

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, June 9, 2025

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, and Commissioner Marie Lloyd. Also present were, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2025. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutton. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, who is filling in in the absence of Jimmy Kim . Mr. Rudnick began his update with a message from General Manager Jimmy Kim that was shared with all staff. " I am writing you today because of the growing concerns in our communities about Federal immigration enforcement activities, these activities are understandably creating fear and uncertainty for many of our patrons and we recognize a direct impact in participation in programs. As of Recreation and Parks our fundamental is to ensure that our facilities remain safe, welcoming and inclusive. For every Angeleno and visitor. Parks, recreation centers and programs are vital. Community hubs. All individuals regardless of immigration status, should feel supported and secure. Our strength lies in our unity and in our commitment to the diverse communities we serve.

Mr. Rudnick introduced Traci Goldberg, Superintendent of Valley Region Recreation Services Branch. Traci provided an introduction of the facility and staff at Lake View Terrace Recreation Center.

Mr. Rudnick made announcements of new staff assignments. Acting Superintendent of Recreation Operations for the Pacific region, Kimberly, Simonet. Acting Superintendent of Maintenance Operations for Metro Griffith Valley and Forestry, Wayne Neal. Acting Superintendent of Maintenance Operations, Pacific West and homeless response services, Robert Buenostro

Mr. Rudnick provide an update on the Budget. He stated the proposed budget for RAP included 192 full-time position eliminations which was the equivalent of a roughly 15 million dollars salary reduction. Additionally, the proposed budget proposed to cut a roughly 6 million dollars of expense funding, including overtime, hiring hall and supplies. The proposed budget was amended by the City Council. And we were able to restore roughly 129 of those full-time position reductions leaving a total of 63 position eliminations.

Mr. Rudnick mentioned that our Summer Camp and summer sports programs and our summer swim session is in full swing.

Mr. Rudnick introduce Michael Zambrano from the CAO's office to provide an update on the performance metrics and operation for ABH Riverside He also introduced Patrick Siggins, Director of Homelessness services from Council District 4 to speak on the ongoing programming and continued success we are seeing with the ABH Riverside Ambassador program.

Jessica a Landscape Architect provided an update on the Park Needs Assessment.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 11 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

25-073 Measure A – Authorization to Submit Work Plan for Sunland Dog Park Project and to Accept Funds if Awarded

Board Report No. 25-073 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-074 Transfer of Expenditures to Bogdanovich Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Board Report No. 25-074 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-075 Reimbursement of Salaries and Related Expenses from the Municipal Recreation Program Fund, Special Accounts and Grant Fund Accounts for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Board Report No. 25-075 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-076 Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 For Reimbursement and/or Advances for Petty Cash and Expenses, and Refunds

Board Report No. 25-076 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-077 Signature Authority as Acting General Manager and Acting Chief Accounting Employee

Board Report No. 25-077 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-078 Rancho Cienega Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21612) Project (Project) – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Where It Can be Seen with Certainty That There is No Possibility That the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-078 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-079 Pan Pacific Park – Fencing Replacement (PRJ21854) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(d) [Restoration or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated or Damaged Structures, Facilities, or Mechanical Equipment to Meet Current Standards of Public Health and Safety] and 15302 [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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-079 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-080 Reseda Skate Facility – Reseda Ice Skating And Roller Rink (PRJ21167) (PRJ21326) (W.O. #E170121f) Project – Request to Increase Construction Contingency – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Where It Can Be Seen with Certainty That There is No Possibility That the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect On the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(I) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-080 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-081 Northridge Recreation Center – HVAC Replacement (PRJ21862) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-081 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-082 Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21499) (PRJ21501) Project – Final Acceptance – Decommitment of Park Fees; Roof and HVAC Replacement (PRJ21864) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and will have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-082 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-083 Greenwood Square Park – Playground Surfacing Replacement (PRJ21867) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities Where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and

will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-083 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-084 Peck Park – Roof and HVAC Replacement (PRJ21850) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [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 California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-084 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-085 Venice High School Pool – Swimming Pool Replacement (PRJ21110) (PRJ21704) Project – Final Acceptance – Reallocation of Quimby Fees – Decommitment of Park Fees

Board Report No. 25-085 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-086 Metro Region, 44th Lotus Festival – Acceptance of Proposed Donation from Electric Sky Drone Show Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation

Board Report No. 25-086 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-087 Summer Food Service Program 2025 – Approval of Standard Food Services Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District

Board Report No. 25-087 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-088 Runyon Canyon Park – Early Closure on July 4, 5, And 6, 2025 for the Independence Day Holiday

Board Report No. 25-088 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-089 Griffith Park Train Ride Concession – Proposed Ticket Price Increase

Board Report No. 25-089 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-090 As-Needed Video and/or Audio System Installation/Retrofit, Maintenance and/or Repairs and Related Professional Services – Award of Contract

Board Report No. 25-090 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-091 As-Needed All-Weather Turf Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, Design, Engineering, Inspection and/or Repairs RFQ – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 25-091 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-092 Donation from Burgis Holdings, LLC. in Support of 2024 Summer Swim Programs at Sylmar Pool

Board Report No. 25-092 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-093 Griffith Park – CD4 Riverside Drive Bridge Housing – Extension of 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 One Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4) Applicable to a Homeless Shelter Project During a Declared Shelter Crisis and Public Resources Code Section 21080.27.5 Applicable to City Low Barrier Navigation Center Projects for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Board Report No. 25-093 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-094 Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Council District 15 Tiny Homes Village Project

– Extension of Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility for a Period Not to Exceed One Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4) Applicable to a Homeless Shelter Project During a Declared Shelter Crisis and Public Resources Code Section 21080.27.5 Applicable to City Low Barrier Navigation Center Projects for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Board Report No. 25-094 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-095 Griffith Park – North Outfall Sewer (Nos) Rehab Unit 17 – Colorado Blvd to Rigali Ave (W.O. #SZC14106) Project – Approval of a Right of Entry Associated with the Scope of Work of the Sewer Rehabilitation from Colorado Blvd to Rigali Ave – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use], 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], 15304(a) [Grading on Land With a Slope of Less Than 10 Percent], and 15304(e) [Minor Temporary Use of Land Having Negligible or No Permanent Effects On The Environment] Of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Classes 1(1), 1(14), 3(6), 4(1) and 4(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-095 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-096 Los Angeles Sister Cities Plaza and San Pedro Welcome Park – Revocable Right of Entry Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and Wayne Perry, Inc. for Groundwater Monitoring and Well Destruction – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-096 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-097 North Hollywood Recreation Center – Right of Entry Permit to Community Sports Foundation, Inc. for the Operation of Youth and Adult Ball and Roller Hockey

Programs on Park Property; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-097 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-098 Appropriation From Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 25-098 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-099 Hollywood Recreation Center Phase II – Modern Gymnasium (PRJ21441)(PRJ21112)(W.O. #E1908203) Project – Review of Bids and Award of Contract

Board Report No. 25-099 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-073, 25-074, 25-075, 25-076, 25-077, 25-078, 25-079, 25-080, 25-081, 25-082, 25-083, 25-084, 25-085, 25-086, 25-087, 25-088, 25-089, 25-090, 25-091, 25-092, 25-093, 25-094, 25-095, 25-096, 25-097, 25-098, and 25-099. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. On the following reports 25-073, 25-074, 25-075, 25-076, 25-077, 25-078, 25-079, 25-080, 25-081, 25-082, 25-083, 25-084, 25-085, 25-086, 25-087, 25-088, 25-089, 25-090, 25-091, 25-092, , 25-095, 25-096, 25-097, 25-098, and 25-099

Commissioner Hutton withdrew herself from the vote on items 25-093 and 25-094.

The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0. On the following reports 25-093 and 25-094.

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 was no such comment from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

Commission President Simril ask that the board consider rescheduling the Board's June 19, 2025 Regular meeting to June 23, 2025. In Accordance with Section I.1 of the Board Rules. It was moved by Vice President Simril and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

This Task force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Sanchez stated this task force will meet today following our regular meeting and provide a report back at the next meeting

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 President Simril requested a report back with regards to the comments of the non-native trees. Can you provide a report back on the park improvements that are being done, and whether or not they're following the policy that the Board approved with regard to the tree? Replacement at Hollywood RC

requested a report back on some of the concerns that were mentioned by constituents today with regards to Jim Gilliam Recreation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY