



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 28, 2017/ 2:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Arborist Ken Pfalzgraf.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Roston, Gersh, Vice Chair Friedman
Commissioners Absent: Bilak, Chair Rosoff
Staff Present: Teri Angel, Ken Pfalzgraf, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Aida Thau

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of the Chair, Tab #5 and Tab #6 will be moved ahead of Tabs #2, 3 and 4.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 1/24/2017

MOTION by GERSH, SECONDED by ROSTON to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. (3/0)

AYES: Roston, Gersh, Friedman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bilak, Rosoff
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting on 2/6/2017

TABLED - due to lack of quorum. Commissioner Roston abstained as she was not present at the February 6, 2017 Special Meeting.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Beverly Hills Community Dog Park

A Special Meeting was held on February 6, 2017 regarding the first 6 months of operation of the dog park.

Park and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf updated the Commission regarding the estimated rate of growth of the current trees in addition to the toxicity level of the tree leaves and acorns.

Information on the benches, surface and shade options will need more research and will be provide at a later date.

3. Amenities to the Electric Fountain Location

A City Council Liaison Meeting with Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Gold was held on February 13, 2017 with Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Howard Rosoff and City Staff in attendance. The two amenities, the commemorative rock and boulder honoring the Tongva Tribe were discussed in addition to the placement of the Beverly Hills shield

All were in favor of the plaque and to the wording on it in addition to the placement of the rock.

Mayor Mirisch suggested using the old style of the city shield which would better reflect the era of the time when the fountain was built. Staff concurred to keep the new Beverly Hills shield.

MOTION by ROSTON, SECONDED by GERSH move that we stay with the original design that we proposed using the new shield. (3/0)

AYES: Roston, Gersh, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bilak, Rosoff

ABSTAIN None

CARRIED

The Commissions decisions will be taken to the April 4, 2017 City Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Peace Tree Planting in Beverly Hills

Recreation Supervisor Teri Angel provided a follow-up on Munni Irone who requested a presentation to the Commission on the concept of planting a peace tree in Beverly Hills. Ms. Irone is out of the country until April. Upon her return, she will be contacted to schedule her presentation.

5. Results of the Tree Services Request for Proposals

Park and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf provided an update:

The City's 5-year agreement with West Coast Arborists, the City's tree contractor, ended December 2016 and staff reached out to 20 different tree care contractors and invited them to participate in a Request for Proposal. Three firms submitted bids. Those bids, after being considered, represented an increase in cost, from 23% to 63% and if accepted, would result in a minimum loss of purchasing power of \$920,000 over the next three years of tree work.

West Coast Arborists is honoring the terms of the current agreement and the Liaisons approved keeping this contractor for another 3 years. The agreement will be revisited prior to the end of the 3rd year.

6. Street Tree Master Plan Priority List

Park and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf explained to the Commission that in his transition to Public Works, the Street Tree Master Plan process remained with the Recreation and Parks Commission. Commissioners Gersh and Roston are proposed as the new liaisons.

Steps necessary to establish the Plan were reviewed, as well as the order of the recommended streets. A meeting will be scheduled between Ken Pfalzgraf and the liaisons to begin the process.

STATUS REPORTS

7. Capital Improvement Projects Update

Mandana Motahari, formally with RTK Architects, has been hired as the City's architect, and will continue to work on many of the Community Services Department's capital improvement projects.

Greystone: At the February 7, 2017 City Council meeting, staff presented the HRG group report regarding the future repairs and improvements at Greystone Mansion and they divided it into 3 general areas: housekeeping, maintenance and restoration efforts. City Council supported the report and The Friends of Greystone's concept and interest in the restoration of the library to its original design and utilizing it as a museum.

Beverly Gardens Restoration Project has gone out to bid and the lowest responsible bidder is Landscape Support Services in Sherman Oaks which was approved by City Council at the February 7, 2017 City Council Meeting. A construction meeting was held on February 23, 2017 with construction tentatively scheduled to start the 2nd or 3rd week in March.

Coldwater Park and Playground Renovation: working on RFP to distribute to playground companies and based on the criteria the Recreation & Parks Commission decided on.

La Cienega Community Center: Roof repair & dry wall have been completed and working on sealant to the lobby windows. The new snack bar is moving forward.

La Cienega Tennis Center Court Resurfacing Project: received 2 competitive bids and will be awarding that contract at the April 4, 2017 City Council Meeting with the work to proceed shortly thereafter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Ad Hoc Committee Assignments

Staff reviewed the recommendations by Chair Rosoff.

MOTION by FRIEDMAN, SECONDED by GERSH that we are all in agreement with the February 28th Ad Hoc Assignments Recommendations. (3/0)

AYES: Roston, Gersh, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bilak and Rosoff

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Director's Report:

Recreation Supervisor Teri Angel provided an update on the following:

February 26th Department Showcase

Father/Daughter Dance

Beverly Hills Active Adult Club Valentin's Day Dance and Dessert Event hosted by the
Beverly Hills Police Officers' Association

Summer Camp Brochure

Community Services Staff Update

Upcoming Events

Commission Calendar

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

10. Priority Setting

Per the Commission standardization process, Recreation Supervisor Teri Angel reviewed with the Commission the Priority Setting of the Commission's projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 28, 2017 / 3:20 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 25th day of April, 2017


Howard L. Rosoff, Chairperson