



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

2:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: November 27, 2018 / 2:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Timothea Tway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Bilak read the Civility Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Mishler, Fenton, Javor, Vice Chair Roston, Chair Bilak

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pam Shinault, Jennifer Lev, Linda Kyriazi

Commissioner Fenton left at 2:38pm.

**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.

Steve Mayer spoke to the Commission about the Burton Way median.

Jason Tonley spoke about the bicycle training classes the City used to offer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. Chair Bilak amended to move Items number 2 and 3.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 10/23/2018.

Motion by Javor, Seconded by Fenton to approve the Meeting Minutes. (5/0)

AYES Mishler, Fenton, Javor, Vice Chair Roston, Chair Bilak

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **2. Presentations:**

#### **Recreation and Parks Commission Award**

A Commission award recognizing community contribution and leadership benefiting Beverly Hills residents – Chair Bilak

Beverly Hills Little League

The Commission presented the December Recreation and Parks award to Raul Perez and Jason Tonley.

### **3. Recreation, Parks and Open Space in City's General Plan**

Receive a Presentation from the Community Development Department on the General Plan.

Senior Planner Timothea Tway provided a brief overview of the City of Beverly Hills General Plan which included a discussion of the portions of the General Plan that are relevant to the work of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

### **4. Commissioner's Vision for Recreation, Parks, and Open Space in Beverly Hills.**

Commissioner's share their respective ideas regarding vision for Recreation, Parks and Open Space.

- Assistant Director Pam Shinault reviewed the provided documents with the Commission including the Los Angeles County Needs Assessment.
- The Commission agreed, after reviewing all the provided documentation, that since Community Services is involved in a Strategic Planning session in January 2019, which the Commission will be included in, it would be best to see how that vision is decided as those discussions go forward.
- Chair Bilak reminded everyone of the past discussions of the 5-acre parcel orange grove, that was given to a Trust, there's a portion of that 5-acre parcel in the industrial zone that can potentially be used for Open Space.
- At the corner of La Cienega and Olympic Boulevards, suggestion to push forward to purchase it to help in reconfiguration of La Cienega Park
- Seek out property to acquire by will or trust, or is other land available to purchase to create another mini park.
- Make part of Beverly Gardens Park more active by providing playground equipment on one of the outlying blocks. Possibly the Doheny and Santa Monica Boulevard corner. If the historic nature of the park does not allow this addition, then maybe creating a butterfly garden is another option.
- Assistant Director Pam Shinault reminded the Commission that Beverly Garden Park is considered an historic park and that review by the Cultural Heritage Commission would be necessary to see if the items fit with the historic nature of the park.
- At Roxbury Park, maximize use of lawn near Olympic Boulevard to be more inclusive
- Consider making Maltz Park a park with a passive aspect to it but provide some area for children to play. Research whether there are any legal constraints to do this.

- Art in the parks needs to be able to be touched and climbed on.
- The Greenhouse at lower Greystone should be repaired and made useable. The stable area is also a consideration in addition to providing restrooms to lower Greystone.
- The parcels along Santa Monica Boulevard and Civic Center, where the trees were cut down, could be a good location for a Community Garden.

5. Agreement between City of Beverly Hills and Beverly Hills Unified School District for use of School Facilities for Recreation and Community Use Purposes.

Discuss

Assistant Director Pam Shinault reviewed the current Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Commission.

Motion by Bilak, Seconded by Mishler that we consider reinstitution of the bike-ride program, teaching children how to ride bicycles in Beverly Hills; looking into it with a different marketing perspective. (4/0)

AYES: Mishler, Javor, Vice Chair Roston, Chair Bilak  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Fenton  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

6. Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment 2016.

Review and Discuss

Attached:

- a. Staff Memo
- b. City Council Staff Report April 5, 2016
- c. We All Need Parks Flyer
- d. Executive Summary May 3, 2016
- e. Slide Presentation January 26, 2016
- f. City of Beverly Hills Study Area Profile
- g. Full Needs Assessment Report May 9, 2016

Senior Management Analyst, Stephanie Harris, informed the Commission that the full Needs Assessment Report from May 2016, will be updated by end of January 2019 to include the Dog Park in addition to the upgrade to Beverly Gardens Park.

7. Friends of the Dog Park

Discuss

Senior Management Analysis Stephanie Harris, provided information to the Commission on the process of creating a Friends of the Dog Park group.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

### 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Capital Improvement Project Update:
  - Greystone Mansion Library plans are ready for bidding. The details of a Museum in the Library is being discussed with Friends of Greystone (FOG).
  - Lower Greystone: Water testing has been completed. Site assessment is near completion.
  - December 18, 2018: La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex Public Outreach Final Report goes before City Council.
- b. La Cienega Park Survey 2014: Provided for history.
- c. Cultural Arts Update
  - Consultants will present the environment scan of what programs and venues are available to the Fine Art Commission at their Special Meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 10am.
- d. Mini Parks Update
  - Maltz Park fountain's infrastructure being reviewed by Public Works to see if it can be repaired. The fountain is not considered historic.
  - Reeves Park recently reopened. The current fencing with netting will be replaced by a sound wall.
  - Parks signs: It was agreed to use the word "leave" instead of "go" as in "pick up your trash before you leave."
- e. Youth Sports Registration Update. Documents reviewed.
- f. Coldwater Canyon Park Security: Status Report.
  - Posting signs reminding people to lock their doors and not leave valuables in their cars are being considered.
- g. Senior Halloween Dance & Thanksgiving Lunch Update
  - The Commissioners were thanked for their attendance and support.
- h. Woofstock 90210 Summary
- i. BOLD for the Holidays (Business Open Later Days)
  - Calendar reviewed
  - Holiday Concert, December 9, 2018, in front of City Hall Crescent steps.
  - Roxbury Park will be having a Hanukkah Concert on December 5, 2018 at 7pm in addition to the Senior Holiday Lunch on December 7, 2018 at noon.
  - The Teen Advisory Committee will be making holiday cards for seniors in addition to caroling at a local senior housing facility.
- j. Event Calendar
  - Reviewed

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

### 9. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- The October Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Minutes were provided and the recorded meeting can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.beverlyhills.org/living/beverlyhillstelevision/mayorscabinetmeetings/web.jsp>

#### Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Reviewed  
Good and Welfare
- Chair Bilak suggested that the Teen Advisory Committee try to connect with the Senior Adult Club and see if they can organize an event together.
- Chair Bilak welcomed Amie Sherry from the audience based on her recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### 10. Priority List

#### Review Current Commission Priority List

- Reviewed

### 11. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings

#### Review calendar and attendance

- Reviewed

## PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 14, 2018 / Special Meeting starting at 10am**

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 27, 2018 / 4:30 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 22nd day of January 2019.



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Alissa Roston, Chairperson