



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, March 28, 2023
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 28, 2023 / 2:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Lurie read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Termeie, Sherry, Javor, Vice Chair Mishler, Chair Lurie
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Matthew Brown, Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, Paul Paolone, 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.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, requested that Tab #4 to Tab #3.

Chair Lurie approved the amendment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting from 02/28/2023.

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

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. 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:

- Beverly Hills High School Performing Arts performance of Mean Girls was held at the Saban Theater. Mayor Lili Bosse was featured in a cameo role.
- The Beverly Vista Middle School choir students travelled to Florida to participate in the National Choir Conference.
- March 15, 2023 was Career Day at the High School which included 90 speakers from the Community.
- Bullying is a main focal point. March 2, 2023, Fabian Ramirez, an anti-bullying speaker, spoke at the Horace Mann auditorium. The event was open to all.
- This month, March 2023, is International Women's Month. A Leadership Event is scheduled at the High School and Mayor Lili Bosse is included as a speaker.
- BHUSD participated in the City's first Arts & Culture Festival Beverly Hills that was held at the Farmers' Market on March 12, 2023.
- Enrollment is now open for new students. Grandparent registration is open until April 14, 2023.
- The school's security program continues to be developed.
- It was suggested that the Commissioners partner with the BHUSD in brainstorming together to create more sports and enrichment programs.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Unhoused Engagement and Outreach

Consultants Abby Arnold and Jennifer Swan will provide an update.

Abby Arnold and Jennifer Swan will provide an overview of the proposal as well as next steps for development of strategies and action items to identify gaps in services for the unhoused in Beverly Hills.

- Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services, introduced Abby Arnold and Jennifer Swan who have been hired by the City to analyze and assess our existing resources for the unhoused as well as recommend additional improvements and modifications to our services.
- Their goals are to identify what the City can do and what resources are needed by way of involving residents, businesses, and government in the effort to solve homelessness.
- The Commission was asked to provide information as it relates to the unhoused in Beverly Hills in addition to any questions.
- An educational component was discussed to have for the Community.
- Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services, reminded the Commission of the 24/7 Hotline for residents to contact if they see someone who may need assistance: 310-285-BHOT (2468). The timeline of the analysis was reviewed, and the Consultants will be returning to the Commission to provide results and recommendations.

4. Public Works will provide an update on La Cienega Water Wells.

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, informed the Commission on the La Cienega Water Wells in addition to providing information that the Commission requested.

- The Public Works Department applied for grants for two projects: one being Water Wells.
- The City uses water from the Hollywood Basin. The La Brea subarea has been looked at. Water has been brought in from La Cienega Well 1 (known as the Coffee Bean

property). A house was created in that neighborhood for a water well where water is brought up La Cienega Boulevard by the park. The City has been looking at more property along that route that can have safe water. The department is working with City Staff to find the most inconspicuous place to house water. An option was that if the City didn't find property, they'd place two shallow wells at La Cienega Park.

- Public Works staff will return to the Commission to provide updates and additionally offered to provide a tour of the Maple water well that is located next to the dog park.

5. Arts & Culture Programming

Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, will provide an update on Festival Beverly Hills.

Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, provided an overview of the first Festival Beverly Hills that was held Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market.

- The Festival was a successful inaugural event. Staff looks forwarding to building and enhancing the Festival next year.
- Some of the highlights included: Diverse Dance & Music Performances, roaming festival entertainment such as puppets and marionettes, creative booths and workshops in addition to a Youth Food Competition.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. National Fitness Court Update

In May 2022, staff presented the National Fitness Campaign Outdoor Fitness Court to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on the current status, in addition to next steps, on the National Fitness Court.

- The concerns that were brought forth during the liaison meeting were reviewed.
- Staff to reach out to both Risk Management and Project Administration staff regarding those concerns.
- A survey was sent out to the Community based on a QR Code.
- Staff to return next month to discuss the survey feedback with the Commission in addition to possibly providing another survey to the Community.
- A new approval will be requested from the Commission.

7. Youth "Enchanted Under the Sea" Dance

Staff will provide an update on the new format of dances.

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, updated the Commission on:

- A Recap of the Mother & Son Dance.
- A preview of what is planned for the May Family Dance.
- Upcoming changes to the events moving forward.
- A preview was given of the upcoming Enchantment Under the Sea Dance.
- Restructured format for Youth Dances.

STATUS REPORTS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Manager updates
 - Spring Break Camps still have some availability.
 - Beverly Hills Library programming updates.
 - A pickleball update will be provided next month.
 - Community Services Department Showcase was a great success with advance registration despite the rain. Staff will be addressing issues that arose.
 - A Needs Assessment that was requested will be addressed next month.
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
 - No updates
- Community Services Events
 - ArtWalks, Sunday, March 26, 2023
 - Inside the Mansion, Saturday, April 1, 2023
 - Music in the Mansion Festival, April 20-23, 2023
 - MADE in Beverly Hills, May 4-7, 2023
 - Beverly Hills Art Show 50th Anniversary, May 20-23, 2023
 - Mayor's Installation, April 4, 2023
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- 9. Chair Report**
- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes: As it was Mayor Bosse's last meeting as Mayor, she was recognized by all the Commission Chairs for her hard work and enthusiasm.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - The Ad Hocs will be reviewed next with the possibility of creating additional ones as we review the Needs Assessment.
 - c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Review calendar and attendance: Commissioner Termeie asked if the June meeting could be rescheduled so she could attend. Staff to return with alternative days.
 - d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
 - Chair Lurie thanked the Community Services staff for their hard work during the current changes and new responsibilities.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 25th day of April 2023



Myra B. Lurie, Chairperson