

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the Jim Gilliam Recreation Center at 9:42 a.m. Present were Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Nicole Chase, and Commissioner Pilar Diaz. 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
Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations
Cathie Santo Domingo, Acting Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance and Construction
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

Kimani Black, District Representative for Council President Herb Wesson, made opening remarks and welcomed the Board Commissioners and audience to the Tenth Council District.

Randy Kelly, Superintendent, Pacific Region, introduced the Jim Gilliam Recreation Center staff and provided background information about the facility.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Chase moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2019 and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz. 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

19-087 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, presented Board Report No. 19-087.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-088 Donation from the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation in Support of the Late Night Hoops Basketball Program

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreational Services Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-088.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-089 Aquatics Division Brightguard Sunscreen Initiative - Approval of Sponsorship Recognition Signage

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnerships Division, presented Revised Board Report No. 19-089.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-090 Harbor City Park – Installation of a Mural Project; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior Alteration of an Existing Public Facility with Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301(a) of California CEQA Guidelines

Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-090.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-091 Whitsett Fields Sports Field Lighting and Synthetic Soccer Fields Phase II (PRJ21057) (W.O #E170438F) 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(3) [Maintenance of an Existing Parking Lot], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment for Safety and Public Convenience], Class 3(6) [Construction of Accessory Structures], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping and Tree Planting], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling], Class 11(2) [Construction of Parking Lot Under 110 Spaces] and Class 11(6) [Placement of Minor Structures] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301, 15301(c), 15303, 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f), 15311 and 15311(b) of the California CEQA Guidelines

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-091.

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

Vice-President Alvarez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Board Reports as noted previously. 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 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Food and Beverage Opportunity, the possible expanded hours of operation for the Echo Park Pedal Boats, Griffith Park Pony Ride concession and an adjacent snack stand, First and Broadway Park Restaurant Complex RFP, and provided an update on the execution of the Rancho Park Golf Restaurant concession contract that has been approved by the Board.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Commissioner Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance did not meet.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, began by thanking the Mayor's Office and City Council for this year's budget cooperation, as RAP is looking to receive one of its healthiest allocations ever. Mr. Shull also provided a brief update on the Measure A outreach meetings to receive public comment on RAP's applications for these grant-related projects. Mr. Shull also announced that he recently attended a Neighborhood Council meeting regarding the Rancho Park Golf Course Café and there may be further recommendations requiring Board consideration. He also shared that as the summer season approaches, RAP has a goal to administer 40,000 swim lessons at City pool facilities. Mr. Shull then stated he was happy to announce that with the recent retirement of Ramon Barajas, Ms. Cathie Santo Domingo has been appointed Acting Assistant General Manager over Planning, Maintenance, and Construction and that Mr. Darryl Ford has been appointed to lead, in an Acting capacity, the Planning and Construction group in Cathie's stead.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vice-President Alvarez requested a report back on the use and advantages of synthetic fields in RAP sports fields. She also requested a report on the status of drinking fountains in RAP facilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills, CA 91344.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-President Alvarez adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY