



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: April 26, 2022 / 10:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Supervisor, led the Pledge of Allegiance

**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

Commissioner Javor arrived at 10:10 a.m.

**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 presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting from 3/22/2022.

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

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

## PRESENTATIONS

### 2. Organic Recycling Program

James Burnley, Solid Waste Manager, Public Works Department

James Burnley, Solid Waste Manager, update the Commission on the City's Solid Waste Program, which is responsible for managing the City's commercial solid waste collection services and residential solid waste processing through a franchise agreement with Athens Services.

- Public Works staff will continue to work and communicate with the other City departments and residents to make this a successful program.

### 3. Introduction of new Recreation Supervisor

Gloria Dimas

New Recreation Supervisor, Gloria Dimas, was introduced to the Commission and informed the Commission on the current programs she oversees.

### 4. Art & Culture Programming

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the upcoming Art & Culture events:

- Greystone Mansion is hosting Gatsby Redux 2022, an immersive theater experience, from April 27 – 29, 2022.
- The Art Walk Tours, a guided art walk, will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month starting with May 1, 2022. The tours are approximately 60 – 90 minutes and staff have been working with docents from Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). Register at: [www.BeverlyHills.org/artwalk](http://www.BeverlyHills.org/artwalk)
- The Beverly Hills Art Show will return on May 21 & 22, 2022, with over 150 artists, for the 49<sup>th</sup> year and will be open from 10am – 6pm. The Artist Reception has returned this year.
- More information on the art show can be found at: [www.BeverlyHills.org/artshow](http://www.BeverlyHills.org/artshow)
- Music in the Mansion will offer 3 separate concerts held on May 15, 2022 at Greystone Mansion. Tickets can be purchased at: [www.BeverlyHills.org/bhrec](http://www.BeverlyHills.org/bhrec)

### 5. Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC) upcoming events

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, updated the Commission on the upcoming events offered by the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC) that are held at Roxbury Community Center:

- The BHAAC membership program, from July 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, for seniors 55 and over, is being relaunched.
- There are weekly, seasonal and quarterly events in addition to short excursions around Los Angeles County. The Beverly Hills shuttle provides transportation to and from the center.
- Vice Chair Lurie informed the Commission that members are returning to Music Mends Minds and additionally suggested a drum circle being a match with the high school's Generations Club.
- Chair Sherry requested the BHAAC events be placed on the Event Calendar.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 6. ZOOZ Fitness Adaptive Fitness and Wellness Program

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, provided information to the Commission on the ZOOZ Fitness Adaptive Fitness and Wellness Program.

- This current Beverly Hills vendor, with an existing Beverly Hills client base, will be presenting a proposal for the City.
- Their current offerings include group fitness training along with Virtual Sessions are completely inclusive.
- The Commission agreed to move forward with the program and to include the school district.

### 7. "Behind the Scenes in Beverly Hills" Teen Advisory Committee Project

Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Supervisor

Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on a project that the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently working on. This time capsule project entitled "*Behind the Scenes of Beverly Hills*" is seeking participation from current Recreation & Parks Commissioners to be interviewed. This would entail the Teen Advisory Committee members interviewing Commissioners on what it is like to hold a position as a City Commissioner. The TAC will have members acting in the role of the interviewers, filmmakers and editors as well as liaisons between the Committee and Commission. The interviews will be reviewed and edited by the TAC members and broadcast on the City's social media sites, BHTV and the Beverly Hills School station KBEV.

- The Commissioners look forward to being interviewed about what is involved in being a Commissioner for the City in addition to being one during the pandemic with virtual meetings.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 8. Pickleball Update

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager

On Tuesday March 22, 2022, Recreation Services Manager, Matthew Brown, provided information and reviewed the results from the pickleball community survey, and discussed next steps for improvements and evaluation of the pilot pickleball program. Operational changes and continuing efforts in support of pickleball were discussed.

- Staff provided updates on the action items completed in addition to the next steps planned for assessing and potentially addressing the community noise impacts as well as additional concerns that were outlined in previous meetings.
- Commissioner Roston requested that more courts and times be available at Roxbury Park for the same amount of time as they are for La Cienega Tennis Center, especially for residents who can walk there. A 7am start time isn't necessary.
- Commissioner Roston thanked Beverly Hills Tennis for their support in addition to their new roster of additional programs and lessons in addition to thanking staff for the new nets and brooms.
- Chair Sherry suggested having the first step of moving the lower La Cienega courts to the upper courts to see if that solves some of the current issues. Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, informed the Commission that the new court locations would be considered a pilot program for the summer months and wanted to reach out to BH Tennis with additional suggestions of

using the high school courts. A short 3-month pilot program was agreed. Staff to return next month with costs of restriping.

- Commissioner Javor urged research into cheaper noise deadening materials, that would offer a cheaper alternative to the Acoustifence quote. Also emphasized that moving forward quickly with a sound study was important, and suggested offering a survey to tennis patrons on the noise effects of Pickleball after the new court locations are installed. Commission Roston requested receiving a copy of the listing for the green and red zone paddles.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

- Recreation & Parks Commission Training Update
  - The Commission reviewed dates for July 2022.
- Program Updates
  - Programs and events are returning and participation numbers are increasing
- Arbor Day, Friday, April 29, 2022, 11am, 1100 Coldwater Canyon
  - A tree planting with the pre-school children
- Business with Bosse- Monday, April 25, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm at Tommy's Beverly Hills, 235 N. Canon Drive
- Live with Lili – Monday, May 9, 7:00-8:00pm at Beverly Hills City Hall
- All Commission Training, Monday, May 16, 2022, 6pm – 9pm, City Hall
- Event Calendar
  - Reviewed

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

### **10. Chair Report**

- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
  - Chair Sherry thanked Vice Chair Lurie for attending April's Mayor's Cabinet Meeting on her behalf.
  - Meeting Minutes Reviewed
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
  - Vice Chair Lurie informed the Commission there will be a meeting on April 27, 2022 for the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee.
  - The Teen Advisory Committee has returned in person.
- c. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
  - Vice Chair Lurie gave a shout-out to the successful Dance & Fitness Blast event.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

### **11. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings** Review calendar and attendance

- May will be another Special Meeting at 10am due to a City Council scheduling conflict.

## **PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

**NEXT MEETING:** May 24, 2022, Special Meeting at 10am

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: April 26, 2022 / 12:16 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 24th day of May 2022



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Amie Sherry, Chairperson