



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

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 28, 2023 / 2:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Beverly Hills Unified School District members Judy Manouchehri and Mary Wells led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Lurie read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Termeie, Sherry, Javor, Chair Lurie
Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Mishler
Staff Present: Matthew Brown, Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, Paul Paolone, Lisa Crespo, Gloria Dimas, Monica Zepeda and 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.

Staff read a Public Comment submitted by Thomas White.

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 Special Meeting from 01/24/2023.

MOTION by Termeie, SECONDED by Sherry to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.
(3/0)

AYES: Termeie, Sherry, Chair Lurie

NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Chair Mishler
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 Termeie, SECONDED by Javor to approve the Teleconferencing Resolution. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Beverly Hills Unified School District
Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) members Judy Manouchehri and Mary Wells updated the Commission on programs and activities being held at the schools:
- Sports Program Update
 - Curriculum & Academic Update: Hebrew, which is offered in the High School, will be offered in the Middle School.
 - TK through 5-grade Science Fair will be held April 19, 2023.
 - 10th Graders will be taking PSATs, and the 11th Grades will be taking SATs.
 - Bullying is a main focal point. March 2, 2023, Fabian Ramirez, an anti-bullying speaker, will be speaking at the Horace Mann auditorium. The event is open to all.
 - The completion of El Rodeo is scheduled for June 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Fentanyl Information
Sergeant Jeffrey Newman will provide information on Fentanyl crisis.
Sergeant Jeffrey Newman informed the Commission on the history of the drug Fentanyl and how it evolved over time to become a crisis.
- Commissioner Termeie requested the information be presented in the schools and agreed to contact school staff to move forward.
 - March 14, 2023, the Beverly Hills Police Department is hosting "Pizza with Patrol" on Pi Day. From noon to 1:30 pm, you can meet members of the department over a slice of pizza and casual conversation at Upper Crust Pizzeria, 243 S. Beverly Drive.
5. Arts & Culture Programming
Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the 50th Anniversary of the Beverly Hills Art Show
Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, informed the Commission on the planned

events for the 2023 Art Shows:

- May 20 & 21, 2023, 10am – 6pm, Beverly Gardens Park, 4 block span from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive.
- Commemorating 50th Anniversary with a Gold Theme & highlighting sculptures within Beverly Gardens Park with a Docent Program.
- Features of the Show include: Children's Workshops, Demonstrating Artists, Beer & Wine Garden, Food Trucks, Mayor's Purchase Award and Artist's Reception & Awards Ceremony.
- The Commissioners were invited to participate in the reception and handing out of the awards.

6. Arts & Culture Programming

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide information on Festival Beverly Hills.

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the activities planned for the first Festival Beverly Hills:

- Sunday, March 12, 2023, 8am – 12:30pm, Beverly Hills Farmers' Market
- Events will include: Culturally diverse activities, expanded Kid Zone, Arts & Crafts making workshops, diverse music and dance showcases.

7. Roxbury Variety Show Update

Gloria Dimas, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update.

Gloria Dimas, Recreation Supervisor, informed the Commission of the created Roxbury Variety Show:

- The show was held on December 19, 2022 from 1pm- 2:30pm.
- Current instructors were included so seniors were provided with sampling of additional programs that the center offers.

8. Teen Action Committee (TAC)

Lisa Crespo, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Youth Mayor's Mental Wellness Event

Lisa Crespo, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the Youth Mayor's Mental Wellness Event:

- Sunday, January 29, 2023, from noon to 3pm, City Hall, outside on the Crescent steps.
- Keynote Speaker: Noah & Peiman Raf and Madhappy.
- Attendance was approximately 85- 100 people.

9. Teen Book Club Update

Monica Zepeda, Librarian, will provide an update.

- Monica Zepeda, Teen Librarian, updated the Commission on a new monthly Teen Book Club organized by the Beverly Hills Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) and hosted by the Beverly Hills Public Library in our Library Teen Zone. The meeting is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of the month.
- The TAC members submitted suggestions to staff and it was agreed to read *The Book Thief* by author Markus Zusak. The book has additionally been made into a film.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

STATUS REPORTS

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Program updates
 - The Knitting Group was recognized on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at the Roxbury Park Community Center with Mayor Bosse in attendance. Their donations of knitted items for charities are dropped of on a regular basis.
 - Thursday, February 23, 2023, a Heath Fair, arranged by Cedars Sinai was held at Roxbury Community Center. Health screenings and resources were provided.
 - Music Mends Minds celebrated their 5th Anniversary on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
 - No updates.
- Mayor's Initiatives
 - Business with Bosse:
 - March 9, 2023, Pascal on S. Beverly Drive from 8:00am to 9:30am.
 - Live with Lili:
 - Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Youth Live With Lili, 7pm – 8pm, City Hall Municipal Gallery
 - If you cannot attend in-person, Live with Lili can be watched at beverlyhills.org/live
 - Art Walks
 - Sunday, March 5, 2023, 11am, Beverly Gardens Park Lily Pond
 - Sunday, March 26, 2023, 11am, Beverly Gardens Park Lily Pond
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, highlighted the regular Bingo Program held every 2nd & 4th Friday at Roxbury Community Center.
 - Sunday, March 5, 2023, The Community Services Showcase will be held at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market from 8am – 1pm. Registration begins at 9am.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair Report

a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- Meeting Minutes

- 1) Chair Lurie reminded all to review the highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting in addition to informing the Commission that she learned from the Public Works update that there are going to be 2 production water wells being drilled at La Cienega Park. Since this project is in a park, Chair Lurie updated the Commission on the subject from her research and as the project is rolled-out, hopes the Recreation and Parks Commission will have a voice.
- 2) Chair Lurie continued that she has received a number of comments about City Council's recent declaration about the 4 parcels of land, which had been held for public use, which have been declared as surplus land. The Chair

hopes whatever is decided about that space that some of it will be used for Recreation.

- 3) Assistant Director, Patty Acuna, thanked the Chair for bringing up the 2 mentioned topics and let the Commission know that staff has reached out to the Public Works department and will have a representative attend the March meeting to update the Commission on the Water Wells.
 - 4) Commission Javor agreed that he'd like additional information on the location of the Water Wells in addition to knowing what "surplus land" means from a legal perspective and what it means to the Community. Additionally commented that we should view the City's recreation space and see where we're lacking. Suggesting a needs assessment from staff; what do we need to accommodate what we've become accustomed to providing, service wise., in addition to accommodate a growing population.
 - 5) Commissioner Termeie requesting seeing a copy of plan for review.
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Assistant Director, Patty Acuna, informed the Commission that next month a status report will be provided on the Ad Hoc meetings.
 - c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Review calendar and attendanceReviewed.
 - d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Chair Lurie and Commissioner Javor requested to agendize a Needs Assessment for recreation land.
- Chair Lurie requested an update on the Fitness Court in addition to a pickleball update with vendors who can organize tournaments.
- Commission Javor requested an update on Festival Beverly Hills.

NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 28, 2023 / 4:27 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 28th day of March 2023



Myra B. Lurie, Chairperson