



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 25, 2022 / 2:00 p.m.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Chair Sherry read the Civility Statement

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mishler, Roston, Vice Chair Lurie, Chair Sherry
Commissioners Absent: Javor
Staff Present: Patty Acuña, 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. The Chair approved the agenda as submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting from 11/23/2021
2. Resolution of the Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Recreation and Parks Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

MOTION by Lurie, SECONDED by Roston to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (4/0)

Recordings of the Recreation and Parks Commission's meetings are available online at www.beverlyhills.org

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AYES: Mishler, Roston, Vice Chair Lurie, Chair Sherry
NOES: None
ABSENT: Javor
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Police Department

Welcoming of Chief Mark Stainbrook

- Chief of Police, Mark Stainbrook, provided an update to the Commission on the City's safety, crime rates and unhoused.
- Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, updated the Commission on the duties of the Ambassadors, Park Rangers and the Beverly Hills Homeless Outreach Team (BHOT) as it pertains to homelessness.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Update on City Park Improvements

Stephanie Harris, Community Services Manager, and Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager

- Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, along with Stephanie Harris, Community Services Manager, presented to the Commission the facilities maintenance and improvement park projects that have been completed for 2021 – 2022 along with budgetary and grant information:
 - a) Coldwater Canyon Park Playground pour in place re-sealing
 - b) La Cienega Park Community Center dance floor replacement
 - c) Roxbury Park Playground complete pour in place replacement
 - d) Roxbury Park tennis court resurfacing project
 - e) End of year facility cleaning

4. Arts & Culture Programming

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the December 11, 2021 Greystone Holiday Garden event.

- The successful, sold-out event was held outdoors at the pool area at Greystone Mansion which allowed for social distancing.
- The community attendees supported the Toy Drive organized by the City's Fire Department.
- Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, thanked and congratulated Paul Paolone and the Arts & Culture team.

5. Introduction of new Arts and Culture Manager

Ben Johnson

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, introduced to the Commission the City's new Arts and Culture Manager, Benjamin Johnson.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

STATUS REPORTS

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Program Updates
 - January 10, 2022, the City reverted back to a remote status with the schedule for preschool and classes reviewed, rescheduled or provided as a virtual event.
 - The reopening of preschools is scheduled for February 1, 2022 with a new Covid testing process in place for both staff and students.
 - The Beverly Hills Public Library has reduced their hours for the month of January and a "grab and go" sidewalk check-out is in place. The library will begin reopening in a phased approach.
 - The Beverly Hills Farmers' Market suspended the prepared food, entertainment, sit-down area in addition to the small petting zoo.
 - Kindness Week is scheduled for February 13 – February 19, 2022 with daily events scheduled such as a booth at the Farmers' Market scheduled for February 13th. Roses will be handed out to the Roxbury Community Center seniors on February 14th.
- Wellness Wednesdays Program - Mayoral Initiative
 - On January 19, 2022, the City's Amanda Foundation joined the walk with the Mayor and attendees brought their dogs along for the walk around the City.
 - The Mayor's event on February 2, 2022 will be an outdoor Pilates class, hosted by Bodyline Pilates Fitness, will be held at Roxbury Park.
- Events Calendar
 - Reviewed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair Report

- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - At this time, Chair Sherry is keeping the Ad Hoc representatives as noted.
- c. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
 - Vice Chair Lurie suggested adding to the Ad Hocs her appointment, along with Commissioner Roston's, in the Public Works Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee. Assistant Director, Patty Acuna suggested at this time to be a project update.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
Review calendar and attendance

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: February 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 25, 2022 / 3:24 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 22nd day of February 2022

Amie Sherry

Amie Sherry, Chairperson