



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
2:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: February 22, 2022 / 2:00 p.m.

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Sherry read the Civility Statement

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**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Mishler, Javor, Roston, Vice Chair Lurie, Chair Sherry  
Commissioners Absent: None  
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.

Recording Secretary, Linda Kyriazi, read a public comment at Tab 4 from Cynthia Trangsrud.

**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 1/25/2022

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

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

**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 Mishler to approve the Resolution as presented. (5/0)

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**3. Introduction of new Recreation Supervisors**

Lisa Crespo and Gloria Dimas

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, introduced to the Commission the City's new Recreation Supervisor, Lisa Crespo, who will be working at the La Cienega Community Center, overseeing the preschool and youth programs.

**4. Pickleball Update**

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, will provide informational data from the six-month pilot program.

Matthew, presented a detailed Power Point Presentation to the Commission with data and statistics from the six-month pilot program in addition to the launch prior to Covid-19. The presentation included:

- Pickleball court
- Drop-in usage
- Reservation statistics
- Revenue comparisons between pickleball and tennis
- Pickleball usage trends
- Classes, lessons and community events
- Challenges with equipment and staffing.
- Due to this pilot program, tennis reservations have been difficult to provide during the peak hours.
- At Roxbury Park, the courts are shared use. At the La Cienega Tennis Center, court 13 is strictly dedicated for pickleball. Court 14 has is used as a dual purpose; additionally used to accommodate Tennis.
- Fastest growing group if not in the senior group; 55 and under.

Recording Secretary, Linda Kyriazi, read a public comment from Cynthia Trangsrud.

The Commission provided the following feedback:

- Commissioner Javor commented on the popularity of Pickleball in addition to the revenue. Supports the higher quality nets on wheels.

- Requesting knowing how many unique individuals have played Pickleball because of the already dedicated group.
- Concerned about full courts during peak time, if that provides a danger to the players.
- Commissioner Roston informed the Commission that she plays with the pickleball group who send the public comment, though she was not a signature on the letter.
- Agrees with Commissioner Javor that pickleball is on the rise and a younger generation is participating.
- At this time, need to figure out how to share the space.
- Agrees that some suggestions can be handled now such as eliminating the drop in program until it can be staffed.
- At La Cienega Park, in the afternoons, it's very hard to rent a pickleball court because they're being used for the tennis league or for classes.
- Pickleball players feel strongly that if we're going to commit to this program there should be pickleball designated courts that are lined for pickleball as it's difficult to play on shared courts.
- Pickleball should be offered at both Roxbury and La Cienega parks.
- We should invest in some nets on wheels but hopefully we'll have nets that stay in place soon. The current nets are worn.
- The La Cienega lower courts can become loud, but also dangerous due to space.
- Suggesting signs saying: *when you're finished playing, please leave the court as* players continue to stand on the sidelines.
- Regarding the Covid virus and whether instructors are vaccinated; if they aren't, should they be wearing masks?
- Encourages all to come out and play pickleball as it's fun.
  
- Vice Chair Lurie thanked Matthew Brown for his presentation, Commissioners Javor and Roston in addition to the suggestions the resident voiced in the public comment.
- Reminded the Commission that on March 30, 2022, at 8am, the Wellness Wednesday program will be Pickleball at La Cienega Tennis Courts.
- Is it correct that this sport can be played anywhere on a flat surface. If that is correct, maybe other locations and surfaces can be utilized.
- Agrees this sport has become popular and embraced by all generations.
- Is also concerned about non-vaccinated participants.
  
- Commissioner Mishler additionally thanked Matthew Brown for his presentation, the comments and suggestions made by the other Commissioners in addition to the residents who provide the public comment from their experience and looks forward to next month's update.
  
- Chair Sherry asked about resident reservations vs non-resident. Matthew Brown will be adding that information to his report.
- Chair Sherry was informed that the advance window for tennis reservations is mirrored to the pickleball reservations.
- Suggested using the school courts when not in session, such as the weekends and evenings. Staff is looking into shared space.
- Encourage anyone who is interested in pickleball and has any questions or concerns to please reach out to the Recreation and Parks staff.

This will be brought back for further discussion next month in addition to staff scheduling outreach to both the pickleball and tennis community

**5. Art & Culture Programming**

Adrine Ovsapyan, Interim Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Beverly Hills Art Walk.

Adrine provided an update on this past weekend, February 17 – 20, 2022, free guided tours of selected Artworks from the City's historic public art collection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

None

**STATUS REPORTS**

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PROJECT UPDATES**

- Program Updates
  - Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, provided an update on the City's programs:
    - The city's reopening is scheduled for a phased approach.
    - The Youth Programs have returned back in person as of February 14, 2022.
    - Masks are no longer required while outdoors.
    - Senior programs have also started to return in a phased approach.
    - Adults sports leagues have returned.
    - The Hamel Mini Park playground will begin its resurfacing project on February 28 through March 6, 2022.
    - March 13, 2022, the Department's Showcase will be held at the Farmers' Market. Residents can preview the summer camp vendors in addition to signing up for classes and camps at a discount.
- Wellness Wednesdays Program - Mayoral Initiative
  - March 2, 2022, the Wellness event will be a self-defense class being offered by the Police Department which will be held at Roxbury Park.
  - March 30, 2022, the Wellness event will be Pickleball being held at La Cienega Tennis Courts.
- Events Calendar
  - Reviewed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**7. Chair Report**

**a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting**

- Meeting Minutes  
Reviewed

**b. Ad Hoc Committees**

- Vice Chair Lurie provided a update on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Advisory Committee:

- There are 15 community members which include Vice Chair Lurie and Commissioner Roston.
  - They were shown an interesting presentation on the vendor Athens Services which handles the City's collection and recycling company. The Ad Hoc group from that Committee will be attending the Farmers' Market for Earth Day on April 24, 2022 to educate the public on climate change and what can be accomplished individually.
- c. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on Activities
- Commissioner Javor mentioned signage in the blocks of Beverly Gardens Parks along Wilshire there is a request for pedestrians to use the crosswalk at the corner, but no crosswalk is painted, it's a stop sign line. It is not a safe crossing.
  - Vice Chair Lurie congratulated and thanked Erika Rosenthal, a member of the Health and Safety Commission, who hosted the Mayor's Wellness Wednesday last week.
  - Vice Chair Lurie informed the Commission of a Drum Circle she attended and suggested it as an outdoor recreational event or incorporate it into the Music Mends Minds class as it is multi-generational.
  - Commissioner Javor mentioned attending a wolf sanctuary and experienced a sound bath which additionally could be offered as an outdoor event.
  - Chair Sherry supported the suggestions and would like the recreation events and classes to be expanded to include wellness ones also or pop-up events.
  - Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, announced that Stephanie Harris, Community Services Manager, has accepted a position with our Policy and Management Division as their Outreach Manager.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
- Review calendar and attendance
- The Commission agreed to make the April 26, 2022 meeting a Special Meeting at 10am due to a conflict with City Council.

## PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

**NEXT MEETING:** March 22, 2022

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 22, 2022 / 3:31 p.m.

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

  
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Amie Sherry, Chairperson