



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, October 24, 2023
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: October 24, 2023 / 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Patty Acuna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lurie read the Civility Statement.

Chair Lurie requested a moment of silence to honor the memories of all those who lost their lives, injured or are suffering following the atrocities that have taken place in Israel.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dzubak, Termeie, Vice Chair Sherry, Chair Lurie

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, Matthew Brown, Adrine Ovasapyan, Joana Torres, 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.

Two public comments were submitted. One for Tab #3, Joint Powers Agreement and two for Tab #6, Beverly Hills Community 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.

Chair Lurie approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting from 09/26/2023.

MOTION by Vice Chair Sherry, SECONDED by Termeie to approve September 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. (4/0)

AYES: Dzubak, Termeie, Vice Chair Sherry, Chair Lurie

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Joint Powers Agreement Update
Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, will provide an update.
Patty Acuna, Assistant Director highlighted points from the completed Joint Powers Agreement (JPA):
 - Tuesday, October 3, 2023, City Council approved the 2023 -2026 Joint Powers Agreement. Community Services staff and members of the executive team of the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) began negotiations in February, 2023. The focus of the working group was to review each section of the agreement and discuss any concerns or issues from either party as it had been outlined in the previous agreement and to look for recommendations on how to better communicate the need or rectify the issues.

Jasmine Yadgari provided a public comment.
4. Art Show Update
Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, will provide an update on the Fall Art Show.
Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, provided highlights of the October 2023 Art Show to the Commission:
 - The Fall Art Show was held on October 21 & 22, from 10am – 5pm celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Art Show.
 - The Art Show was hosted by the Community Services Department's Arts & Culture Division.
 - There were 235 artists in attendance which included 11 mediums.
 - The event included: Children's Arts Workshops, Selfie Spots, Beer & Wine Garden, Dining Options, Partner & Community Booths. In addition to the Artist's Reception and Awards.
 - Save the Date for the Spring Art Show: May 18 & 19, 2024.
5. Fall Fantastic at Farmers' Market
Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Farmers' Market's Fall Funtastic event.
Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the upcoming Farmers' Market's Fall Funtastic event:
 - Fall Funtastic will be held Sunday, October 29th, at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market from 8:00am - 1:00pm and at the Beverly Hills Library from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.
 - This special event combines the fall harvest celebrations, Halloween, and with the help of the Arts and Culture team, Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festivities.
 - The market will be hosting a pumpkin carving/decorating contest, and the Recreation division will be hosting a kid's craft and games area.
 - Cortines High School's Folklorico dance troupe will premiere a new Dia de los Muertos choreography on the Farmers' Market main stage at 10:30am.

- The award-winning visual artist Ginette Rondeau has created two pop ups in the Beverly Hills Library: A Community altar and an interactive exhibition called the "Mailbox to Heaven."
- The Beverly Hills library will be hosting a 1pm screening of the Disney animated feature, *Coco*. Gabriela Tessier from Univision will be on hand to provide a brief history of the holiday and introduce the film.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Dog Park Update

Joana Torres, Community Services Manager, will provide an update.

- On September 26, 2023, the Recreation and Parks Commission requested a presentation on the dog park's history and current statistics.
- Joana Torres, Community Services Manager, provided an overview on the Beverly Hills Dog Park's operations and statistics in addition to the research and decision on the park's surface.
- Staff investigated alternate surface options that included a combination of mixed materials that would be both, aesthetically appealing and functional.
- Staff is seeking the Commission's feedback on the Beverly Hills Community Dog Park.
- Recommendations for the dog park will be brought forward to the Recreation and Parks Commission City Council Liaison Committee.

Linda Kyriazi, Recording Secretary, read a public comment from Mark Elliot into the record.

Michelle Yasharpour provided a public comment.

- After a robust conversation on maintenance & costs, shade structures, park benches, registrations, different types of surface, and a requested survey from registered users, it was agreed that staff will schedule a meeting with the Recreation and Parks Commission City Council Liaison Committee.
- It was agreed that the Commission would like to view the Dog Park either by being provided access or a planned Commission visit.

7. Pickleball Pilot Program Update

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, will provide an update.

- Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, provided an update on the progress and planning process for determining the next phase of the pickleball pilot program.
- Staff will begin the process of meeting to discuss the next phase of pilot program options with the Recreation and Park Commission Community Events & Recreation Programs Ad Hoc Committee. Some of the items to be reviewed are:
 - Pickleball court locations at the La Cienega Tennis Center.
 - Pickleball court locations at the Roxbury Park Tennis courts.
 - Needs for noise mitigation.
 - Pickleball court reservation software.
 - Program rules and policies.

Process for moving through steps to Pickleball Pilot Program completion:

- Review options with Recreation and Parks Commission Ad Hoc Committee.
- Present findings to Recreation and Parks Commission for review.

- Present recommendations to Recreation and Parks Commission City Council Liaison Committee.
- Conduct community outreach.
- Present to Recreation and Parks Commission City Council Liaison/full City Council.

Communication has started with a 3rd party vendor for Community Outreach.

Staff will be scheduling the Ad Hoc meeting with Chair Lurie and Commissioner Dzubak prior to the November Commission meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Manager updates
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
- Community Services Events
 - La Cienega Water Wells
Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager, provided an update. Staff continues to work with Public Works to start scheduling meetings with both the Youth & Adult Sports groups.
 - Holidays at Greystone Mansion is scheduled for the weekend of December 2 & 3, 2023. Registration will be required. There will be four time slots starting at 10am until 4:30pm.
 - Family Dances. A Winter Wonderland theme dance is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 6pm – 9pm at Greystone Mansion and Gardens. This event is for any BHUSD student 3rd to 5th grade: child plus one adult. Registration is required.
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, highlighted a few events: BHAAC's Halloween Dance scheduled for Monday, October 30th at 1pm at Roxbury Community Center.
 - Sunday, November 5, 2023, Doggie Daze 90210 will be held at Roxbury Park from 11am – 3pm.
 - Monday, November 13, 2023, is the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at Roxbury Park Community Center from 11:30am to 1:30pm, hosted by the Beverly Hills Fire Fighters Association.
 - Monday, December 11, 2023, is the Roxbury Variety Show, 1pm to 3pm at Roxbury Park Community Center.
 - Monday, December 18, 2023, is the BHAAC Holiday Dance at 1pm at Roxbury Park Community Center.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- 9. Chair Report
 - a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - None to report
 - c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings

- Review calendar and attendance
 - The Commission, along with staff, reviewed the November and December meetings. The December 2023 meeting was considered to be moved up to December 19, 2023, at 10am for a Special Meeting.
- d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
- Commissioner Termeie provided a statement about the tragedies of October 7, 2023.

NEXT MEETING: November 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: October 24, 2023 / 4:05 p.m.

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



Myra B. Lurie, Chairperson