

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at the Queen Anne Recreation Center at 9:34 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice-President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Pilar Diaz, and Commissioner Joseph Halper. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, 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:

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
Matt Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Branch

CALL TO ORDER

Anita Meacham, Superintendent of the Metro Region, introduced staff from the Queen Anne Recreation Center and provided background information about the facility.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Joe Halper moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2019; this motion was seconded by Vice-President Lynn Alvarez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; 9 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

The board decided to take this matter out of order and considered this separately.

19-179 Griffith Park – Proposed CD4 Riverside Drive Bridge Housing Project (W.O.#E1908495) – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility with Personal Storage for the Homeless for a Period not to Exceed Three (3) Years – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Mitigate Emergencies] Reflected in

Article 18, Section 15269(a) of California CEQA Guidelines
and in article II, Section 2.a.3. of City CEQA Guidelines

Councilmember David Ryu spoke about the importance of parks to the community. He commented that parks are more than open spaces, they are gathering holes and the building blocks of a community. He said that homelessness will take our best efforts to solve. He further commented that one central solution sits on Riverside Drive, just outside of Griffith Park, where there is an under-used lot owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Councilman Ryu is proposing to build a temporary bridge housing that can house up to 100 individuals experiencing homelessness. This project, a part of Mayor Garcetti's Bridge Home initiative, is crucial to helping those currently living on the streets or on the L.A. River to get a roof over their head, and be connected to life-saving services. This project will be temporary, and after it has served its purpose, it can serve the City as a new senior and community center. He requested the Board to approve this report that will open up this lot for bridge housing.

Erik Villanueva, Architect, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, presented Board Report No. 19-179.

President Patsouras invited public comment on this report, however, no such requests came forth. President Patsouras then made the motion to approve this report. There being no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-171 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Joshua Beltran, Management Analyst, Budget Section, Finance Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-171.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-172 Hostetter Park – Costello Pool and Bathhouse Replacement (PRJ1502P) (W.O. #E1906493) Project – Rescission of Proposition K Grant Award for the Construction of the Splash Pad

Nicole Panza, Management Assistant, Grants Administration, Finance Division, presented Board Report No. 19-172.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-173 Various Donations to Recreation Services Branch – Metro, Pacific and Valley Regions, January 2019 through June 2019

Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-173

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-174 50 Parks Initiative - South Victoria Avenue Park
Project (PRJ21216) - Final Acceptance

Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-174.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-175 Lummis House Museum – General Improvements
(PRJ21146) (PRJ21298) Project – Allocation of Quimby
Fees – Commitment of Park Fees

Aren Galustians, Architectural Associate II, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-175.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-176 Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Pool and Bathhouse
Replacement Project (PRJ1504P) (W.O #E1907715) –
Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice and Release of Stop
Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3555

Fernando Torres, Jr., Civil Engineering Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-176.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-177 Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multi-Purpose Center Phase II
(AKA Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center)
(W.O.#E170420F) 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) [Operation of Pedestrian Trails], Class
1(12) [Lighting for Security and Operations], Class 3(6)
[Installation of Accessory Structures], Class 4(3)
[Landscaping and Tree Planting], Class 4(12) [Minor
Trenching and Backfilling] and Class 11(6) [Placement of
Minor Structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19,
Sections 15301(c), 15303(e), 15304(b) and (f), and 15311 of
California CEQA Guidelines

Sean Phan, Civil Engineer, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 19-177.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

19-178 Veterans Barrington Park – Standstill Agreement with the
United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the
Continued Operation and Maintenance of Veterans
Barrington Park; Exemption from the Provisions of the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of License] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board presented Board Report No. 19-178.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED with Corrections, page 6 and 7, Standstill Agreement, wherever it lists the valid dates of this agreement shall read “October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.”

At this point, Commissioner Nicole Chase arrived.

19-179 Griffith Park – Proposed CD4 Riverside Drive Bridge Housing Project (W.O. #E1908495) – Proposed Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility with Personal Storage for the Homeless for a Period not to Exceed Three (3) Years – Approval of Preliminary Plans; Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) [Specific Actions to Mitigate Emergencies] Reflected in Article 18, Section 15269(a) of California CEQA Guidelines and in Article II, Section 2.a.3. of City CEQA Guidelines

Considered earlier.

19-180 Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation in Support of the Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program

Commissioner Halper recused himself from consideration of Report No. 19-180 due to his membership of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. The Board decided to consider this matter separately.

Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst, Program Grants, presented Board Report No. 19-180.

President Patsouras invited public comment on this matter, however no such requests came forth. President Patsouras then called for a motion to approve this Report, as presented. Commissioner Chase made such motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Diaz. There being no objections, this report was approved unanimously.

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 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. 19-179 and 19-180 which were considered separately, and Board Report No. 19-178 was approved with corrections as noted. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Halper to approve the Board Reports as noted. 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 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 this morning to discuss the Oakridge Park – Property History Plaque and Pershing Square – Phase I and Phase II.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND VERBAL STAFF UPDATES

Reports presented by Michael A. Shull, General Manager, introduced Bob Davis, Superintendent of Venice Region, to present a verbal report on Venice Beach Bathroom Attendant Pilot Program. Mr. Davis stated that Venice Beach has 55 bathroom stalls, 9 of which are ADA accessible. He also shared that Venice Beach sees over 10 million visitors per year and that the Recreation Center is open 19 hours a day, while the Boardwalk is open 21 hours a day. Mr. Davis announced that Venice Beach has experienced an increase in the homeless population and a bathroom attendant program is in the pilot stages to address the volume of visitors and other challenges at this site.

Mr. Shull then addressed the audience to discuss Self-Cleaning Toilets – Functionality, Benefits and Applications. He provided a brief background on the current usage throughout the County of Los Angeles at various Metro stations. Mr. Shull gave a short explanation of the expected usage and maintenance of the Exeloo self-cleaning bathroom, as RAP expects to install more units at other park facilities. RAP will analyze locations and determine which environmental conditions will be most favorable to the long-term success of the units and to allow maintenance staff to keep the self-cleaning bathrooms operational with the least amount of down time.

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented an Update on Opportunities to Recognize Partners and Sponsors. Mr. Diaz announced that Sophia Piña-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations, has put together a committee to organize an event or series of events to recognize partners and donors that continue to contribute to RAP. He shared that these possible events will take place in the Spring of 2020 as past and present partners are identified and recognition opportunities are determined.

Mr. Diaz also put forth the Update on Subsidized Youth Sports and Fitness Programs. He announced that RAP's successful partnership with LA2028 continues to supplement recreational programs to bring down barriers to participation and allow more youth to be involved in Citywide programs at park facilities. Mr. Diaz shared that RAP's Aquatics Division is getting closer to its goal of 40 thousand swim lessons administered this summer season. RAP's Youth Sports Program (YSP) will be receiving \$160 million to expand opportunities and access to recreational opportunities as the Olympic Games get closer.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Chase requested that RAP find a way to track athletes that have competed or will compete in the upcoming 2028 Olympic Games and who have started their careers in RAP facilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 9:30 a.m., at the Algin Sutton Recreation Center, 8800 South Hoover St., Los Angeles, CA 90044.

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 Diaz. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST



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