

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the telephonic Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Present were, President Sylvia Patsouras, Commissioners Tafarai Bayne, and Joe Halper. Also present were Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, and Steven Hong Deputy City Attorney III

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch

Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Patsouras called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2022. Commissioner Halper made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Bayne. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

**VERBAL REPORT AND FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)**

President Sylvia Patsouras reported that the board must consider a determination, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of this Board, and the ability of the members of all of this Board's advisory bodies, including, but not limited to, all park advisory boards, the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee, and the Golf Advisory Committee, as well as the public who might attend these meetings, to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

President Sylvia Patsouras made motion for approval of such findings and Commissioner Bayne seconded the motion. Public comment relevant to this item were invited, one such request was submitted. There being no objection to the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, started with an Emergency Management update. Mr. Rudnick shared that although the transmission rate of the Avian flu is very rare. The Department plans to place avian flu public notice signs at appropriate park locations. Mr. Rudnick announced the selection of Brenda Aguirre as our Assistant General Manager of the Special Operations Branch.

Mr. Rudnick provided a report back to the Commission on the Arming of the Park Rangers, he stated that our General Manager plans to address this matter with the new Mayor.

Mr. Rudnick thanked the Recreation staff for the numerous free and low cost Halloween events throughout our park system. Mr. Rudnick shared several upcoming events and highlights. Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Ken Malloy Park will host the opening of the disk golf course. On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> our PlayLA will host its fall kickoff at a number of Recreation and Aquatic Centers. Mr. Rudnick mentioned that on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a total lunar eclipse visible from Los Angeles and the Griffith Observatory will stream the event online. Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> the department will host the Ross Snyder dog park ribbon cutting ceremony. On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> RAP will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual girls skate jam. Mr. Rudnick mentioned that our Peshing square Ice Rink will be opening this season beginning November 23, 2022.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 2 such requests were submitted.

## **BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no such requests were submitted.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

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

## **BOARD REPORTS**

22-276 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program – Retroactive Approval of Submission of Grant Application for Hollywood Central Park Project – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Class (b) [Feasibility and Planning Studies

for Possible Future Action, Although Such Studies Shall Include Consideration of Environmental Factors] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15262 of California CEQA Guidelines

Yumi Sangen, Management Analyst, Grants Administration , presented Board Report No. 22-276.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-277 Various Donations to Recreation Services Branch – Metro, Pacific, Valley, West Regions and Expo Center, January 2022 Through June 2022

Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Recreation Services Branch , presented Board Report No. 22-277.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-278 Northeast Valley Multipurpose Senior Center – Building and Outdoor Fitness Improvements (PRJ21602) Project – Modification of Project Scope and Budget - Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction Where There Be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 1(3) [Operation, Repair, Maintenance or Minor Alteration of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle And Pedestrian Trails, Storage Areas, Parking Lots], Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures And Facilities Where The New Structure Will Be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity], Class 3(4) [Installation of New Equipment and/or Industrial Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use If Required for Safety, Health, The Public Convenience, or Environmental Control] and Class 11(6) [Construction or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory To (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15302, 15303 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzyee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-278.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-279 Saint Andrews Recreation Center – Tennis Court, Fencing, and Lighting Improvements (PRJ21262) Project – Modification of the Scope of Work – Not Subject to Further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consideration

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-279.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-280 Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center – Roof Renovation (Prj21404) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Modification of Scope of Work – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations Involving Remodeling or Minor Construction Where There Will Be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures Where The New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced], and Class 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems], of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(A) and 15302 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Ajmal Noorzyee, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-280.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-281 Pershing Square Park – Award of Contract for Winter Theme Lighting to Mobile Illumination, Inc.

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-281.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-282 North Weddington Park – Roof Replacement and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) (PRj21667) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(32) [Installation, Maintenance or Modification of Mechanical Equipment and Public Convenience Devices and Facilities which are Accessory to the use of the Existing Structures or Facilities and Involve The Negligible or No Expansion of Use] and Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-282.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-283 Winnetka Recreation Center – Roof Replacement (PRJ21409) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Modification of the Scope of Work – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior Alterations Involving

Remodeling or Minor Construction where there be Negligible or No Expansion of Use], Class 2 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced], and Class 2(6) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302 of California State CEQA Guidelines

Meghan Luera, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-283.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-284 Griffith Observatory Café – Amendment No. 3 To Agreement No. 248 With Wolfgang Puck Catering and Events, LLC – Waive the 2022 Annual Minimum Revenue Sharing Guarantee

Stanley Woo, Management Analyst, Special Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-284.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-285 Griffith Observatory Bookstore/Gift Shop – Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 280 with Event Network, LLC – Waive the 2022 Annual Minimum Revenue Sharing Guarantee.

Stanley Woo, Management Analyst, Special Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-285.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-286 Changes to Rates and Fees for Sherman Oaks Castle Park Associated with Miniature Golf Pricing, Birthday and Group Package Deals, Facility Renting and Filming

Sean Hinton, Park Services Supervisor, Special Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-286.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

22-287 Greek Theatre Advisory Committee Appointments

Stefanie Smith, Superintendent, Special Operation Branch, presented Board Report No. 22-287.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Patsouras requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Halper and seconded by Commissioner Bayne that the Board Reports be

approved as presented.. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

**COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

**Commission Task Force on Concessions**

Commissioner Bayne reported that this Task Force did not meet.

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

Commissioner Halper reported that this Task Force met and discussed the resurfacing of the Angels Gate basketball courts. Commissioner Halper also mentioned they discussed the Harbor City Recreation center proposal for a community garden.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

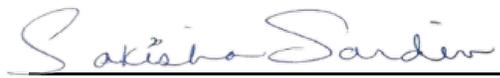
Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board’s jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. Commissioner Halper had previously requested, as a condition of the approval of the multipurpose lining of tennis court 7 for pickleball at Palisades Park, that the sound level be monitored. He asked staff to measure appropriately the sound level at the site of the closest home by the proposed location of the court, and that the reading should not exceed an assumed ambient sound of 55dbI as a result of pickle ball activity. Commissioner Halper also requested an updated staff directory.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**