

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, October 31, 2016

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Special Meeting/Retreat at Griffith Park Boys Camp at 9:00 a.m. Present were President Sylvia Patsouras, Vice President Lynn Alvarez, Commissioner Melba Culpepper, Commissioner Pilar Diaz, and Commissioner Misty Sanford. Also present were Michael A. Shull, General Manager, and Deputy City Attorney III Strefan Fauble.

The following Department staff members were present:

Anthony-Paul Diaz, Executive Officer and Chief of Staff
Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, Operations Branch
Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Partnership and Revenue Branch
Ramon Barajas, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch
Eleanor Chang, Department Chief Accountant IV, Finance Division

CALL TO ORDER

President Patsouras introduced Commissioner Pilar Diaz, whose Mayoral appointment to the Board for the term ending June 30, 2020 became effective on October 21, 2016 to fill the vacancy left by former Commissioner Iris Zuñiga. Commissioner Diaz discussed her background experience working with the LA84 Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

ITEM OF DISCUSSION

General Manager Michael Shull presented an overview of the Department's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 budget, and the proposed funding increases and position authorities to support the Department's core services, service enhancements, and service restoration requests. The Board and General Manager Shull discussed the Department's funding sources for core services, the non-core services funded by the City's General Fund, the budget proposal for new and expanded facilities, obligatory expenditures which include significant increases in the water and electric rates, and the amount of funding left in the proposed FY 2017-18 budget for service enhancements after the obligatory expenditures are covered. The Board and Department staff also discussed the implementation of Joint-Use Agreements with the Los Angeles Unified School District for additional park access, the proposed expansion of the Park Ranger Program and activation of regional Park Ranger stations, the Park Restroom Enhancement Program, and new funding requests for programs to be funded by the City's General Fund such as summer season pool extensions, cooling centers and emergency shelters, and homeless encampment cleanup services. The Board and Department staff also discussed the Department's role and staffing costs involved in the oversight of licensed child care center contracts, and the restoration of recreation and maintenance staff positions. The Board requested that Department staff include the actual costs for full service

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restoration and enhancements in the Department's FY 2017-18 budget proposal. Chief Sustainability Officer Matthew Rudnick reported on the status of the draft Five-Year Strategic Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited; however, no requests for public comment were submitted.


NEXT MEETING

The Regular Meetings of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners scheduled on November 2, 2016 at EXPO Center Comrie Hall and November 16, 2016 at Algin Sutton Recreation Center were both canceled. A Special Meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 9:30 a.m., at Van Ness Recreation Center, 5720 2nd Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Patsouras adjourned the Meeting at 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY