



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 27, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: June 27, 2017 / 2:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gersh.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read by Vice Chair Friedman.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Roston, Bilak, Gersh, Vice Chair Friedman
Commissioners Absent: Chair Rosoff
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.

Mr. Schneider, representing the Beverly Hills Bridge Club that has met at the Tennis Center for many years, informed the Commission that the Club is interested in renovating the facility by having it painted, replacing tables, chairs and having windows added.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Friedman approved the agenda as is.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting from 5/23/2017.

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

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

Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 5/23/2017.

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

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Major Projects Update – Storm Water Retention Project

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager, Josette Descalzo, provided an update to the Commission on the Storm Water Retention Project. La Cienega Park has been identified as a possible location to study for placement of a storm water basin.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Beverly Hills Community Dog Park

Management Analyst Stephanie Harris provided an update to the Commission regarding the June 5, 2017 Liaison Meeting where the Commission's recommendations on continued operations of the Beverly Hills Dog Park were reviewed.

The City Council Liaisons agreed to accept the Commission's recommendations:

- To follow through a full year of operation prior to making any changes.
- Staff will continue to monitor the park in addition to maintaining statistics until September 2017.
- At that time, via Public Outreach, recommendations of the residents will be considered and brought back to the Commission in September 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Crescent Drive Mini Park Renovation

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ari Bussell spoke about the Public Notice that was provided for the Crescent Drive Mini Park Renovation which was misleading as the Park will be used as a construction staging area for approximately two years.

Lori and Joshua Tanz, owners of the apartment building north of the park, spoke to the Commission about their concern of the removing and replacement of existing older trees that have been providing shade. The proposed new trees along the north side of the Park will block views and light for the apartment residents. Two years of renovation will disrupt the quiet common area.

Vice Chair Friedman read emails that were submitted to the Commission.

Assistant Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich and Project Manager, Assistant Planner Alek Miller presented to the Commission a proposed park design renovation of Crescent Drive Mini Park to request feedback from the Commission.

Benjamin Reznik and Lee Pasteris from Jeffer Mangels Butler Mitchell, representing the owners of the 100 North Crescent Drive building, presented to the Commission the renovations the owners would like to make to Crescent Drive Mini Park as they're additionally enlarging the 100 North Crescent Drive building.

The Commission agreed for staff to arrange for a site visit to the Crescent Drive Mini Park to view items that were discussed and of concern. A member of the Arborist team will be in attendance and the site visit is open to the public.

5. Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District – Annual Report

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel provided an update to the Commission on the status of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The 4-year July 1, 2012 agreement was extended for one (1) additional year for the 2016/17 Fiscal Year.

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey provided a history of the JPA's financial negotiations and the status to date.

STATUS REPORTS

6. Capital Improvement Projects Update

The June project update report was included in the Commission packet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey informed the Commission of the application QR code project that former Recreation and Parks Commissioner Robby Anderson and Beverly Hills Historical Society member Phil Savenick have been working on. As a pilot project, QR codes would be added to City Park signage, both Beverly Gardens and Will Rogers' parks. Having the QR Reader application on your phone would bring up an historic image of that location. City Council has approved this project. Staff will be working with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Savenick on the project.

City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Rosoff/Friedman) – no additional report

Fine Arts (Bilak/Gersh) – no additional report

Greystone Park (Gersh/Rosoff) – no additional report

La Cienega Master Plan (Bilak/Friedman) – no additional report

Street Tree Master Plan/Maintenance (Gersh/Roston) – no additional report

Beverly Gardens Restoration (Rosoff/Friedman) – no additional report

Off Leash Dog Area (Bilak/Friedman) – no additional report

Joint Powers Agreement (Bilak/Roston) – no additional report

Public Works Services Liaisons (Rosoff/Roston) – no additional report

Coldwater Canyon Park (Gersh/Rosoff) – no additional report

Bicycle Riding (Roston/Friedman) – no additional report

Crescent Mini Park (Rosoff/Gersh) – no additional report

8. Ad Hoc Assignment Recommendations

Due to the end of tenure for Commissioner Susan Gersh, Chair Rosoff is recommending the following Ad Hoc Assignments. The Commission approved of the new Ad Hoc Assignments.

City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Rosoff/Friedman)

Fine Arts (Bilak/Rosoff)

Greystone Park (Friedman/Rosoff)

La Cienega Master Plan (Bilak/Friedman)

Street Tree Master Plan/Maintenance (Bilak/Roston)

Beverly Gardens Restoration (Rosoff/Javor)

Off Leash Dog Area (Bilak/Friedman)

Joint Powers Agreement (Bilak/Roston)

Public Works Services Liaisons (Javor/Roston)

Coldwater Canyon Park (Javor/Rosoff)

Bicycle Riding (Roston/Friedman)

Crescent Drive Mini Park (Rosoff/Javor)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Director's Report

- Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel introduced new Recreation Supervisor Tiarra Warner who will be located at La Cienega Community Center and responsible for summer camps, afterschool childcare and contractual sports classes.

- Commissioner Roston provided an update on judging at Piesta and the pie-baking contest that was held on June 11, 2017 at the Farmers' Market.
- Commissioner Bilak volunteered to be a judge at the PickleFest being held on August 6, 2017 at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market from 9am – 1pm.
- Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey informed the Commission of the proposal requested by artist Ed Massey and was approved by City Council for placement of a temporary art exhibit to be displayed in the Lily Pond located at Beverly Gardens Park.
- July is Parks and Recreation Month. Residents are encouraged to discover and learn about all the great activities you can do in Beverly Hills such as: take a walk with the Mayor, attend a free summer concert, take your dog to the Beverly Hills Dog Park, view public art or take a selfie with a Park Ranger.
- The Summer 2017 Roxbury Views is available and was included in the Commission packet.
- Beverly Hills Active Adult Club is hosting a Senior Summer Party and Dance on Monday, July 10, 2017, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Free dance admission for those renewing or joining new Club memberships effective July 1, 2017.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

10. Priority Setting

End of Tenure for Commissioner Gersh

- Commissioners and staff acknowledged the end of tenure for Commissioner Gersh and thanked her for her contributions to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Swearing in of New Commissioner Julian Javor

- Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez swore in new Commissioner Julian Javor.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 27, 2017 / 5:40 p.m.

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



Howard L. Rosoff, Chairperson