

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

#### CALL TO ORDER AND TOUR OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS PARK

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Tour in South Los Angeles Wetlands Park at 9:00 a.m. Present were President Patsouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, and Commissioner Melba Culpepper. 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:

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff  
Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent of Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch  
Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst, Finance and Administrative Services Division

The Board and Department staff toured South Los Angeles Wetlands Park, and discussed a potential project to renovate the building located within the Park for the expansion of the Youth Orchestra LA (YOLA) program in partnership with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF TOUR

President Patsouras adjourned the Tour at 9:10 a.m. The Board and Department staff proceeded to South Park thereafter to convene the Regular Meeting.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Board convened the Regular Meeting in the South Park Recreation Center Gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Patsouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Melba Culpepper, and Commissioner Pilar Diaz. Also present were Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, and Deputy City Attorney IV Mike Dundas.

Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr. presented opening remarks and welcomed the Board and audience to the Ninth Council District.

Carl Cooper, Superintendent of the Pacific Region, introduced Department staff and provided background and programming information regarding South Park Recreation Center. Superintendent Cooper also introduced the South Park preschool class, who provided a song presentation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Diaz requested that the Verbal Report on Aquatics Division Policy Regarding Swim Instruction in the Minutes of the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting be amended to reflect that approximately 90 percent of group lesson participants move from Level 1 to Level 2.

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Commissioner Diaz moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting as amended and the Minutes of the March 22, 2017 Special Meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

BOARD REPORTS

17-077 - REVISED

LAFAYETTE PARK – PROPOSED ARTS AND RECREATION CENTER – LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HOLA COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN ARTS AND RECREATION CENTER; FINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15332 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES (URBAN IN-FILL)

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Board Report No. 17-077 was withdrawn.

17-078

GREEK THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, presented Board Report No. 17-078 for approval of Mayor Eric Garcetti's appointments of Chris Laib and Jon Deutsch to serve on the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee, both of which were appointed for a term ending April 29, 2019. The Board and Department discussed the number of seats and current vacancies on the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee.

Public comments were invited for the Board Report No. 17-078; however, no requests for public comment were submitted.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve Board Report No. 17-078 as presented. Commissioner Diaz moved that Board Report No. 17-078 be approved, and that the Resolutions recommended in the Report be thereby approved. The Motion seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

17-079

109<sup>TH</sup> STREET RECREATION CENTER – POOL AND BATHHOUSE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PRJ1501P) (W.O. #E1906464) – RELEASE OF STOP PAYMENT NOTICE ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 3462

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Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent of Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-079 for direction to the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to release \$15,451.20 of the amount withheld on Construction Contract No. 3462 with Simgel

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Company, Inc., in accordance with the Request for Release of Stop Notice dated October 16, 2016 from Robertson's for the 109<sup>th</sup> Street Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project.

17-080

ANGELS GATE PARK – GAFFEY STREET POOL – NAMING GAFFEY STREET POOL AS HEY ROOKIE POOL; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11(1) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (MODIFICATIONS OF AN EXISTING PARK FACILITY WITH NO EXPANSION OF USE)

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant of Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-080 for approval to name Gaffey Street Pool as "Hey Rookie Pool"; authorization to install appropriate signage; approval of the finding that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) and Class 11(1) of the City CEQA guidelines; and direction to Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

17-081

BANNING HIGH SCHOOL POOL – SWIMMING POOL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21121) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,4) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE AND REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Meghan Luera, Management Assistant of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-081 for approval of the scope of work for the Banning High School Pool – Swimming Pool Mechanical Systems Improvements Project (Project); authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$180,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Banning High School Pool Account No. 89460K-BX; approval of the allocation of \$180,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Banning High School Pool Account No. 89460K-BX for the Project; approval of the finding that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and direction to Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

The Board and Department staff discussed that the Department initiated the conditioning of the seasonal pools during January through February 2017, and identified the pools that need replacement of mechanical equipment. The pools that need additional funds for mechanical systems improvements were included on the April 5, 2017 Board Agenda. Other pool replacement projects that are currently in the design process will be completed by on-call contractors as soon as the funding is approved. The Department will coordinate around the programming at Banning High School and Cleveland High School pools to complete the replacement of mechanical equipment, and will schedule the work after events for the other pools so that programming is not disrupted.

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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL POOL – SWIMMING POOL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21123) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,4) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE AND REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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Meghan Luera, Management Assistant of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-082 for approval of the scope of work for the Cleveland High School Pool - Swimming Pool Mechanical Systems Improvements Project (Project); authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$375,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Cleveland High School Pool Account No. 89460K-CM; approval of the allocation of \$375,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Cleveland High School Pool Account No. 89460K-CM for the Project; approval of the finding that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and direction to Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

17-083

EL SERENO RECREATION CENTER – SWIMMING POOL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20513) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,4) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE AND REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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Meghan Luera, Management Assistant of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-083 for approval of the scope of work for the El Sereno Recreation Center - Swimming Pool Mechanical Systems Improvements Project (Project); authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to El Sereno Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-EG; approval of the allocation of \$180,000.00 in Quimby Fees from El Sereno Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-EG for the Project; approval of the finding that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and direction to Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

17-084

GLASSELL PARK – SWIMMING POOL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21120) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,4) OF THE

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CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE AND REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-084 for approval of the scope of work for the Glassell Park - Swimming Pool Mechanical Systems Improvements Project (Project); authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$180,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT; approval of the allocation of \$180,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT for the Project; approval of the finding that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and direction to Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

17-085

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY MEMORIAL PARK – SWIMMING POOL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21122) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,4) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE AND REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-085 for approval of the scope of work for the Glassell Park – Swimming Pool Mechanical Systems Improvements Project (Project); authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$265,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-HA; approval of the allocation of \$265,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-HA for the Project; approval of the finding that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and direction to Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

17-086

VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT (VTT) NO. 74765 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADVISORY AGENCY FOR LAND DEDICATION OR IN-LIEU PARK FEE PAYMENT

Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst II of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-086 for authorization to recommend that the Advisory Agency require that the Vesting Tentative Tract (VTT) 74765 (Project) pay the in-lieu park fee to the City of Los Angeles in order to fulfill the Project's requirements under provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33; and direction to the General Manager or Designee to provide a report to the Advisory Agency with the Board's recommendation.

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The Board and Department staff discussed the reasons for recommending the acceptance of the in-lieu park fee to fulfill the Project's requirements, and the proposed large open space areas that may be developed adjacent to the Project under the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct (Bridge). Department staff focused on park accessibility and the mitigations intended to serve the Project residents, which would be the development of a park or payment of in-lieu park fees, during the primary analysis of the Project. The Department determined that the proposed large open space consisting of approximately 12 acres adjacent to the Project site would serve the Project residents in the surrounding community. The in-lieu park fee to be paid for the Project could be used for the improvement of the proposed 12-acre open space area, which would be at the discretion of the Board if the proposed open space were to fall under the Department's jurisdiction. Department staff will bring forth recommendations for the allocation of the collected in-lieu park fee based on other park projects located within the applicable radiuses such as Hollenbeck Park and the development of the First and Broadway Park. The Department is working with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Team to provide input on the design of the 12-acre open space project, and substantial community outreach has been conducted by the design team to gather input on the community's desired recreational amenities. Some funding has been identified by the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Team in conjunction with the Fourteenth Council District Office (CD 14). The Board and Department staff discussed potential scenarios if the 12-acre open space project is delayed or lacks the necessary funding for completion.

17-087

STRATHERN PARK NORTH BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING  
(PRJ21028) (W.O. #E170414F) PROJECT – APPROVAL OF  
FINAL PLANS

Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent of the Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-087 for approval of the final plans and specifications for the Strathern Park North Baseball Field Lighting Project.

17-088

GREEK THEATRE – TRANSFER BETWEEN REVENUE  
ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

Sondra Fu, Senior Management Analyst II of the Finance and Administrative Services Division, presented Board Report No. 17-088 for authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$2,800,000.00 from the Greek Theatre Operation Account 52H-89-89MG01 to the RAP General Fund 302/88 Revenue Source 4155 to meet the RAP budget mandate for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

17-089

LUMMIS HOUSE GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS – PROPOSITION  
A EXCESS FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT  
APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst of the Finance and Administrative Services Division, presented Board Report No. 17-089 for approval of the Department's submission of a Proposition A Excess Funds grant application for the Lummis House General Improvements Project (Project); designation of the Department's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager

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as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents which may be necessary for the completion of the Project; authorization to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Resolution which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles in partnership with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Project; authorization to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP) relative to the Project; authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$100,000.00, if awarded, for the Project; and direction to Department staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Clerk for Committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A grant guidelines and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6.

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ROSE HILLS/EL SERENO RECREATION CENTER  
REHABILITATION PROJECT – PROPOSITION A EXCESS  
FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION;  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Matthew Rudnick, Chief Management Analyst of the Finance and Administrative Services Division, presented Board Report No. 17-090 for approval of the Department's submission of a Proposition A Excess Funds grant application for the Rose Hills/El Sereno Recreation Center Rehabilitation Project (Project); designation of RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents which may be necessary for the completion of the Project; authorization to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Resolution which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles in partnership with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Project; authorization to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP) relative to the Project; authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Project; and direction to Department staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Clerk for Committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A grant guidelines and the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6.

17-091

MACARTHUR PARK – PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES

Anita Meacham, Principal Recreation Supervisor II of the Metro Region, presented Board Report No. 17-091 for approval of the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages at a special event concert at the MacArthur Park Levitt Pavilion Band Shell, in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures regarding the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. The Board and Department staff

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discussed the Department's oversight of security for the proposed beer garden areas during the event to ensure that the sponsors adhere to the City's policies, procedures, and requirements. The event sponsor, Adam Gold of Principal of Oro Presents LLC, discussed the firm's experience regarding events held in Chinatown, his personal event experience, the security firm to be retained for the concert at the MacArthur Park Levitt Pavilion Band Shell, and the re-sodding fee to be collected by the Department in addition to the 20 percent of alcohol beverage sales to be used for park improvements.

#### BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were invited for the Board Reports. Three requests for public comment were submitted for Board Report No. 17-077, and two requests for public comment were submitted for Board Report No. 17-086. Such public comments were made to the Board.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented, with the exception of Board Report No. 17-077 which was withdrawn and Board Report No. 17-078 which was previously approved under a separate vote. Commissioner Diaz moved that the Board Reports be approved, and that the Resolutions recommended in the Reports be thereby approved. Commissioner Culpepper seconded the Motion. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

#### COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

- Commission Task Force on Concessions Report (Commissioners Patsouras and Diaz)

There was no report for the Commission Task Force on Concessions.

- Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance (Commissioners Sanford and Alvarez)

There was no report for the Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT REPORT AND UPDATES

- Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff, reported on various Department activities, facilities, and upcoming events. On March 21, 2017, the Griffith Observatory DASH Bus Service Program was expanded to 7 days per week with a new bus connection from the Metro Red Line Vermont/Sunset Station, which is expected to reduce traffic congestion and improve access to the Griffith Observatory, Greek Theatre, and into Griffith Park. The Department's Spring Activities Program will begin on April 6, 2017 through April 29, 2017 at various Recreation Centers throughout the City of Los Angeles. The Greek Theatre 2017 Concert Season begins on April 14, 2017 with an opening performance by Idina Menzel. The Cheviot Hills Playground Re-Opening Ceremony was scheduled on April 6, 2017. The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Golf Championships will be held at six City golf courses, in which over 400 youth between the ages of seven to 18 years plan to participate. The Earth Day Sustainability Festival is scheduled on April 15, 2017 at Cabrillo Beach. The Youth Orchestra LA (YOLA) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebratory Concert was held on April 4, 2017 at Walt Disney Concert Hall.
- The Various Communications Report was noted and filed.

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; however, no requests for public comment were submitted.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Diaz acknowledged Department staff that coordinated the Pretty in Pink Youth Empowerment Conference held on March 25, 2017 at Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center, as well as the creative programming offered during the Conference. Commissioner Diaz also announced that a Discovery Agents App Launch Event is scheduled on April 8, 2017 at Echo Park to educate users on how to use the App, which is a mobile educational game that can be used at various park locations to engage participating youth in programs offered by the Department.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 9:30 a.m., EXPO Center Comrie Hall, 3980 South Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras adjourned the Meeting at 10:55 a.m. in honor of Robert Barajas, son of Assistant General Manager Ramon Barajas.

ATTEST

  
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BOARD SECRETARY