

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the Fernangeles Recreation Center at 9:41 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:

Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations  
Charles Singer, Superintendent, Valley Region  
Javier Solis, Superintendent, Maintenance  
Jimmy Newsom, Senior Management Analyst II, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

Marcos Sanchez, District Representative for Councilmember Nury Martinez, made opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Sixth Council District.

Charles Singer, Superintendent, Valley Region, introduced the Fernangeles Recreation Center staff and provided background information about the facility.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Chase moved to approve the Revised Regular Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2019 and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Halper. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION OF BOARD CITATION TO RAMON BARAJAS**

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Mr. Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, with a citation from the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to recognize and thank him for his 37 years of service to the City.

**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; two public comments were submitted.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

19-076 Venice Beach – Approval of Sponsorship Recognition Signage in appreciation of Muscle Beach Venice Weight Pen Improvements funded through a Donation to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation by ThermoLife International, LLC

Bob Davis, Superintendent, Venice Region, presented Board Report No. 19-076.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-077 Green Meadows Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing, and Lighting Improvements Project (PRJ21257) - Allocation of Zone Change Fees; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant To Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations to an Existing Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] And Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-077.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-078 Lanark Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing, and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21260) 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) [Exterior Alterations to an Existing Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 Of California CEQA Guidelines

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-078.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED THE REVISED REPORT WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

Page 3, Environmental Impact Statement shall now read: The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations of an existing facility with negligible or no expansion of use and of installation of outdoor fencing and lighting for security and operations. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that this proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(12) of City CEQA

Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed upon approval by the Board.

19-079 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing, and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21261) 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 to an Existing Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-079.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-080 Sun Valley Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing, and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21264) 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) [Exterior Alterations to an Existing Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-080.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-081 Van Ness Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing, and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21265) 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) [Exterior Alterations to an Existing Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-081.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-082 EXPO Center – John C. Argue Swim Stadium Pool Improvement (PRJ20610) Project – Allocation of Zone Change Fees – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Class 2(i) [Allocation of Funding for Project Already Evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-082.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS

Recommendation No. 3 of the Report to read as follows:

Find that the proposed **funding action for the** Project is **statutorily** exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE).

19-083 West Hills Park – Parking Lot and Park Expansion (PRJ372A) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Class 2(i) [Allocation of Funding for Project already evaluated for Environmental Significance] of City CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-083.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-084 Oakridge Estate – Park, Walking Trails and Children’s Play Area (W.O. #E170184F) (Prop K ID #C231-8) Project - Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-084.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were invited; 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 Board Report Nos. 19-078 and 19-082 which had amendments. It was moved by

Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the Board Reports as noted previously. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

**PARK FEE BOARD REPORTS**

19-085 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 70452-M3 –  
Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land  
Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-085.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE VTT 70452-M3 (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

19-086 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82618–  
Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land  
Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-086.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE VTT 82618 (PROJECT) TO DEDICATE LAND TO THE CITY, OR PROVIDE A COMBINATION OF LAND DEDICATION AND FEE PAYMENT TO THE CITY, 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; no such speaker card was 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 Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the Board Reports as presented. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved

**VERBAL REPORT**

Update on the Hold Harmless clause in user agreement for RAP play courts – Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, addressed the Commission regarding this topic that has elicited a strong reaction from park court users. Mr. Diaz also stated that RAP has removed the hold harmless clause from online reservation systems and a new clause will be published after consulting with the City Attorney's Office.

**COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

**Commission Task Force on Concessions Report**

Commissioner Diaz reported that the Task Force on Concessions did not meet.

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

Commissioner Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met and discussed the potential playground renaming at Bee Canyon Park, the Brightguard Sunscreen Protection Initiative, and proposed changes to RAP’s Rates and Fees for facilities use.

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES**

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, announced that RAP has been allocated \$268 million in the Los Angeles City budget and continues to discuss budgetary needs with the Mayor’s Office and City Council for capital improvements. Mr. Diaz also announced that RAP has identified 2 parks, Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center and South Park Recreation Center, for a Community Safety Partnership program with LAPD to better serve at risk parks and communities. He then shared that RAP is entering into Phase II of its SwimLA partnership with the Olympic Organizing Committee to expand aquatic services throughout the City. Mr. Diaz reminded the audience that the Griffith Park Observatory will be closed through May 6<sup>th</sup> for construction and access improvements. He stated that RAP continues to communicate with LAUSD to expand the community schools program goals of making more park space available in park-poor communities. Mr. Diaz concluded by presenting an update to the Board Report template to better identify RAP’s Strategic Plan implementation and how each project that comes before the Board achieves the goals and vision RAP wants to achieve.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

There were no requests by the Commission for topics to be placed on a future agenda.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Jim Gilliam Recreation Center, 4000 S. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras requested a Motion to Adjourn. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Chase and the Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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BOARD SECRETARY