

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, November 20, 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 Tafarai Bayne, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. 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

Marianna Valdivia, Chief Management Analyst, Special Operations Branch

John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst II, 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 November 6, 2025. Commissioner Tran made such motion, and it was seconded by Vice President Sanchez. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Lloyd joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Commissioner Bayne joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer sitting in for General Manager Jimmy Kim began his update by introducing Traci Goldberg the Superintendent of the Valley Region Recreation division to provide and introduction of the staff and share a bit of history regarding the Balboa Sports Complex and Recreation Center.

Mr. Rudnick shared some highlights and status updates. Mr. Rudnick introduced the new Executive Director of the LA Parks Foundation Ms. Amber Martinez. Ms. Martinez provided RAP with a brief introduction of herself. Mr. Rudnick provided a verbal update on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games planning. As you may know, in 2017, the International Olympic Committee selected the City of LA to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and

Paralympic Games. Namely LA-28, a private, not-for-profit corporation, is the entity responsible for planning and delivering the games. To formalize the partnership between LA-28, the city entered into a series of agreements, beginning with the 2017 host city contract and MOU. That framework outlined the city's role, financial safeguards, and the responsibilities of LA28. Mr. Rudnick stated that RAP has been engaged in the development of a venue use agreement with LA-28 with the assistance of the City Attorney and in coordination with the Mayor's Office of Major Events.

Mr. Rudnick provided and update on Palisades Park Rebuild. As you're aware, Palisades Recreation Center suffered major damage during the January wildfires. After the fires, the city was approached by the nonprofit or foundation Steadfast LA, and LA Strong Sports, a nonprofit led by JJ Redick, the coach of the LA Lakers. And those groups have proposed to rebuild elements of the park. The recreation center that has already been demolished and the existing small recreation center is proposed to be replaced by a new approximately 28,000 square foot gymnasium comprising two basketball courts and ancillary facilities, including offices for recreation staff and other classroom space. Improvements to outdoor park elements are also proposed, as well as the addition of a new soccer field and seating areas.

Mr. Rudnick gave a brief update on RAP's budget. RAP's baseline budget submission, is due to the mayor's office and the CAO at the end of this week. RAP normally will submit the initial budget before The Thanksgiving break. That will kick off the start of the budget cycle. Then it is reviewed by the Mayor's and the CAO office. RAP will have hearings, typically in February and March, with the mayor's office, and then the mayor will, submit her proposed budget to City Council on April 20th, per the charter.

## **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; there were no such request 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 was no such comment from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**25-200** Griffith Park – Greek Theatre Patron Deck (PRJ21861) Project – Allocation of Greek Theatre Capital Improvements Funds – Categorical Exemption 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 as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-200 was taken on consent.

### **DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

**25-201** Lincoln Park – Fire Alarm Upgrade (PRJ21904) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or Exterior Alterations Involving Such Things as Interior Partitions, Plumbing, and Electrical Conveyances], 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 will Have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity as the Structure Replaced] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) Class 1(4) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-201 was taken on consent.

### **DISPOSITION: APPROVED**

**25-202** Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex at Rancho Cienega Park – Grant of Right for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Facilities – 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] and Section 15303(d) [Construction of Small Structures Such as Water Main, Sewage, Electrical, Gas, and Other Utility Extensions, Including Street Improvements, of Reasonable Length to Serve Such Construction] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 3(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-202 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**25-203** Ocean View Farms Community Garden – Agreement With Ocean View Farms, Inc. for the Operation and Maintenance of Ocean View Farms Community Garden; 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 as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 4(7) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-203 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

**25-204** Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – Agreement with Rancho Preschool Inc., for the Continued Operation of a Recreational Child Development and Preschool Program on Park Property; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) [Issuance of a License to use an Existing Structure Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: WITHDRAWN

**25-205** Hansen Dam Aquatic Center – Approval of Pedal Boat Rental Program – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304 [Minor Public or Private Alterations in the Condition of Land, Water, and/or Vegetation which Do Not Involve Removal of Healthy, Mature, Scenic Trees Except for Forestry or Agricultural Purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 4 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-205 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-200, 25-201, 25-202, 25-203, and 25-205. 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 5-0.

Board Report 25-204 was continued

## **COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES**

### **Commission Task Force on Concessions**

This Task force did not meet.

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

Commissioner Lloyd provided a brief update on the Park Needs Assessment discussed at the last Facility Repair and Maintenance task force 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. Commissioner Bayne request a report back on Spring Street Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD SECRETARY**