



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 27, 2024
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 27, 2024 / 2:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Josette Descalzo, Program Manager in Public Works, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Riceberg, Dzubak, Vice Chair Termeie, Chair Sherry
Commissioners Absent: Lurie
Staff Present: Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, Joana Torres, Adrine Ovasapyan,
Michael Muse 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.

Recording Secretary read a Public Comment from Gina Seidel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Chair Sherry approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting from 01/23/2024.

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

AYES: Riceberg, Dzubak, Vice Chair Termeie, Chair Sherry
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lurie
ABSTAIN:
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Election Update

Huma Ahmed, City Clerk, will provide an update on the City's Election.

Huma Ahmed, City Clerk, informed the Commission on the upcoming March 2024 Beverly Hills General Municipal Elections.

- Beverly Hills has two seats up for election.
- Beverly Hills has consolidated its election process with Los Angeles County.
- Vote by Mail ballots have been mailed to all registered voters in Beverly Hills.
- Voting Options are: Vote by mail - USPS, Vote by Mail - Drop Boxes & Vote Center(s)
 - In Person Voting
- The Voting Centers are: The Beverly Hills Library Auditorium (11 days, February 24th – March 5th); Roxbury Park Clubhouse, La Cienega Tennis Center, Rodeo Room, and Horace Mann School (4 days, March 2nd – March 5th).

3. Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager, will present the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), Refresher & Climate Change Adaptation

Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager, presented the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), Refresher & Climate Change Adaptation to the Commission:

- The Beverly Hills Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) is a roadmap to prepare the City of Beverly Hills for climate impacts, achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, and position the city in implementing ambitious and necessary climate action. The CAAP is not intended to be a detailed implementation plan. Additional planning, including feasibility assessment, will be required to implement some of the mitigation and adaptation measures.
- The CAAP provides measures to reduce the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as identify resiliency measures (Adaptation Measures) to protect the City from the effects of climate change.
- The role of the Recreation and Parks Commission is to help foster community awareness related to climate change, GHG mitigation measures and preparing for climate hazards by: Identifying key audience, collaborating with community-based organizations, hosting events, establishing educational programs and distributing educational materials.
- The Commissioners provided additional organizations and locations for the Plan to be presented to foster Community Awareness.
- Chair Sherry thanked Commissioner Lurie, along with former Commissioner Alissa Roston, for their participation in the program.

Public Comment: Teri Austin spoke on this Tab #3.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Public Works – Dog Park Shading

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, will be providing an update on the Dog Park Shading

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, along with architect Mark Desares, presented a selected shade design for the City's dog park to the Commission.

- The selection was unique, affordable and provides a large amount of shade.

- After a discussion on lifespan, durability, maintenance and replacement, the Commission agreed to move forward, with comments considered, with a formal agreement for the design.
- Chair Sherry thanked resident Tina Sinatra for participation in the support of the Dog Park shading structure.

Public Comment: Teri Austin spoke on this Tab #4.

Mark Elliott additional spoke on this Tab #4.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5. 2024 Recreation & Parks Commission Work Plan Discussion

- Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager, reviewed the process for the Commissioners to submit their proposed items for their 2024 Work Plan. The Recreation and Parks Work Plan should reflect the mission of the Commission and fall in line with City Council Priorities. The goal is to prioritize five items for the 2024 calendar year. The existing Recreation and Parks Commission work plan items will remain as part of the priority list, providing the commission with the ability to add one new additional item. The Work Plan items will be voted on, ranked and determined by the results at this meeting.
- Proposals should be projects or events that can be reasonably implemented, have a start and end date and accurately fit the purview of Recreation and Parks which includes early education and youth recreation, adult and senior recreation, tennis and pickleball, Beverly Hills Dog Park, Beverly Hills Library, and the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market.
- The Commission is asked to discuss, evaluate, and rank proposed items. The process in which commission proposals will be presented is as follows:
 1. Commissioners will be invited to present in roll call order.
 2. Each proposal presentation should be approximately 5 minutes, followed by an additional 5-minute questions and comments.
 3. Commissioners will receive a text message with a link to a poll for ranking the proposals once the last presentation, questions and comments are finished.
- Commissioner Riceberg presented on New & Improved Park and Trail Signage and New Signs at Roxbury Recreation Center.
- Commissioner Dzubak presented developing a Junior Park Ranger Program for young people, ages 10 – 15, to be more engaged in Park participation and have the opportunity to come to a training with their parents, similar to Team Beverly Hills.
- Vice Chair Termeie presented event ideas for July's Parks Make Life Better month as this would involve all ages of our community.
- Chair Sherry presented Large Park Rules & Signs and La Cienega Park Lighting.
- Director Stephanie Harris informed the Commission that the Lighting at La Cienega Park is being worked on by staff so could be removed from voting on as a Work Plan item.
- The Commission voted and took a recess from 3:25p.m. and reconvened at 3:31p.m.
- The Commission agreed on the following ranking for the 2024 Work Plan
 1. Large Park Rules & Signs – will move into the 5th place of the 2024 Work Plan.
 2. New Signs at Roxbury Recreation Center tied with New & Improved Park and Trail Signage along with Junior Park Ranger Program.
 3. Event ideas for July's Parks Make Life Better.

- Chair Sherry reminded the Commission that the projects are for this year and this exercise will be repeated for the following 2025 year.

STATUS REPORTS

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Manager updates
 1. Community Services Department Showcase, March 10, 2024.
Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager, reminded the Commission that the Department Showcase will be held on Sunday, March 10th at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market from 8am to 1pm. Registration will not take place at this event; the programs will be showcased with vendors and staff available for information.
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
- Community Services Events
 2. Kid's Corner at the Farmers' Market
The Kid's Corner programming has returned to the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market on the 4th Sunday of each month.
 3. AARP Tax Aid at Roxbury Community Center
Appointments are being scheduled on Wednesdays and Fridays between 1pm – 5pm and can be made by calling Roxbury Community Center. The program will end on April 12, 2024.
 4. Playground & Paint at LA Cienega Park
Playground & Paint will take place on Wednesday, March 13th, April 10th and May 8th, at La Cienega Park from 10am – 11am.
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Commissioner Riceberg requested copies of the Active Adult Mobility Program flyer to have in her store for customers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair Report
 - a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 1. Meeting Minutes
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 1. Capital Projects & Park Improvements
 2. City / CS & BHUSD Partnership
 3. Community Events & Recreation Programs
 4. Health & Wellness
 5. Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Chair Sherry informed the Commission that the TAC members were provided a Fire Department tour.
 - c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 1. Review calendar and attendance
 - Reviewed.
 - d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

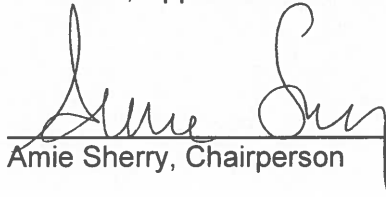
- Chair Sherry congratulated Commissioner Dzubak and Recording Secretary Linda Kyriazi for receiving the Kindness Award from the Human Relations Commission.
- Chair Sherry informed the Commission that there is a live survey available for the Early Education Center and After School Program that is in partnership between the City and the Beverly Hills Unified School District. The survey can be accessed at: beverlyhills.org/schoolsurvey

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2024 – 2pm Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 27, 2024 / 3:41 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 26th day of March 2024



Amie Sherry, Chairperson