



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 28, 2021
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: September 28, 2021 / 2:00 p.m.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Chair Mishler read the Civility Statement

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Lurie, Javor, Roston, Vice Chair Sherry, Chair Mishler

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, 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. The Chair approved the agenda as submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting from 8/24/2021

Motion by Javor, Seconded by Vice Chair Sherry to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 8/24/2021. (5/0)

AYES: Lurie, Javor, Roston, Vice Chair Sherry, Chair Mishler

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

2. Event Update, Brooke Putich, Interim Recreation Supervisor
Brooke Putich, Interim Senior Recreation Supervisor, provided highlights from Concerts on Cañon, the 50th Anniversary of Greystone being a Beverly Hills Park in addition to the upcoming Art Show during the weekend of October 16 & 17, 2021.

3. Roxbury Drive Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project Results
Jessie Holzer, Transportation Planner
Jessie Holzer, Transportation Planner from the Public Works Department, provided to the Commission the results of the Roxbury Drive Protected Bike Lane Demonstration.
 - Approximately 50 adults and children attended the event and 30 took a brief survey to provide feedback on the design. Twenty-five respondents (83%) thought a permanent, protected bike lane would be a good fit for Roxbury Drive south of Olympic Boulevard.
 - On September 14, 2021, City Council approved installation of a one-year pilot project. Staff is in the process of finalizing the design and anticipates installing the project in fall 2021. The project will be monitored, including visual observations of how it is being used, as well as community feedback from nearby residents, bicyclists, and other road users. The results will be presented to the City Council one year after installation for consideration of making the installation permanent.

4. The Historical Society
Demonstration of the Beverly Hills Experience Application
Members of the Beverly Hills Historical Society, Robbie Anderson and Phil Savenick, will provide a demonstration of their new mobile app: The Beverly Hills Experience.
 - The app is completely free and includes two entertaining walking tours that are a fun, COVID-safe way to get exercise and share stories about Beverly Hills with friends and family. In addition to the walking tours, the app is packed with other engaging interactive features and is easily downloaded for iOS and Android devices from the Apple App and Google Play stores.
 - The app is available now and will be debuted at the Beverly Hills Art Show October 16 & 17, 2021 at the Historical Society booth.
 - Commissioner Lurie suggested the rack cards be given to the Ambassadors as they work the City's tourist areas. Staff agreed and will deliver cards to the Ambassador Manager to distribute.

5. Ranger Bike Program
Daniel Hernandez, Park Ranger Supervisor will provide an update
Daniel Hernandez, Park Ranger Supervisor updated the Commission on the new Ranger Bike Patrol Program.
 - A team of seven Rangers was recruited for this Bike Patrol Program.
 - These Rangers completed a 3-day bicycle course training that was run by the Beverly Hills Police Department.
 - The Bike Patrol, in addition going all throughout the City, will also cover the patrolling of the 22 blocks of Beverly Gardens Park, in addition to La Cienega and Roxbury Parks, in a more timely and efficient manner.
 - The Rangers will additionally be able to reach the mini parks, from their assigned location at the larger parks, for better patrolling.
 - The Ranger Bike Patrol will be on hand at the October 16 & 17, 2021 Art Show.

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- Patty Acuña, Assistant Director of Community Services, thanked the Rangers for all the additional responsibilities that they were assigned during this Covid time.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Pickleball Update

Patty Acuña, Assistant Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on the status of Pickleball at each of the parks and suggested staff restart the 6-month pilot program to receive complete numbers to bring to the Commission to have a full view of what the interest is in the Community in regards to moving forward with Pickleball.

- Pickleball Update will be on the October Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STATUS REPORTS

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Program Updates
 - Community Services is recruiting for open positions.
 - The Housing Element Update will be presented at City Council on October 12, 2021. If anyone has comments on the project, which will be shared at the City Council meeting, please email housingelement@beverlyhills.org. The Housing Element document and meeting log-in details can be viewed at: beverlyhills.org/housingelementupdate.
 - The preschool and classes have been on going and running.
 - The Farmers' Market has brought back the Kid Zone, which includes making crafts, pony rides and a petting zoo. Halloween crafts will be available on Sunday, October 31, 2021.
 - The Community Services Halloween link will be updated and go live again to have crafts and contests for the youngsters.
- Wellness Wednesdays Program - Mayoral Initiative
 - The physical programs are being scheduled every other Wednesday. The next event is Wednesday, September 29, 2021: Yoga with Norm at Roxbury Park.
- Greystone – Celebrating 50 Years as a City of Beverly Hills Park
 - Presented during Tab #2
- Event Calendar
 - Reviewed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair Report

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes
- Ad Hoc Committees
- Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

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- Commissioner Lurie informed the Commission that she attended the Beverly Hills Active Adult entertainment and encouraged others to attend. The Music Mends Minds program has additionally returned to Roxbury Community Center.
- Vice Chair Sherry updated the Commission that the Teen Advisory Committee has begun for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
Review calendar and attendance
- The Commission was reminded that the October 26, 2021 meeting has a special time of 10am due to City Council meetings.

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2021 – 10am Special Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 28, 2021 / 3:18 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 26th day of October 2021

Susan Mishler

Susan Mishler, Chairperson