

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 1, 2025

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:06 a.m. Present were, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Fiona Hutton, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, 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

Mariana Valdivia, Chief Sustainability Officer, Special Operations Branch

Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2025. Commissioner Hutton made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by introducing Ramon Cerillos, Principal Recreation Supervisor II of the West Region Recreation Services Branch. Ramon provided an introduction of the facility and staff at Jim Gilliam Recreation Center.

Mr. Kim introduced Patrick Siggins representative from Council District 4 to provide the two-month report back on the ABH Riverside Ambassador Program.

Mr. Kim provided an update, as it relates to wildfire response and recovery. Currently, the George Potrero Canyon is accessible through the community. RAP is currently working with the Mayor's office and the Council Office on the agreement, or the initial part of the agreement with steadfast LA and Sports Strong, the philanthropic groups that have committed to reinvent and rebuild Pacific Palisades. Those meetings will begin once that agreement is in its draft form. Then the agreement will come to the board for approval so that we can move the projects forward.

Mr. Kim provide an update on the Budget. Mr. Kim stated the proposed budget will definitely have a significant impact on our operations. The Mayor's proposed budget deletes 192 full-time positions and cuts about 5.8 million dollars in expense funding, which includes overtime, hiring hall and supplies and expenses, which is a total of about 20 million dollars in reduction.

Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch provided an update on our Childcare section. Ms. Stoneham mentioned due to financial challenges in fiscal year 24-25 budget funding was cut for full-time positions and expenses at all but 4 child care centers. Ms. Stoneham stated RAP was instructed to develop a plan to transition our childcare operations from city run to non-city providers. Parsons Preschool, Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, and also Iris C. Macy Child care centers will remain under the operations of the department.

Mr. Kim provided an update on movement of staff at our RAP facilities. Here are several reasons for staff changes or movement of staff at our full-time staff, at our facilities. They could be through promotions, transfers, or like an emergency switch.

Mr. Kim gave a brief report back on Ascot Hills. I wanted to report that the following work has been completed. He also stated the work will begin on Stoner Park this fall.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 0 such request was submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

25-069 Appropriation from Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance in Fund 302 to Various Accounts in the Department of Recreation and Parks

Board Report No. 25-069 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-070 Revised Citywide Coach LA Plan – Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) and Nike USA, Inc. (Nike)

Board Report No. 25-070 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-071** Denker Recreation Center – Roof And HVAC Replacement (PRJ21847) 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 and Class 2(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-071 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-072** Normandale Recreation Center Park Expansion (PRJ20838) (W.O. #E170367F) – Skate Park and Improvements Project – Contract Nos. 3597, 3649, and 3604 – Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 25-072 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-069, 25-070, 25-071, and 25-072. It was moved by Commissioner Hutton and seconded by Commissioner Tran . There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

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 TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

Commissioner Hutton says that this task force met and discussed the Rancho Golf Clubhouse Renovation. And she also stated they will meet today following our regular meeting.

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 Vice President Sanchez 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 9:56 a.m.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY