

M I N U T E S

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

March 15, 2006

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session at the Garland Building Auditorium at 9:40 a.m. Present were President Christina Sanchez-Camino, Vice-President Mary Luévano, Commissioners Maria A. Casillas and Candy Spelling. Also present were Robert Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Brown.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Christopher W. Hammond was recognized for his service on the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of February 15, 2006 were held to the next meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

06-59

BALDWIN HILLS RECREATION CENTER - IMPROVEMENTS
TO ATHLETIC FIELDS AND NEW PLAYGROUND (#1202E)
(W.O. #E170316F) - ACCEPTANCE OF STOP NOTICE
ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

06-60

HANSEN DAM UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND
AND RESTROOM (W.O. #PRJ1246A) - SUBSTITUTION OF
SUBCONTRACTORS

06-61

LANARK RECREATION CENTER (W.O. #E170475F) -
REFURBISHMENT OF FOUR BALL FIELDS AND IRRIGATION
SYSTEM - FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

06-62

ENCINO-BALBOA GOLF COURSE (SEPULVEDA GOLF COMPLEX) -
CORRECTION TO THE APPROVED CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION
OF THE FOOD SERVICE CONCESSION TO INCLUDE THE FIVE-
YEAR EXTENSION CLAUSE

06-63 - Considered later in the meeting.

06-64

FINAL AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP FOUR
PARCELS FOR A POCKET PARK AT ROCKWOOD/COLTON STREETS
AND GLENDALE BOULEVARD

06-65

VAN NESS RECREATION CENTER - NAMING OF THE NEW
GYMNASIUM BUILDING FOR JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR., AND
INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN HIS HONOR

06-66

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY - SALE AND SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES

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CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY/ZONE
CHANGE PARK FEES FOR LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

06-68

EXPOSITION PARK INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER
(EPICC) AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES FOR
SPECIAL USE

06-69 - Considered later in the meeting.

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VARIOUS DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS WEST - WEST REGION

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VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Vice-President Luévano, seconded by Commissioner Casillas, that the foregoing reports, with exceptions as noted, be approved, and that the appropriate Resolutions be adopted. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

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VENICE BEACH BOARDWALK - REVISION TO PUBLIC EXPRESSION
PERMIT RULES

The Senior Assistant City Attorney gave some historical background and proposed several amendments to the Board Report and Rules as follows:

On page 2, after paragraph 1, add a 3rd exemption... Prohibits vending with the following exemptions:

3. Performances by performing artists and musicians.

On page 2 at the bottom of the page where it says . . . Revisions to the regulations are as follows:

Regulation No. 1 is amended as "Vending of food, **goods, merchandise or services** not exempted by Section 42.15(c) is a violation of these rules, as well as a violation of law."

On the Venice Beach Boardwalk Public Expression Permit Program Rules, Page 4, No. 1 match the correction done above . . . "Vending of food, **goods, merchandise or services** not exempted by Section 42.15(c) is a violation of these rules, as well as a violation of law."

It was moved by Commissioner Casillas, seconded by Vice-President Luévano, that the foregoing Report No. 06-63 be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

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AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL RESOLUTION NO. 10122 - SECTION
1A (REGULAR POSITIONS), SECTION 1D (SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS),
AND SECTION 1F (SPECIAL FUNDED POSITIONS)

Debra Maldonado, Asst. Director of Human Resources, proposed amendments as follows:

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Page 2, Section 1F - Special Funded Positions: under code 1523-1, should read **Senior Accountant II** instead of I.

Page 4, Section 1A - Regular Positions, second paragraph should read . . . **Fiscal Year 2007-08** instead of 2006-07.

It was moved by Commissioner Spelling, seconded by Commissioner Casillas, that the foregoing report be approved as amended. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 24, 2006 were approved as submitted.

MEMORANDUM

TOBIAS AVENUE PARK - PARK DEVELOPMENT (#1351A): CONTRACT NO. 3134 - CORRECTION TO BOARD REPORT NO. 04-290

Report accepted.

COMMISSION TASK FORCES

Commission Task Force on Concession RFPs (Commissioners Sanchez-Camino and Spelling)

Nothing to report.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance (Commissioners Sanchez-Camino and Luévano)

Vice-President Luévano reported that the Department has submitted proposals under Proposition O for funding of new facilities and several of them incorporated sustainable design principles which geared toward storm water management and water conservation. The Vice-President further advised that the proposals included design principles, such as using permeable paving, and some had higher level design techniques - like cisterns and several methods of water catchments. Although some were more costly, they would save money in reduced water and utility bills. This was brought to the attention of the Commissioners because they are issues of importance in terms of the Board's ability to promote sustainable design. The Vice-President further stated that some problems were due to a lack of a comprehensive Master Plan; but of greater need was the lack of staff and resources to be able to perform repairs and maintenance. Although it was too late for the current budget year, it was agreed that it was something that required review. There were more specifics, however, the Task Force would agendize the Department's master planning sector by sector in order to have a better handle on the Department's needs.

Commissioner Casillas expressed that it would be helpful to understand the criteria applied or the principles used to create the master plan, and advised that at the next meeting there would be a plan for discussion with regards to pools wherein management would provide the pool report.

Jason Elias, a representative of SEIU Local No. 347, gave general comments of behalf of the 2,000 gardeners, both part-time and full time in the Department. The representative updated the Board on the efforts

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of Joint-Upper Management Committee's work regarding parks, advising that he has helped to design an incredible program with the Department on how to get the work done given past vacancies in terms of maintenance of the Parks' facilities and quality control issues as he perceives them. He further advised that one solution would be to have gardeners and supervisors jointly inspect and evaluate parks - not for disciplinary measures but as a measuring gauge in terms of the quality product given to the communities. The representative stated that Local 347 had worked with the Mayor's office to create micro-parks, and also with L.A. Neighborhood Land Trust to create neighborhood-based parks. The representative then requested to be a participant on the Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force and included on it's Agenda mailing list.

President Sanchez-Camino stated that it was not the Commission's intention to eliminate him from participating, and advised that the Task Force was open to the public. Jim Combs, Assistant General Manager, advised that he would add the representative to the mailing list.

PRESENTATION

Neil Drucker, Environmental Affairs Office, Bureau of Engineering, Project Manager III, gave a Status report on current Department of Recreation and Parks projects. He also left a copy in electronic format with the Commissioners.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the Department activities and facilities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-President Luevano, requested a tour of the Griffith Observatory.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., Garland Building Auditorium, 1200 West 7th Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

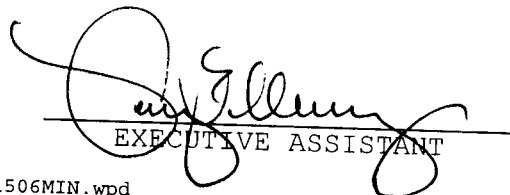
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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