



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 MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: May 23, 2023 / 2:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, 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, Adrine Ovasapyan, Lisa Castaneda, Corrina Lesser, Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, 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.

Michele Y spoke to the Commission about revisiting the flooring of the Dog Park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, informed the Commission that Tab #2 Reports From Priority Agencies, that staff from Beverly Hills Unified School District was not able to attend. Additionally, Tab #5 under Presentations, Beverly Hills Doggie Daze 90210 will be tabled to next month. Chair Lurie approved the amended Agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting from 04/25/2023.

MOTION by Termeie, SECONDED by Vice Chair Mishler to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Beverly Hills Unified School District
Representatives from the Beverly Hills School District were unable to attend.

PRESENTATIONS

3. BHAAC Activities
Lisa Castaneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update.
Lisa Castaneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the current and upcoming events organized by the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC):
 - The BHAAC Board of Directors and Community Services Department work together to provide social, educational and recreational programs for adults ages 55 and older in the Beverly Hills area.
 - BHAAC provides senior excursions, weekly and recurring activities, classes and special events.
4. Volunteer Presentation
Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the new Volunteer Program.
Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the resumption of the Volunteer Program after a hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - The City of Beverly Hills Volunteer Program relaunched in January 2023.
 - Programs that need volunteers include the Teen Advisory Committee, Monthly Art Walks, Greystone Demonstration Gardens and Senior classes at Roxbury.
 - Volunteers can create a profile by emailing clessler@beverlyhills.org or online at: <http://beverlyhills.org/departments/communityservices/volunteering> and staff will work to match volunteers with opportunities with a variety of City departments
5. Beverly Hills Doggie Daze 90210
Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update.
This Item is postponed to the June 2023 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Pickleball Pilot Program Update
At the April 25, 2023 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting, Recreation Services Manager Matthew Brown provided a recap of the pickleball pilot program and an overview of plans to transition to the next phase of the pilot program. Some additional court usage data was provided in response to questions regarding the comparative popularity of tennis and pickleball.

- La Cienega Tennis Center: Beverly Hills Tennis is allocated tennis courts #2, #3, #4, #6 for exclusive tennis programming, and pickleball court #7 for exclusive pickleball programming.
- La Cienega Tennis Center: tennis courts #1 and #8 are dedicated for Pickleball play.
- Roxbury Park: tennis court #1 is dedicated for Pickleball play.
- Chair Lurie suggested looking at more space for Pickleball.

7. Needs Assessment Discussion

At the April 25, 2023, meeting, the Commission discussed what types of needs should be researched and included in a needs assessment study. Commissioners indicated the request was twofold; with one aspect focusing on park space and the second focusing on programming needs.

- Staff continually look at opportunities to utilize park space to provide new and innovative programs.
- The City is currently in negotiations with the school district on a new Joint Powers Agreement which allows for joint usage of City and District facilities. Staff is working with the District discussing new opportunities of space that can be utilized for department programming.
- Staff continues to look at opportunities for multi-use or conversion of underutilized park space as well as District space that accommodate our growing programs.
- As the Department carries out the work plans associated with the Council priorities, this will be an opportunity for the commission to provide input on programming and incorporating space for multi-use programming.
- Staff will continue to bring forward updates to the Commission as information becomes available.
- Commissioner Sherry asked about the maintenance or replacement of the Arnaz Park Fire Truck. Staff will provide an update.
- Commissioner Sherry requested staff to support parents in the fall term by providing after care programs.
- Vice Chair Mishler suggested possibly using the mini parks if needed.
- Commissioners concerned about loss of space at La Cienega Park due to the City's water wells.
- Chair Lurie requested a review of the Strategic Plan.

STATUS REPORTS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Manager updates
 - Matthew Brown, Recreation Manager, reminded the Commission that July is Parks Make Life Better. Details to be presented at the June 2023 meeting.
 - The Senior Nutrition Program at Roxbury Park Community Center is returning to in-person.
 - Though sunscreen dispensers will not be offered in the parks, sunscreen will be included in July's *Parks Make Life Better* efforts.

- Registration is underway for summer session classes
- The wrap-up event for Jewish American Heritage Month is Critical Conversations scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6:30pm at City Hall.
- Pie Bake & Fiesta scheduled at the Farmers' Market on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 8am – 1pm.
- Doggie Daze 90210 will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at Roxbury Park.
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
- Community Services Events
 - Made in Beverly Hills
 - Art Show update
 - Adrine Ovasapyan, Interim Recreation Services Manager, provided an update on the successful Made in Beverly Hills event in addition to the weekend's Art Show.
 - The Beverly Hills Art Show celebrated their 50th Anniversary and returned to the 4-block span of art which included 235 juried artists from across the country displaying their paintings, photography, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry in addition to other mixed media.
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Reviewed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair Report
 - a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Reviewed
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Commissioner Sherry informed the Commission that the Teen Advisory Committee will be honored at the June 6, 2023 City Council meeting. Applications are online for the upcoming year.
 - Chair Lurie, along with Commissioner Javor, updated the Commission on the Community Events & Recreation Programs Ad Hoc where July's *Parks Make Life Better* event was discussed. The Farmers' Market will be utilized for both the kick-off and finale of the event.
 - A Mental Healthy Awareness event is being coordinated by three Commissions: Recreation and Parks, Health & Safety and Human Relations and is scheduled for September 10, 2023 at Roxbury Community Center.
 - c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Review calendar and attendance
 - d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
 - The Commissioners, along with staff, congratulations Commissioner Javor and his wife on the birth of Charlotte Rose.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Commissioner Javor requested a discussion on turf at the dog park.

NEXT MEETING: June 27, 2023 – 10am Special Meeting
July go dark or move to 10am Special Meeting

- Linda Kyriazi, Recording Secretary, will poll the Commissioners on the possibility of the Commission going dark in July or August.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 23, 2023 / 3:58 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 27th day of June 2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Myra B. Lurie", written over a horizontal line.

Myra B. Lurie, Chairperson