



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, December 14, 2018
10:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 14, 2018 / 10:13 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Shana Epstein 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: Nancy Hunt Coffey, 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

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. Chair Bilak moved Tab 4 ahead to accommodate guest visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 11/27/2018.

The Commission had additions to be added to the Meeting Minutes under Tab 4, Commissioner's Vision for Recreation, Parks, and Open Space in Beverly Hills. The minutes will be corrected and included in the January 2019 packet.

Motion by Fenton, Seconded by Mishler to approve the Meeting Minutes with reviewed and discussed additions. (4/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Presentations:

2. Water Rate Notices

Director of Public Works, Shana Epstein, provided updated information regarding water rate notices.

3. La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex Public Engagement Project Project Update Presentation and next steps.

Community Services Department Director, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, provided an update on the La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex Public Engagement Project that has been underway since last summer.

Staff attended the November 20, 2018 City Council Meeting and presented their initial report on the Public Engagement Process. Consultant David Ceppos reported on the findings of that process and the City Council was asked to give initial direction on features to be considered at La Cienega based on that feedback.

The City Council was interested in maintaining the current uses of La Cienega Park in addition to the consensus of exploring a public swimming pool; the possibility of either basketball courts or a gymnasium; updating the Community Center; providing additional shading and green space, improving the playground and restrooms, expanding the duplicate bridge club facilities; improved parking and exploring some water feature.

There was also interest in a pedestrian land bridge over La Cienega Boulevard that would take people from the parking structure to the east side where the fields are. There was support for a small library like the one at Roxbury Community Center.

The final report from this extensive outreach effort will be presented to City Council at the December formal meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the Council meeting and hear the final report presentation and the Council discussion, public comment, and possible direction or action.

4. Recreation and Parks Commission Award

The Commission's award recognizing community contribution and leadership benefiting Beverly Hills residents – Chair Bilak

Beverly Hills Basketball League

- Assistant Commissioner, Division Director Peter Gabayan, Executive board member Ram Cogan and Operations Manager Jeffrey Grijalva were on hand to receive the award.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Capital Improvement Project Update

- Renovations and maintenance continue at Greystone. The details for the Library renovation have been completed and the project is moving along.
- A proposal is coming to City Council on December 18, 2018 from a resident living adjacent to Greystone. He has proposed to replant the NW portion of Greystone with mature trees and new shrubbery.
- b. Beverly Hills Unified School District's School reconfiguration
 - Continuing to explore with the District what it means for City Programming which occurs on school campuses through the Joint Powers Agreement.
- c. Tom Friedman's Takeaway Art Installation Celebration, January 3, 2018.
 - Dedication and reception at Beverly Gardens Park at 1pm.
- d. Bicycle Program
 - Director of Community Services, Nancy Hunt Coffey, distributed information on the prior program for review and noted that if we want this program to come back; it'll be a more manageable format.
- e. Cultural Arts Update
 - A consultant, Karen Constine, has been brought on board and will be meeting with the Recreation and Parks Commission next month.
- f. BOLD for the Holidays
 - The events for the holidays continue. Check the City's website for events.
 - Chair Bilak requesting tour of Virginia Robinson Gardens for the Commission because of a possible co-event.
 - Chair Bilak requesting status of Burton Way median for next month meeting.
- g. Event Calendar
 - Reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

6. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- The Highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting were emailed to the Commission in addition to being included in the Commission's packet.
The recorded videos for the Mayor's Cabinet meeting can be viewed on line at: <https://www.beverlyhills.org/living/beverlyhillstelevision/mayorscabinetmeetings/web.jsp>
- November 19, 2018 Highlights; reviewed.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Teen Advisory Committee. Commissioner Mishler attending the holiday card writing event held at Roxbury Community Center.
- Active Adults. Commissioner Fenton updated the Commission on a meeting she attended where a membership drive mailing was discussed.

Good and Welfare – Chair Rotation

- Chair Bilak read a thank you note sent by retired employee Teri Angel.
- The Commission thanked outgoing Chair Frances Bilak for her leadership during 2018 in addition to all the projects she spearhead and participated in.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

7. Priority List

Review Current Commission Priority List

- Commissioner Javor request the La Cienega Community Center Public Outreach be moved to completed.

8. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Reviewed calendar and attendance

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 14, 2018 / 12:05 p.m.

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



Alissa Roston, Chairperson