



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Room 280A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 23, 2024 / 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Huma Ahmed, City Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER: Tara Riceberg

Huma Ahmed, City Clerk, swore in new Commissioner Tara Riceberg.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Riceberg, Dzubak, Lurie, Vice Chair Termeie, Chair Sherry
Commissioners Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Patty Acuna, Matthew Brown, 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.
None.

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 until Tab #2 as staff had to step out. At that time, Tabs #4 & #5 preceded Tab #2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting from 12/19/2023.

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

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, will update the Commission on the proposed Water and Wastewater Rates.

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, reviewed the mailing that was sent to Beverly Hills residents regarding the proposed Water and Wastewater Rates.

- The mailing notes their attendance at the February 20, 2024, City Council Meeting to present these proposed rate adjustments. Every five years is a cost of service.
- Everyone is going to have a different effect with their rates. There is a cost calculator on their web site: www.beverlyhills.org/departments/publicworks/waterrateadjustments/
- Our water utility provides potable, reliable water to your home. Our goal is to provide high quality water which takes a lot of infrastructure
- There was a Town Hall Meeting January 17, 2024, and another one will be held on February 1, 2024, at 6pm at Beverly Hills City Hall.
- The City has been doing a great job in conserving and reducing water on a consistent basis.
- For questions email askPW@beverlyhills.org or call 310-285-2467.
- If you disagree, you may send in a protest vote to the City Clerk's office which needs to be received by mail.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Kindness Week Preview

Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, will provide a preview of the Human Relations Commission's Kindness Week schedule.

Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, provided a preview of the Human Relations Commission's Kindness Week schedule that is planned for the week of February 11th – 17, 2024.

- The Kickoff will be Sunday, February 11th at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market. Donations are being requested for: The Midnight Mission, Sole Brothers and Alexandria House.

5. Welcome Recreation Services Manager, Michael Muse

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, introduced Michael Muse, the Department's new Recreation Services Manager.

- Michael Muse, Recreation Services Manager, provided his background and experience to the Commission who welcomed him in his new position.
- The Commission thanked Matthew Brown for his prior work in that position.

3. Beverly Hills Unified School District

Judy Manouchehri, Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) board member, updated the Commission on programs and activities being held at the schools:

- Currently, the schools have athletics and events scheduled. At the high school, boys and girls soccer in addition to basketball and water polo.
- The BHHS Dance Company's 2024 performance will be held on January 24, 2024, from 7pm – 9:30pm at the Wallis Annenberg Center.
- El Rodeo is scheduled to open in Fall 2024.
- The 2024 Strategic Plan can be viewed at: bhUSD.org/strategicplan
- BHUSD Schoolboard member Manouchehri, will return with more information on the mental health services that the school district offers.

6. Youth & Teen Presentation

Lisa Crespo, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on the Family Dance and Teen Advisory Committee.

Lisa Crespo, Senior Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the rebranded Greystone Gala: Family Dance that was held on December 9, 2023:

- The age group for this First Family Dance was 3rd – 5th grade BHUSD Students.
- The event included a photo booth, a DJ for dancing along with a catered dinner.
- The survey results were reviewed with the Commission.

Lisa Crespo, additionally provided a Mid-Session Update of the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC):

- The TAC restructure process was reviewed along with the September 2023 to January 2024 events in addition to the upcoming February to May 2024 events.

NEW BUSINESS

7. 2024 Recreation & Parks Commission Work Plan discussion

Matthew Brown, Recreation and Services Manager, presented the process of the 2024 Work Plan to the Commission

- Community Services Department Commissions are working to establish Work Plans to help identify and establish priorities for each year. Work plans will be reviewed when a new Commission Chair rotates. Commission Work plans consist of five items that will comprise their annual work plan. These five work plan items remain as the list of priorities for the year, until or unless one of the work plan items is accomplished.
- Items that are identified for the Recreation and Parks Commission work plan, should be projects or events that can reasonably be implemented, have a start and end date, and accurately fit under the purview of Recreation and Parks, and equally support the various sectors and service areas of Recreation and Parks
- Currently the Recreation and Parks Commission has as many as four ongoing high priority items, that currently fall under the purview of the Commission, and constitute four of the five items on their 2024 work plan. Those items include:
 - Beverly Hills Dog Park surface composition
 - Pickleball pilot program conclusion
 - La Cienega Park playground and restroom restoration (City Council priority)
 - Beverly Hills Day of Wellness event
- Items that were previously identified as work plan priorities for the Recreation and Parks Commission during the fiscal year period of 2022-2024 included:
 - La Cienega Community Center and Park master plan.
 - La Cienega Community Center and Park priorities have temporarily shifted to focus on improvement projects, such as the La Cienega Park playground and restroom.

- Collaborate with the Beverly Hills Unified School District to provide a new vision for an Early Childhood Program Plan.
- The objective for the Recreation and Parks Commission, is to identify the appropriate number of work plan items to prioritize in 2024, giving the Commission a total of five items to work on for the year. The 2024 work plan items for the Recreation and Parks Commission will be voted on and determined by the results at the February 27, 2024, meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Work Plan proposal process

- Each Commissioner can submit up to two work plan proposals that they will present to the full commission to be voted by the Commission at the February meeting.
- Voting results will determine the ranking order of the 2024 work plan items, with the top 5 representing the current 2024 Recreation and Parks Commission work plan. As work plan items are accomplished throughout the year, the next highest ranked work plan item will be added to the list, so there are always 5 current work plan items throughout the year.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

STATUS REPORTS

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Manager updates
 - Community Services Department Showcase, March 10, 2024
 - The Community Services Department Showcase will be held on Sunday, March 10th from 8am – 1pm at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market.
 - Registration will not take place at this event; this is for showcasing classes, summer camps, along with meeting instructors.
 - Registration will be open online for residents on April 10, 2024; non-residents April 17, 2024.
 - Beverly Hills Active Adult Club's Valentine's Dance
 - Monday, February 12, from 1pm – 3pm. The Human Relations Commission will be attending for Kindness Week. The dance is hosted annually with the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC), along with the Beverly Hills Police Officers Association.
 - Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
 - Community Services Events
 - Holidays at Greystone
 - Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager, provided an overview on the Holidays at Greystone event that was held December 2 & 3, 2023 which drew 800 attendees per day.
 - The activities included the Bob Baker Marionettes, a tree maze, multicultural displays, face painting along with Santa & Mrs. Claus.
 - Roxbury Variety Show
 - Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, provided an overview on the Roxbury Variety Show that was held on December 11, 2023. The seniors performed their

talents that they learned attending the Roxbury classes such as dancing, monologues & skits.

- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Reviewed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair Report

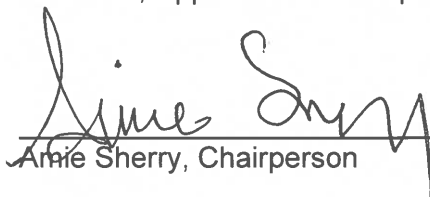
- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - The January 2024 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was postponed.
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
 1. Capital Projects & Park Improvements
 2. City / CS & BHUSD Partnership
 3. Community Events & Recreation Programs
 - Commissioner Lurie, along with Commissioner Dzubak, provided an update on Pickleball. A survey will be sent to the Community, reaching out for their input on the pickleball program. The survey will include a QR code and will be distributed around the city.
 - The pickleball program is moving from a pilot program to being finalized.
 - There have been changes and improvements in the reservation system in addition to the rules.
 - The noise the paddles make are part of the pickleball sport.
 4. Health & Wellness
 5. Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Chair Sherry added Commissioner Riceberg to the Health & Wellness Ad Hoc, along with Commissioner Lurie. Additional updates will happen midyear.
- c. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
 - Review calendar and attendance. Commissioner Lurie informed the Commission she will be unable to attend the February meeting.
- d. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
 - Chair Sherry welcomed new Commissioner Riceberg to the Commission in addition to the new Recreation Services Manager Michael Muse.
 - Chair Sherry additionally thanked staff for the great job they did last year on all the Community Services' events along with the Recreational Programming.

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2024 – 2pm Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 23, 2024 / 12:53 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 27th day of February 2024


Arnie Sherry, Chairperson