



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Room 280A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 20, 2022 / 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lisa Crespo, Recreation Supervisor, 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:

Christopher Paulson, Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuna, Magdalena Davis, Karen Buth, Matthew Brown, Aida Thau, Adrine Ovasapyan, Corrina Lesser, Lisa Casteneda, Lisa Crespo, 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 presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting from 10/25/2022.
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)

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Recreation and Parks Award

The Commission presented their 2022 Recreation and Parks Award to Clark Dikeman. Clark served as a Community Services aquatics instructor for several years prior to the Covid pandemic. During the pandemic, Clark transitioned his in person exercise classes to virtual for the community to continue providing physical fitness opportunities in the comfort of people's homes. This program also served those residents who are housebound and have limited ability to pursue any exercise.

4. Arts & Culture Programming

Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update.

Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the Holidays at Greystone event in addition to 2023 events.

- 50th Anniversary of the Beverly Hills Art Show
- Music in the Mansion newly formatted program.

5. Unhoused Presentation from City Council's November 15, 2022 Meeting

Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, presents solutions that were discussed. Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, presented to the Commission the information on the enhanced services to further assist the unhoused in Beverly Hills that was presented to the City Council on November 15, 2022:

- Implementation of a 24/7 Centralized Phone Number: 310-285-2468
- Implementation of a new Case Management Software System
- Strategic Consultant for Unhoused Services
- Request for an Ad Hoc
- Expansion of Coverage by Nastec security.
- These items are identified as a 6-month pilot program and staff be returning to City Council in April or May 2023 with an update.
- Commissioner Roston suggested the City partner with the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) as a way to distribute this information such as the PTA Council.

6. Library Presentation

Karen Buth, City Librarian, will provide an update.

Karen Buth, City Librarian, provided an update on the Library events and activities that was presented to City Council on October 18, 2022 as the Annual Report to the Beverly Hills Library Board of Trustees as the Library Mid-Year Update.

- In April 2022, the Library was restored to full hours and all public computer stations in addition to seating were restored.
- In July 2022, the Roxbury Book Nook was reopened for 3 partial days per week.
- The rental of the Library Auditorium was restored.

- City Council approved abolishing overdue fines. A charge is incurred if a book is never returned after 30 days.
7. 2023 Summer Camp Preview
Norma Mower, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update.
Lisa Casteneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, along with Lisa Crespo, Recreation Supervisor, provided a review to the Commission on the 2023 Summer Camps.
- The City will be offering over 20 different camps for Summer 2023: June 5, 2023 – August 4, 2023.
 - City Operated Traditional Camps, Theatre Camps, Jr. Academy Camps along with Specialty Vendor-Operated Camps.
 - The Community Services/Farmers' Market Showcase is scheduled for Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 8am – 1pm.
8. Teen Action Committee (TAC)
Lisa Crespo, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Mayor's Initiative
Lisa Crespo, Recreation Supervisor, along with Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the Teen Advisory Committee's (TAC) Mental Health and Wellness Event.
- On Sunday, January 29, 2023, the TAC will partner with the Mayor's office to host a Teen Mental Health and Wellness event open to all Community members as a complementary program.
 - Vice Chair Lurie suggested including The Maple Counseling (TMC) as a resource.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Judy Chicago Proposed Acquisition and Installation Location
The Recreation and Parks Commission is being asked to consider possible location for installation of the sculpture titled *Trinity* by artist Judy Chicago
Aida Thau, Arts and Culture Program Associate, will present to the Commission.
- The Recreation and Parks Commission is being asked to consider the north/west corner of the Canon block of Beverly Gardens Park as an alternate location for the artwork *Trinity* installation, by artist Judy Chicago. This sculpture was selected and recommended for acquisition at the 2022 Fine Art Priority Exercise by the Arts and Culture Commission, and it will be presented to City Council for consideration at their January 3, 2023 session.

MOTION by Javor, SECONDED by Chair Sherry to approve the installation of the Judy Chicago art piece at the suggested secondary location at Beverly Gardens Park, Canon block should the first location not work out. (5/0)

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

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

STATUS REPORTS

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Program updates
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
 - The Priority list will be updated for the January 2023 meeting.
- Mayor's Initiatives
 - Business with Bosse:
Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 5pm – 6:30pm, The Belvedere at The Peninsula Hotel
 - This event has been cancelled.
 - Live with Lili:
Monday, January 9, 2023, 7pm – 8pm, City Hall
If you cannot attend in-person, Live with Lili can be watched at [beverlyhills.org/live](https://www.beverlyhills.org/live)
 - Menorah Lighting Celebration:
Monday, December 19, 2022, 6pm – 7:30pm, Beverly Gardens Park Lily Pond
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Reviewed.
- Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, informed the Commission that Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, will be assisting the Human Services Division and overseeing the Human Relations Commission.
- Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, will be assisting Patty Acuna on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair Report

- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes
Reviewed.
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
Commissioner Roston updated the Commission on the Climate Action Committee meeting and approval of a draft report that'll be distributed to the City.
- c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Review calendar and attendance
- d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
 - Commissioner Roston informed all that Vice Chair Lurie wrote a book on the History of Beverly Hills for Children and suggested a possible event could be held at the Library.
 - Rotation of Chair and Vice Chair
The Commission, along with staff, thanked Chair Sherry in her role as Chair for 2022 and welcomed Vice Chair Lurie as Chair in 2023.
 - Commissioner Roston's end of term
The Commission, along with staff, thanked Commissioner Roston for her years of service on the Commission and wished her well on her future endeavors.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: January 24, 2023 – 10am Special Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 20, 2022 / 12:17 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 24th day of January 2023



Myra B. Lurie, Chairperson