAP's new synthetic soccer fields in the Valley Region. Mr. Barajas also provided an update of upcoming events hosted by RAP.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Halper requested an informational report on the tennis reservation system and an update on the Potrero Canyon Grading Project and possible legal challenges. Commissioner Alvarez also requested a report back on the implementation of the recently approved Golf Fees.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Yosemite Recreation Center, 1840 Yosemite 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 Diaz and the Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY