



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: May 23, 2017 / 2:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gersh.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read by Chair Rosoff.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Roston, Bilak, Gersh, Vice Chair Friedman, Chair Rosoff
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Teri Angel, Pam Shinault, Linda Kyriazi

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.

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Rosoff approved the agenda as is.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 4/25/2017

MOTION by ROSOFF, SECONDED by FRIEDMAN to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Introduction of New Public Works Director Shana Epstein

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel introduced former Beverly Hills Public Works employee Shana Epstein who returned as the City's new Director of Public Works on April 24, 2017.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Older Americans Month

In national recognition of the month of May as Older Americans Month, the City of Beverly Hills was provided the opportunity to recognize seniors for the valuable contribution to society. At the May 16, 2017 City Council Study Session, Councilmembers proclaimed May as Older Americans Recognition Month and recognized residents Gloria Jennings Milkowski and Lou Milkowski as this year's Beverly Hills Older Americans. Both have been active in the community in addition to the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club.

4. North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project Update

Project Manager Samer Elayyan provided the Commission an update on the construction schedule for the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project in addition to the upcoming phases. Community Outreach meetings were held on May 9th and 11th, City Council was briefed on May 16, 2017 and a mailing was sent to all residents and businesses of the City informing them of the detours and the duration of this phase of construction.

5. Coldwater Canyon Park Playground

Representatives from Kompan and Landscape Structures playground companies attended the April 25, 2017 Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting to present playground concepts for Coldwater Canyon Park playground. The Commission then requested a shuttle trip to visit a playground built by Landscape Structures located in Studio City. A Special Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting was then scheduled for May 23, 2017 at 11am to accommodate this request.

MOTION by ROSOFF, SECONDED by GERSH move that the Commission recommends the selection of Landscape Structures be the company selected to provide the new playground equipment for the rebuilding of Coldwater Park playground. (5/0)

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

6. Street Tree Master Plan – Elm Drive

In December 2016, residents of the 100-300 blocks of North Elm Drive presented a petition requesting that the City "have the poor performing trees that were planted about 10 years ago to be removed and replaced with healthy trees." The petition was signed by residents representing approximately 65% of the affected addresses, which exceeds the

Commission's minimum requirement for the development of a Street Tree Master Plan project.

Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf updated the Commission on the 100 – 300 North Elm Drive tree Replacement Petition.

MOTION by ROSOFF, SECONDED by ROSTON move that the Commission recommends that Mr. Pfalzgraf begins developing his Elm Street Master Plan and selects the trees that he proposed as alternatives to the residents on Elm Street and to send out notices as are typically done with respect to this project. (5/0)

AYES: Roston, Bilak, Gersh, Friedman, Rosoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

7. Bike Smart Program Update

Through the efforts of the Community Services Department and the Beverly Hills Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit, staff created a program entitled Bike Smart for ages 3-8 years. The Program kicked-off on August 27, 2016. In January 2017, the Program schedule was changed and offered the last Saturday and Sunday of each month. As the last weekend in May is Memorial Day weekend, the Program will not be offered which provides the opportunity for staff and the Commission to reevaluate the program.

The Commission agreed that staff should provide an outline including market research to see what the interest is before a vendor contract is considered.

NEW BUSINESS

None

STATUS REPORTS

8. Capital Improvement Projects Update

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement Projects for May.

Greystone:

- Repair of three sets of bronze doors complete.
- Tile repair in the Butler's kitchen; almost completed.
- Water testing on two balconies off Gun Room; complete and waiting reports of findings.
- Repair of paved walkways needed.
- Friends of Greystone (FOG) have a donor for the flower sink replacement.
- FOG donated to have two of the powder rooms cleaned and restored with historic paint.

Beverly Gardens Restoration:

- At the May 16, 2017 City Council Meeting, City Council approved a Pledge Agreement accepting the \$500,000 donation and approved City matching funds of \$500,000 towards the restoration at Beverly Gardens Park. City Council also approved the next set of blocks for restoration.

The following projects were additionally included in the report from staff: Coldwater Canyon Park and Playground Restoration, La Cienega Community Center and La Cienega Tennis Court Resurfacing Project.

The Commission requested Josette Descalzo be invited to the next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting to provide an update on the underground storm water retention project at La Cienega Park.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Chair Rosoff announced that since Commissioner Gersh will be departing the Commission in June, she would need to be replaced on the Ad Hoc Committees that she currently serves on. Chair Rosoff listed his recommendations:

- Street Master Plan and Coldwater Canyon Park will be replaced with oncoming Commissioner Julian Javor.
- Fine Arts will be replaced with Chair Rosoff.
- Greystone will be replaced with Vice Chair Friedman.
- Crescent Mini Park will be replaced with Commissioner Bilak.
- Chair Rosoff's position on Public Works will be replaced by Julian Javor.
- Vice Chair Friedman's position on Beverly Gardens will be replaced by Julian Javor.

Commissioner Bilak requested the Street Tree Master Plan Ad Hoc and Julian Javor be given Crescent Mini Park. Chair Rosoff to consider.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

10. Director's Report

Senior Recreation Supervisor Cindy Brynan provided to the Commission an update on the following:

- Concour d'Elegance that was held Sunday, May 7, 2017.
- Beverly Hills Art Show that was held Saturday and Sunday, May 20 & 21, 2017.
- Concerts on Canon have been scheduled and will be held every Thursday evening starting on June 8, 2017 and ending on August 31, 2017.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Chris Best provided to the Commission an update on the new programs offered at La Cienega Park.

- One of the new Children's Programs offered will be World Music. The artist/instructor, originally from Brazil, provided instruments to the Commission to show a sampling of the variety of music offered to the children which highlights instruments and songs from around the world.
- Mother/Son dance update.

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel review the events for Adults and Senior Adults:

- Try It, You'll Like It opportunity
- Arbor Day rescheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017 to coincide with the Mayor's Walk.

Commissioner Roston will be attending as a judge the Pie-Bake a' la Beverly Hills & Piasta on Sunday, June 22, 2017

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

11. Priority Setting

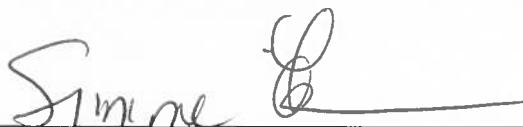
The Commission agreed to keep the items in the same order.

The Commission agreed to the month of August as being a dark month. No meeting will be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 23, 2017 / 4:43 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 27th day of June, 2017


Howard L. Rosoff, Chairperson


Vice Chair