

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

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

The following Department staff members were present:

Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

Javier Solis, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Operations, Planning, Maintenance & Construction

Randy Kelly, Pacific Region Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deanne Dedmon, Principal Recreational Supervisor I, Pacific Region, introduced the Glassell Park Recreation Center staff and provided background information about the facility.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Halper moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2019; this motion was seconded by Vice-President Alvarez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; no such requests were submitted.

**BOARD REPORTS**

19-190 Establishment of a Golf Course Credit Card Processing Fee

Laura Bauernfeind, Golf Manager, Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-190.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-191 Measure A Grant Status Update (April – September 2019)

Steven Tran, Senior Management Analyst I, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-191.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-192 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Charles Wilkie, Senior Management Analyst I, Budget Division, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-192.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-193 Andres Pico Adobe Historical Museum – Supplemental Agreement with the San Fernando Valley Historical Society to Extend the Term of Agreement No. 3549

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Division, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-193.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-194 Stoner Park – Agreement with OPICA Adult Day Program and Counseling Center, Inc. for the Operation of Program and Counseling Services for Senior Citizens with Memory Loss; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of License] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Division, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-194.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-195 Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Project Previously Evaluated] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15282 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-195.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-196 Rio De Los Angeles State Park – Final Consideration of Flagpole and Plaque Installation to Commemorate American Veterans; Categorical Exemption from the Provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) [On Premise Signs] and

Class 11(6) [Installation of Minor Structures Accessory to Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-196.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-197 Amendment to Personnel Resolution No. 10547 – Section 1D (Substitute Positions) and Section 1G (Other Special Funded Positions)

Harold Fujita, Director, Human Resources Division, presented Board Report No. 19-197.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-198 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O #E1907715) – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3555, for G2K Construction

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-198.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-199 Lanark Recreation Center – Lighting and Security Cameras (PRJ21306) (PRJ21308) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting for Security and Operations] and Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment for Safety] of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 and 15303 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-199.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-200 Proposition 68 Statewide Park Program “2019 Round” Projects - Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to One or More of the Following: Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Minor Alterations of Existing Structures], Class 1(3) [Minor Alterations of Existing Pathways and Parking Lots], Class 11D [Demolition Of Small Accessory Structures], Class 1(12) [Outdoor Lighting and Fencing for Security and Operations], Class 2(2) [Replacement of Structures with a New Structure

of the Same Size], Class 2(6) [Replacement of Existing Air Conditioning System], Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment for Safety and Public Convenience], Class 3(6) [New Construction of Accessory Structures], Class 3(17) [Projects involving less than 15,000 Square Feet], Class 4(1) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less Than 10%], Class 4(3) [New Tree Planting or Landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling], Class 11(1) [On Premise Signs], Class 11(3) [Placement of Small Accessory Structures] and Class 25 [Transfer of Ownership in order to Preserve Open Space] of City CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15301(a), 15301(c), 15301(l), 15302, 15302(b), 15303, 15303(e), 15304(a), 15304(b), 15304(f), 15311, 15311(a) and 15325(f) of California CEQA Guidelines

Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-200.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

President Patsouras invited comments from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered; there were no such requests.

#### **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments relevant on matters relevant to the General Board Reports were requested; three (3) such speaker cards were submitted.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

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

#### **PARK FEE BOARD REPORT**

19-201 Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) No. 82336 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-201.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY TO REQUIRE VTT 82336 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 Board Report No. 19-201 were invited; one (1) such speaker card was submitted.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE PARK FEE BOARD REPORT**

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report No. 19-201. It was moved by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the Board Report as presented. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

## **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

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

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

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

Vice-President Alvarez reported that the Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance met to discuss the Potrero Canyon Park - Grading Project.

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

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff had several items to report. He invited Kai Wong from Grants Administration to present the Overview of the Los Angeles County Proposition A-Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection Acts of 1992 and 1996 – Grant Program Funding for Department of Recreation and Parks.

Ms. Wong reported that there were 165 projects, of which 157 were closed, 2 are pending closeouts, and 2 are active. The 4 remaining projects are waiting LA County Board of Supervisors' approval to allocate money to fund the projects; they are Sun Valley, Sepulveda for the lighting project, Rancho Cienega for Phase II, and Algin Sutton. She mentioned that under Proposition A, RAP also received Proposition A Maintenance money. RAP collected \$28.6 million, of which we completely exhausted the last \$6.6 million that were remaining. RAP has claimed \$35.2 million of the Proposition A Maintenance Fund.

Mr. Diaz then announced that several staff members have recently returned from the National Recreation and Parks (NRAP) Association's annual conference. He said this is a way to keep RAP connected and aware of issues in relation to parks on a national scale. Mr. Diaz further stated that RAP is often the leader on issues of social equity, access, conservation and health and wellness. This is in line with the Strategic Plan that this Board approved a few years ago. He also stated that RAP is in the early stages of budget preparations for 2020-21 fiscal year. Early discussions with City leaders and Council members, and aligning our budget with our Strategic Plan are taking place. RAP is also receiving input from other City stake holders, including the Mayor's office to ensure we accomplish some of the bigger goals of the City. RAP will continue to focus on the concept of social equity and access and ensure that we have these types of

programs in place. Mr. Diaz said that we are near the final stages of coming to agreement with LA 2028 regarding a youth sports program. RAP has reached a preliminary agreement with LA2028, and expects this to be presented for Board consideration very soon. He stated that RAP is gearing up for the Winter quarter programming and registration will start next month. Mr. Diaz shared that RAP is re-opening Leimert Park to the public. He also mentioned that RAP is continuing to work as part of the LA River Taskforce, staff regularly attends meetings with stakeholders and City leaders, and an update will be presented to the Board regarding this ongoing project as the details become more specific. RAP has been directed by a Council Committee to begin community surveys to determine the impact of homelessness on various parks. That motion has not been fully approved by the City Council, but RAP's response will be prepared in a report form for City Council, and this will be shared with the Board. Mr. Diaz said that he and a few staff members will be testifying on park vending before the Public Works Committee, one of six committees dealing with a Citywide vending permit system. He commented that RAP will continue to monitor the development and provide input as well as issues of where individuals can sleep in public areas, such as, parks, outside of hospitals, schools, sidewalks, etc.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Comments from Commissioners on Matters within the Board's Jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda items. Commissioner Halper requested an update on community school programs.

Chief Losorelli received accolades and praise from the Board as he went above and beyond the call of duty on safety issues at Hansen Dam by personally walking around those areas to show residents and advocates where the rangers are meeting a lot of challenges. He acknowledged the problems at Hansen Dam, but let the community know that they are on top of this issue and addressing the problems as best they can.

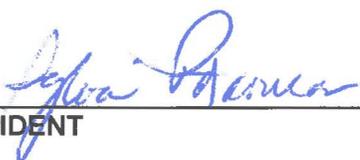
### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Ramona Hall Community Center, 4580 N Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90065.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras requested a Motion to Adjourn. It was moved by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Halper. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

### **ATTEST**

  
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BOARD SECRETARY