

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 2, 2026

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 Luis Sanchez, Vice President Tafarai Bayne, Commissioner Marie Lloyd, , and Commissioner Mary Galvan Rosas. 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
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
John Busby, Sr. Management Analyst, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 05, 2026. Vice President Bayne made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Rosas. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by introducing Superintendent Sonya Young Jimenez of the West Region Recreation division to provide an overview of the facility and to introduce the staff at the Westchester Recreation Center. Mr. Kim stated the Commission Office has received various communications from constituents, and we have assigned appropriate staff to follow up, via email, and other methods of communication with those constituents.

Mr. Kim provided an update to the requests received by the RAP Commissioners at our last meeting. Mr. Kim stated staff met at Alamo Real Park with the council office directly following our last meeting to determine a viable solution for the graffiti issues. RAP is currently working on a scope to remove the old building, that has caused all the Graffiti issues, and replace it with a utility box for electrical equipment needs, so we are working on a plan for that. Mr. Kim mentioned as it relates to Leland Park, staff is working on increasing program activities, before this summer, so that we can meet the needs of the community and, provide additional programming at that location.

Mr. Kim stated for the Argos scientific, extension, update, I wanted to make note that it is not as simple as just approving an extension, as any agreement beyond 3 years would need to go to Council. RAP Staff would need to draft and negotiate a new long-term agreement with Argos. And then find a suitable location for a long-term installation, and then they would need to bring it to board, and then take it to Council for approval. But in addition to that, I wanted to make note that, the department has encountered, consistent issues with Argos Scientific, where they had made unauthorized use of our electrical, for their air monitoring system, and that severely damaged our electrical and irrigation infrastructure, which destroyed over 70% of the turf at that location. The company was, unresponsive to our initial outreach regarding this damage, and we had to issue a formal notice of default, to force a resolution. And so, for those reasons, I am recommending against extending the temporary agreement with Argos Scientific.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 3 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 request was 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

26-063 Award of Contracts for As-Needed Charter Bus Transportation Services – Use of the Competitive Selection Process of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation Request for Qualifications No. 216611

Board Report No. 26-063 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-064 Lemon Grove Recreation Center – Lighting Upgrades (PRJ21942) Project – 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 and 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Utility Systems and/or Facilities Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 26-064 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-065 Ernest E. Debs Regional Park – Rose Hill Park Playground Replacement (PRJ21585) Project – Final Acceptance – Decommitment of Park Fees

Board Report No. 26-065 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-066 Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTT-84555 – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for Land Dedication or a Combination of Land Dedication and in-lieu Park Fee Payment

Board Report No. 26-066 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-067 Las Palmas Senior Center – Senior Center And Child Care Center Renovations (PRJ21175) (PRJ21176) (W.O. #E1908358) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Call for Bids – Commitment of Park Fees; Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 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], 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences], and 15304(a) [Grading on Land with a Slope of Less than 10 Percent] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(4), Class 3(6), and Class 4(1) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 26-067 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-068 Inell Woods Park (AKA Ways Park Project) – Property Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control to the Department of Recreation and Parks from the Department of General Services for New Park Property – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(f) [Acquisition, Sale, or Other Transfer to Preserve Open Space or Lands for Park Purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III,

Section 1, Class 25 of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 26-068 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 26-069** MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture (W.O. #S043MSWC, S343MSWC, S33WMLRP, S34WMLRP) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Specifications – Consideration of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings and Statement of Consideration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Macarthur Lake Stormwater Capture (SCH 2022040153)

Fernando A. Torres Jr., *Civil Engineering Associate II*, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 26-069.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 26-070** Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – Tennis Court & Building Improvements (PRJ21253) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Statutory Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [The Activity is Covered by the Common-Sense Exemption that CEQA Applies Only to Projects which have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment; 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 as well as Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 26-070 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 26-071** Parcel MAP AA-2026-140-PM – Recommendation to the Advisory Agency for In-Lieu Park Fee Payment

Board Report No. 26-071 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 26-072** 2026 Dodgers Dreamteam Program Grant – Approval of Grant Agreement and Acceptance of Grant Funds and In-Kind Contributions from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in Support of Specific Centers Youth Baseball Leagues for the 2026 Season

Board Report No. 26-072 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-073 Amendment to the Rules of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Board Report No. 26-073 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-074 355 South Kingsley Property (Los Angeles County Assessors' Parcel Number (APN) 5503-007-001) – Final Authorization to Acquire Property for Park Purposes (PRJ21858) – Commitment of Park Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(f) [Acquisition, Sale, or Other Transfer to Preserve Open Space or Lands for Park Purposes] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 25 of City CEQA Guidelines – Acceptance of Measure a 2025 Technical Assistance Program Funds and Retroactive Authorization to Submit Funding Request for Property

Board Report No. 26-074 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

26-075 Valley Plaza Park – Council District 2 Pallet Housing Project – Extension of Emergency Use of a Portion of the Park for a Temporary Homeless Shelter/Low Barrier Navigation Center Facility for a Period Not to Exceed One Year – Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.27.5 and Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4) Applicable to Lease, Conveyance, Encumbrance, Financial Assistance, or Contract to Provide Services for People Experiencing Homelessness

Board Report No. 26-075 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 26-063, 26-064, 26-065, 26-066, 26-067, 26-068, 26-070, 26-071, 26-072, 26-073, 26-074 and 26-075. It was moved by Vice President Bayne and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Report 26-069, as presented It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Vice President Bayne 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

This Task force did not meet.

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 Bayne requested a report back on some of the concerns raised at today's meeting regarding Michelle and Barack Obama Park. Commissioner Lloyd asked that we give an update on how we are over seeing public safety within our park system overall, and how we are deploying resources we currently have versus what resources we're asking for. And what new resources we may need to get. And then my second one is, more just getting an update on Palisades Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY