

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at EXPO Center Comrie Hall at 9:30 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsaouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Melba Culpepper, Commissioner Pilar Diaz, and Commissioner Misty Sanford. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, and Deputy City Attorney III Strefan Fauble.

The following Department staff members were present:

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff
Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Partnership and Revenue Branch
Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent of Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch
Carl Cooper, Superintendent of Pacific Region, Operations Branch
Alex Yee, Director of Systems, Finance Division

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Culpepper moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2016 Meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sanford. 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

17-001

EXPO CENTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA – AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS,
THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION, THE
HARMONY PROJECT, AND THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER

Belinda Jackson, Executive Director of EXPO Center, presented Board Report No. 17-001 for approval of a proposed five-year Agreement between the Department, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LA Phil), The Harmony Project, and The Friends of EXPO Center to ratify the coordinated efforts of bringing classical music instruction and awareness to the South Los Angeles area through the EXPO Center Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (YOLA) program. Leni Isaacs Boorstin, Director of LA Phil's Community and Government Affairs, and Stephanie Wells, Executive Director of The Friends of EXPO Center, discussed the benefits of the YOLA program. The Board and Department staff discussed the inclusion of students from other areas beyond the EXPO Center service radius, and coordinated efforts with The Harmony Project to diversify the demographic composition of the YOLA program.

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17-002

WESTWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX – DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF WEST LOS ANGELES IN SUPPORT OF THE 2017 ANNUAL DREAM GAMES

Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II of the Partnership Division, presented Board Report No. 17-002 for acceptance of a donation from the Friends of West Los Angeles in support of the 8th Annual Dream Games, which is scheduled on January 14, 2017 at Westwood Recreation Complex. The donation was valued at a grand total amount of \$5,826.00, which consists of funding in the amount of \$3,412.00, and in-kind contributions and supplies with an estimated value of \$2,414.00.

17-003

SUBCONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTION REQUEST HEARING – GAFFEY STREET POOL – POOL AND NEW BATTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT (PRJ20726) (W.O. #E1907453)

Board Report No. 17-003 was continued for consideration at a later date.

17-004

WEST WILSHIRE (PAN PACIFIC) PARK – IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC FIELDS (SOCCER AND BASEBALL FIELDS) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; PAN PACIFIC PARK – PARK RENOVATION (PRJ21085) ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,3) AND CLASS 11(3) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

Meghan Luera, Management Assistant of the Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-004 for authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$1,000,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV for a \$1,000,000.00 allocation from Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV for the West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) Project; approval of the scope of work for the Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation Project; authorization of the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$1,000,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV for a \$1,000,000.00 allocation from Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV for the Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation Project; and approval of the finding that the proposed Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

The last sentence on Page 3 of Board Report No. 17-004 was corrected as follows:

The work on this West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park (PRJ20579) Project will be ~~carried out in conjunction with~~ implemented in addition to the work described below for the Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project.

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Commissioner Sanford requested that Department staff revisit the tree species to be planted around the synthetic fields for the West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) Project.

17-005

COMMUNITY BUILD, INC. – TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT NO. 277 AND TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 8742 AND 8750 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE (APN 6038-010-903 AND 904) TO THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT

Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II of the Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, presented Board Report No. 17-005 for approval of the finding that is in the Department's best interest to terminate Lease Agreement No. 277 (Agreement) with Community Build, Inc. by mutual consent pursuant to Section 5.7 of the Agreement; concurrence with the City Council's recommendation to approve a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction and control of Department properties located at 8742 and 8750 South Vermont Avenue (APN 6038-010-903 and 904) to the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department; and authorization for Department staff to work with the Department of General Services and the City Attorney's Office to process the non-financial transfer of jurisdiction and control of the aforementioned properties (Parcels). The Board and Department staff discussed the allocation of Council-controlled funds from the Park and Recreational Sites and Facilities Fund to reimburse the State for Proposition 12 grant funds that were disbursed to Community Build, Inc. for acquisition costs and construction of an expanded youth center, and the Department's ability to revert the Parcels back to Community Build, Inc. for non-park usage since they were not dedicated as park property in perpetuity at the time of acceptance. The Board and Department staff discussed the need for additional trees, open green space, and other park improvements to service the residents within the surrounding community, and potential coordination efforts with Community Build, Inc. to activate the park space around the Algin Sutton Pool and Bathhouse.

Public comments were invited for the Board Reports; however, no requests for public comment were submitted.

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented and Board Report No. 17-004 as corrected, with the exception of Board Report No. 17-003 which was continued for consideration at a later date. Commissioner Sanford moved that the Board Reports be approved, and that the Resolutions recommended in the Reports be thereby approved. Commissioner Alvarez 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 on the Commission Task Force on Concessions.

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

Commissioner Sanford reported on the Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force Meeting held on January 4, 2017 prior to the Board Meeting, in which the Task Force discussed the preliminary designs for the Algin Sutton Pool and Van Ness Pool projects, and received an informational report on the Department's existing capital projects. Commissioner Sanford recused herself from the discussion on the conceptual approval of the WAYS Park project.

GENERAL MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT REPORT AND UPDATES

- The Various Communications Report was noted and filed.
- General Manager Michael Shull reported on Department activities, facilities, and upcoming events. The University of Southern California (USC) Trojan Outreach Organization hosted a holiday event on December 18, 2016, in which approximately 600 girls from the Department's Girls Play LA Program participated in a sports-themed carnival and watched a USC Women's Basketball game in the USC Galen Center. The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium held its First Day of Whale Watching Boat Trip on December 26, 2016. A free Junior Golf Clinic hosted by the Southern California PGA is scheduled on January 7, 2017 at the Tregnan Junior Golf Academy. The Junior Clippers Kick-Off Event Press Conference is scheduled on January 7, 2017 at the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES). The 8th Annual Dream Games basketball exhibition is scheduled on January 14, 2017 at Westwood Recreation Complex. The Jacaranda Park Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled on January 20, 2017. The Griffith Park Half-Marathon and 5K Run is scheduled on January 29, 2017 near the Griffith Park picnic area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Diaz requested an update regarding Golf Strategic Plan, the food and beverage concessions and cash transactions at the various Golf Courses. Commissioner Diaz also requested that the Department revisit the Aquatics policy as it relates to restricting swim instructors from entering the water during instruction. Commissioner Alvarez requested an update on the Department's signage policy for the January 18, 2017 Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 9:30 a.m., at 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 10:20 a.m.

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ATTEST



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BOARD SECRETARY