



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 25, 2017 / 2:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Javor led the Pledge of Allegiance

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Chair Rosoff read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Javor, Roston, Bilak, Vice Chair Friedman, Chair Rosoff
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Teri Angel, Stephanie Harris, 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.

Chair Rosoff summarized an email that the Commission received requesting that adults be precluded from City playgrounds unless accompanied by children. The subject will be taken up by the City Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Rosoff amended the agenda by moving Tab #3 Peace Tree Planting in Beverly Hills ahead of Tab #2 to accommodate guest speakers.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 6/27/2017.

MOTION by FRIEDMAN, SECONDED by BILAK to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. (3/2)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Beverly Hills Community Dog Park – Community Outreach

Management Analyst Stephanie Harris requested the Commission's input on obtaining feedback from Dog Park users and the community regarding the first year of operations of the Dog Park. The questions for the online survey were reviewed and discussed as well as the extent of public outreach. The survey will include a question about whether heat/lack of shade is possibly keeping current or potential users of the Dog Park away. In addition, efforts were requested to reach registered Beverly Hills dog owners who are not utilizing the park.

The shade issue was discussed. An umbrella was relocated to provide shading over a bench and additional commercial grade umbrellas are soon being delivered.

The survey results will be presented to the Commission at their September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Peace Tree Planting in Beverly Hills

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel introduced Ms. Munni Irone who, in support of Mayor Bosse's Beverly Hills Healthy City initiative, is interested in the planting of a Peace Tree on City park property.

Speakers: Munni Irone in addition to: Paul Sladkus, Leesa Greenstein, Sein Pasqual Bell and Carmelita Pittman who spoke of their support of Ms. Munni and her Peace Tree Planting concept.

Questions about the specified Moringa Tree were brought up and discussed with City Arborist Ken Pfalzgraf.

MOTION by ROSOFF, SECONDED by Javor that the Commission agrees to go forward and consider the prospect of obtaining and planting a Peace Tree and establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with City Council on a liaison basis to discuss both the planting of the tree and all of the circumstances surrounding the event. (5/0)

AYES: Javor, Roston, Bilak, Friedman, Rosoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

STATUS REPORTS

4. Capital Improvement Projects Update

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement Projects that included Greystone, and Beverly Gardens Restoration.

Chair Rosoff asked about the growth in the north end of Beverly Gardens Park that butts up against the property owners which was to be removed and replaced with a universal type of planting. Ms. Coffey confirmed the hedge plant that will be installed all along the park for a continuity of look.

In the Sculpture Park, some of the planter areas will be expanding and grass being replaced with drought tolerant material so it is more water efficient. Drip irrigation is being added. A purple pipe is being added to reclaim the water run-off from the Cabrillo Reservoir.

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel updated the Commission on the Coldwater Canyon Park and Playground Restoration. Liaisons Chair Rosoff and Commissioner Javor met with City staff on June 22, 2017 to review the designs and start finalization. Another meeting has been scheduled with the playground representative and architects to finalize the design that will be brought to the September Commission meeting for review.

La Cienega Community Center: HVAC equipment installation started on July 10, 2017 through August.

La Cienega Tennis Court Resurfacing Project is still scheduled for September 5, 2017.

The Roxbury Clubhouse roof replacement was approved by City Council and work will begin August 7, 2017.

The City Architect is inspecting the request of windows to be installed at the La Cienega Tennis Center in addition to having the counters replaced and the rooms painted.

The Lazy Daisy Café at La Cienega Park is doing well benefitting from Little League Tournaments, park visitors, as well as delivery service.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Chair Rosoff reminded the Commission that based on the motion that was made earlier in the meeting, a new Ad Hoc Committee will be added: The Peace Tree; both Chair Rosoff and Commissioner Roston volunteered.

The amenities to the Electric Fountain which included recognizing the Tonga Tribe with an inscribed plaque on a boulder and the Beverly Hills shield were approved by City Council. City Council voted on the older style of the shield to complement the historical Fountain.

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Rosoff/Friedman) - no additional report
- b. Fine Arts (Bilak/Rosoff) - no additional report
- c. Greystone Park (Friedman/Rosoff) - no additional report
- d. La Cienega Master Plan (Bilak/Friedman) - no additional report
- e. Street Tree Master Plan/Maintenance (Bilak/Roston) - no additional report

- f. Beverly Gardens Restoration (Rosoff/Javor) - no additional report
- g. Off Leash Dog Area (Bilak/Friedman) - no additional report
- h. Joint Powers Agreement (Bilak/Roston) – Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey provided the Commission with a brief update on the JPA, noting it was approved to be extended an additional two months until August 31, 2017. BHUSD Staff and City Staff have been meeting to resolve any issues. The School Board and City Council Liaisons will meet again once Councilmember Mirisch returns from travel abroad. The Commission decided to conclude this Liaison assignment.
- i. Public Works Services Liaisons (Javor/Roston) - no additional report
- j. Coldwater Canyon Park (Javor/Rosoff) - no additional report
- k. Bicycle Riding (Roston/Friedman) - no additional report
- l. Crescent Mini Park (Rosoff/Javor) - no additional report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

6. Director's Report

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel updated the Commission on the following:

- The Beverly Hills Active Adult Club's Hawaiian Luau Dance Party that was held on July 10, 2017. As membership ends in June, new memberships were collected and there are 200 members of the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club with 160 attending the dance.
- National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, from 6pm – 9pm at the 400 block of North Rexford. The event is hosted by the Beverly Hills Police Department. The Community Services Department is taking part by providing children with an inflatable obstacle course and Library Story Time.
- The Beverly Hills Farmers' Market will be hosting a PickleFest Contest on Sunday, August 6, 2017. Commissioner Javor agreed to take Commissioner Bilak's place as a judge for the event. The market is open from 9am to 1pm.
- Asaf Kolin of AK Soccer Academy is the first to obtain a Personal Trainer permit and will be providing one or two person soccer training at both La Cienega and Roxbury Parks. The Commission questioned the low response and provided suggestions to increase use and enforcement.
- Mayor Bosse's B.O.L.D. initiative kicks off on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 8pm at the Lily Pond in Beverly Gardens Park where "Portraits of Hope: Neon in 3-D" by artist Ed Massey will take place.
- Concerts on Canon are continuing through August 31, 2017.
- Shakespeare by the Sea presents Taming of the Shrew, a free play being held at Roxbury Park on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7pm – 9pm
- The Senior Health Fair will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 from 10am –1pm at Roxbury Park.
- The Fall Beverly Hills Art Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 2017 at Beverly Gardens Park.
- Woofstock is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 11am – 4pm at Roxbury Park.

- The Recreation and Parks Commission will be dark for August 2017.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

7. Priority Setting

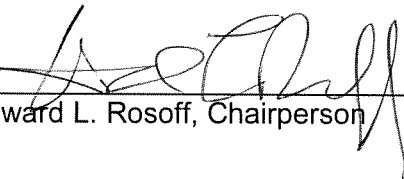
Chair Rosoff reviewed with the Commission and staff the top priority projects. The Peace Tree was added as a Project and the Amenities at the Electric Fountain and Crescent Drive Mini-Park were placed under Pending.

The Commission requested a Liaison meeting to begin discussion regarding La Cienega Park Master Plan outreach.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 25, 2017 / 4:08 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 26th day of September, 2017



Howard L. Rosoff, Chairperson