



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 22, 2022 / 2:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recording Secretary Linda Kyriazi led the Pledge of Allegiance

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Chair Sherry read the Civility Statement

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mishler, Javor, Roston, Vice Chair Lurie, Chair Sherry
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, 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 tabled Tab #3 to the April Commission Meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting from 2/22/2022.

MOTION by Javor, SECONDED by Mishler to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.
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AYES: Mishler, Javor, Roston, Vice Chair Lurie, Chair Sherry
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

2. Recreation and Parks Commission Award

Gloria Winer

- The Commission presented Gloria Winer with their Recreation and Parks Commission Award. Gloria Winer started her career with the City of Beverly Hill Recreation and Parks Department in 1978 and remained a dedicated employee for over 40 years. Gloria will continue working with children but in a different capacity.
- The Commission, along with staff, praised and thanked Gloria for her years of service.

3. Introduction of new Recreation Supervisor

Gloria Dimas

Tabled to the April 2022 Commission Meeting.

4. Community Services Department Showcase at Farmers' Market

Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, along with Lisa Castaneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Department Showcase event at the March 13, 2022 Farmers' Market.

Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, along with Lisa Castaneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the successful Summer Camp Showcase event held at the March 13, 2022 Farmers' Market.

- 11 Camp Vendors participated.
- 4 Camps sold out that day.
- The revenue was compared with 2020 and there was a 30% increase in 2022.
- Commissioner Javor suggested bringing in new camps for different needs and involving the Commission to provide suggestions on future camp offerings. Staff supports the Commission's involvement and advised that camps are not back at full capacity as additional outdoor camps are being offered at this time.
- Commissioner Roston requested more information about the summer school schedule with the length of Community Service camps.
- Vice Chair Lurie asked if there any offerings designed for children with special needs. Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission that the City has worked with vendors that specialize in adaptive and inclusive programming for those with special needs, including Zooz Fitness, and are currently working on bringing more of these offerings to the City. In addition, the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, and other community partners, also provide programming for those with special needs.
- Chair Sherry asked about increasing staff to the popular Camp Beverly Hills as it sold out immediately. Staff informed the Commission that the camp was reviewed and they were able to take 30 students off the waitlist.

5. Pickleball Update

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, will provide an update.

During the February 22, 2022 Commission Meeting, Recreation Services Manager Matthew Brown, presented information highlighting the pickleball pilot program. Comparison data was showed covering both the periods of time during the initial launch of the program - before pausing for COVID-19 – and resumption of the full pilot program, August 2021 to January 31, 2022. Much of the data pointed to a continuing and surging interest in pickleball over the last 6-months, with reservations increasing as additional courts were made available at the La Cienega Tennis Center.

The Commissioners provided feedback on the presentation, acknowledging the surging popularity of the sport of pickleball, as well as the challenges associated with hosting a facility with multiple uses (i.e. sharing of courts for tennis and pickleball), and neighborhood noise concerns received from the community.

City staff sent a survey to registered tennis and pickleball patrons, soliciting input on court preferences and recommendations for ideal pickleball court locations. Over 600 responses were received.

Matthew provided information on the community survey results and discussed next steps in evaluating the pickleball program. Take-Aways and Recommended Actions:

- Drop-In play will be eliminated at Roxbury Park beginning March 28th, freeing up all 4 courts for Pickleball reservations (Roxbury Tennis court #1)
- Staff will continue to research the noise impacts for both patrons and residents. Includes consideration of ideal court locations, evaluation of noise levels, and consideration of adjusted fence heights and/or sound reduction modifications.
- Several new Pickleball nets have been purchased, and installation began March 28th. Staff will review the quality of the limited nets purchased prior to purchasing for remaining courts.
- La Cienega Courts #13-#14 in future sessions will no longer be utilized for tennis leagues. Additionally, tennis classes will be reduced or will no longer utilize these courts as well.
- City staff will install appropriate signage at both La Cienega and Roxbury sites, outlining court etiquette for patrons
- City staff will continue researching additional or alternate potential locations for pickleball play.

The Commission provided the following questions and comments:

- Commissioner Roston thanked staff for the survey that was distributed to the Community but felt that the numbers may be skewed with the limitation on answer selections that were provided.
- The re-naming of the court numbers was suggested for ease and clarification.
- The lower courts may need to be cleaned more often due to the wind and nature debris.
- Requested reservation stats on tennis players who are residents vs. non-residents.
- Requested freeing up courts, which are held for classes, that don't end up being utilized in addition to extending the pickleball court hours at Roxbury Park.
- Adding pickleball courts to the high schools.
- Asked whether the staff at Roxbury Park think pickleball is too loud?
- Commissioner Javor asked when people make reservations, are they able to make that reservation for 4 people? Staff confirmed that the account holder makes the reservation and this was counted as 1 reservation in the survey.
- Vice Chair Lurie, who lives close to Roxbury Park, suggested looking at Greystone Mansion Parking lot in addition to the schools.

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, informed the Commission that a noise test will be conducted along with possible sound abatement modifications. The wind screen and additional noise cancellation solutions were discussed. Results from onsite decibel readings will assist staff in determining possible location(s) for future pickleball courts.

- Chair Sherry thanked the Commissioners and staff for working on improving both the tennis and pickleball programs.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

STATUS REPORTS

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Program Updates
 - Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on the slow reopening of the City's Community Centers.
 - The class attendance for seniors are increasing.
 - The unvaccinated preschool program are following safety guidelines.
 - The adult sports programming is returning.
 - Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, provided the details on the Gatsby Redux event being held at Greystone Mansion in April 27 – 29, 2022.
 - The annual pie baking contest, Piesta, will return to the City's Farmers' Market on June 12, 2022. Commissioners Javor and Mishler volunteered to be judges.
 - A learning session with the Commission will be scheduled in the future to review the Commission's priorities and annual budget process.
 - The Farmers' Market early senior hour, 8am – 9am, will continue at this time. The City's permit with the Department of Public Health is for four hours, but staff will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Wellness Wednesdays Program - Mayoral Initiative
 - The Mayor's Wellness Wednesday's are ending on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 with a Pickleball event at La Cienega Tennis Courts.
- Events Calendar
 - Vice Chair Lurie gave a shout-out to *Music Mends Minds* who will be returning to Roxbury Community Center every Tuesday from 1:30pm – 3pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair Report

- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes Reviewed
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Commissioner Javor suggested the Commissioners be included prior to presentations, such as planning recreational and cultural programs and events.
 - Commissioner Mishler suggested revisiting the mini-park signage plan that the Commission started pre-Covid as they can be improved.
- c. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

- The Commission and staff congratulated Commissioner Javor on his recent marriage.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings

Review calendar and attendance

- The Chair reminded the Commission that the April 26, 2022 meeting is a Special Meeting that will begin at 10am.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2022: 10am Special Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 22, 2022 / 4:05 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 26th day of April 2022



Amie Sherry, Chairperson