



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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: November 28, 2023 / 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lisa Castaneda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lurie read the Civility Statement.

Chair Lurie requested a moment of silence to remember Dr. Charles Aronberg, former twice Mayor of Beverly Hills, who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Patty Acuna, Matthew Brown, Adrine Ovasapyan, Joana Torres, Evan Doyle, Lisa Castaneda, 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.

Four public comments were submitted. Nancy Mancini spoke on Pickleball. Recording Secretary, Linda Kyriazi, read a public comment submitted by Barbara Miller on the Dog Park. David Gingold spoke on Tab #2 Beverly Hills Unified School District and Tab #4 the Farmers' Market.

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 10/24/2023.

MOTION by Termeie, SECONDED by Vice Chair Sherry to approve October 24, 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
Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) members Mary Wells and Judy Manouchehri updated the Commission on programs and activities being held at the schools:
 - The School Board unanimously passed a resolution in support of Israel and against antisemitism.
 - BHUSD feels confident in the updated security system that has been implemented at the high school and district campuses, along with enhanced communication with the Beverly Hills Police.
 - Tina Wiener is the new president of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHEF) and was acknowledged by the Human Relations Commission this year as she was presented with the 2023 Embrace Civility Award.
 - BHUSD students had an exhibition at the Beverly Hills Art Show supported by the Art Instructors in addition to the students. It was a great experience for everyone.
 - Construction at El Rodeo elementary school is planned for completion by the end of this year.
 - Middle School athletics, along with afternoon programs, have become more robust with 18 teams now at Beverly Vista Middle School.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Embrace Civility Award
Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, will provide an update.
Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, presented the division's process for their yearly Embrace Civility Award in addition to presenting the events for October being Civility Month:
 - The nomination process, through advertising and publicity, which directed nominators to an online form to submit, was reviewed. A record amount of nominations were submitted.
 - The City displayed numerous banners and posters that reminded the City that October is Civility Month.
 - The 2023 Embrace Civility Award winner was Tina Wiener who was presented with the award along with a proclamation at the City Council formal session on November 7, 2023.
4. Fall Funtastic at Farmers' Market
Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Farmers' Market's Fall Funtastic event & upcoming Craft Fair with Cookie Baking Contest
Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, presented a recap of the Fall Funtastic Event in addition to a preview of the Holiday Craft Fair scheduled for December 10, 2023 at the Farmers' Market:

- The Fall Funtastic was held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market from 8:00am - 1:00pm and in the Beverly Hills Library from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. This special event combined the fall harvest celebrations, Halloween, along with Dias de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festivities.
- The Farmers' Market event provided family-friendly crafts, paper carnation making along with performances from Cortines High School. An Indigenous Ceremony featured Aztec Dancers.
- The screening of the Disney movie *Coco*, was held in the Beverly Hills Public Library.
- The Holiday Craft Fair & Cookie Baking Contest will be held on December 10, 2023, at the Farmers' Market from 8am – 1pm.
- The Holiday Craft Fair is an annual fair at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market where artisan craft vendors can sell commodities for the Holiday Season such as jewelry and succulent plants.
- For more information please visit: BeverlyHills.org/FarmersMarket
- To sign up for the Cookie Contest please go to: BeverlyHills.org/CookieBakingContest

5. Beverly Hills Doggie Daze 90210

Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, will provide a recap of Beverly Hills Doggie Daze 90210

Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, provided a recap of Beverly Hills Doggie Daze 90210:

- The 13th annual Doggy Daze 90210 celebration was held Sunday, November 5, 2023, from 11:00am-3:00pm at Roxbury Park.
- The event had 30 pet related vendors, 5 Adoption/Rescue Agencies, a pet parade along with a pet talent contest, a Kid's Area, entertainment and plenty of giveaways.

6. Beverly Hills Active Adult Club Thanksgiving Update

Lisa Casteneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update.

Lisa Casteneda, Senior Recreation Supervisor, provided a recap of the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon that was held at Roxbury Community Center on November 13, 2023.

- 2023 celebrated 31 years of the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. The luncheon was first launched in 1993 and is open to the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHHAC) members only.
- The luncheon is provided through a partnership between the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC), the Beverly Hills Firefighters Association and FTA Events & Marketing.
- The annual Thanksgiving lunch tradition continued during the pandemic. The Beverly Hills Fire Department helped deliver Thanksgiving meals in 2020 and distributed Thanksgiving meals for pick-up at the Roxbury Park Community Center in 2021.
- The Thanksgiving basket tradition was started by BHAAC Board member Donna Goldstein. In her memory, Michelle Gold and her volunteer committee, continue the tradition each year of giving back. Each basket comes with all the supplies for a complete Thanksgiving meal, plus a gift card to purchase a turkey or ham. Eight Thanksgiving baskets were raffled off to BHAAC members.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Community Services Showcase

Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager, will be providing an update.

Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager, provided an update on the plans for the 2024 Community Services Department Showcase which will be held on Sunday, March 10th, from 8:00am – 1:00pm at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market.

The Department Showcase provides an opportunity for families to ask questions of Summer Camp vendors as they prepare to register for Summer Camps. The 2024 Showcase will include stage demonstrations, vendor booths and an opportunity to redeem a discount towards the 2024 Summer Camp registration.

To optimize this upcoming year's Summer Camp registration, staff received the Community's feedback, as well as our Commissioner's recommendations, and have planned for the following:

- The showcase will continue with showcasing the summer camp vendors. Those who attend the event must visit the Information Booth to receive a per family discount towards their account for Summer Camp registration.
- Registration for residents of Beverly Hills will be held April 10, 2024 and non-residents on April 17, 2024. Registration will be online only, as was recommended.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

STATUS REPORTS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Manager updates
 - Dog Park Update
Joana Torres, Community Services Manager, provided additional information to the Commission:
 - Out of the 476 Key Fobs, 404 belong to residents and 72 to non-residents
 - For the shade structure, the City Architect will be receiving drawings from a 2nd vendor prior to the end of the year. Staff plans to present to the Commission in January 2024.
 - Staff is working on scheduling a City Council Liaison Meeting
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
 - This will move forward in January 2024.
- Community Services Events
 - Holidays at Greystone
 - Scheduled for December 2nd & 3rd, 2023 from 10am – 4:30pm at Greystone Mansion. The event is currently filled.
 - Greystone Gala: Family Dance
 - Scheduled for Saturday, December 9 from 6pm – 9pm at Greystone Mansion that includes dinner, dancing along with games.
 - There is a fee and one must register at bhreg@beverlyhills.org
 - Registration has closed for the event.
 - Roxbury Variety Show
 - The 2nd Annual Roxbury Variety Show is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023, 1pm at Roxbury Community Center.
 - This event showcases the performances from senior participants in the Roxbury Senior classes and programs.
- Community Services Events Calendar

- The Commission is welcome to attend the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club's Senior Holiday Dance on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 1pm at Roxbury Community Center.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair Report
 - a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes
 - The last two Mayor's Cabinet Meetings have been cancelled due to conflicts.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Chair Lurie, along with Commissioner Dzubak, provided an update on the Community Events & Recreation Programs Ad Hoc productive meeting, along with staff, to review and discuss Pickleball.
 - The next Ad Hoc meeting will be scheduled in December.
 - Vice Chair Sherry commented on the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) - the students have been active in creating their own agenda for programs and activities that they would like planned out for the year.
 - c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Review calendar and attendance
 - d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
 - Chair Lurie reminded all to bring an unwrapped toy for the Spark of Love Toy Drive to the Holidays at Greystone event.

NEXT MEETING: December 19, 2023 – 10am Special Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 28, 2023 / 3:44 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 19th day of December 2023



Myra B. Lurie, Chairperson