MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Date/Time: June 22, 2021 / 2:01 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 presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR
1. Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting from 5/25/2021
   Motion by Javor, Seconded by Roston to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/25/2021. (5/0)
   AYES Lurie, Javor, Roston, Vice Chair Sherry, Chair Mishler
   NOES: None
   ABSENT: None
   ABSTAIN: None
   CARRIED

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PRESENTATIONS

2. Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) introductions
   Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Coordinator and head of the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC), along with Vice Chair Amie Sherry, introduced the members of TAC from last school year, which has been running virtually.

3. Trust & Innovations Portal, City Auditor's Office
   Tabled.

4. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and Community Advisory Committee (CAC), Public Works Department
   Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager provided an update to the Commission on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and membership to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
   - The Commission was asked to appoint 2 Commissioners to be members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Commissioners Roston and Lurie volunteered for this assignment.

5. Bicycles in the City, Staff update
   Christian Vasquez, Transportation Planning Analyst, along with Jessica Holzer, Transportation Planner, updated the Commission on the recent bike programs, an upcoming bike lane project on Roxbury Drive, along with activities that were presented during May's Bike Month.

6. Greystone Mansion Update, Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator
   Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator, provided an update on the reopening phases of Greystone, upcoming activities on the property and current and recently completed restoration projects which include the theatre and library.

7. Farmers' Market Update, Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor
   Evan Doyle, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the Farmers' Market attendance, new vendors and seasonal farmers, advertising strategies, pre and post Covid-19 protocols and various micro events we’ve hosted and what special events the market wants to bring back online when the City is at full capacity.

8. Art Show Update. Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager
   Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager provided an update on the virtual May Art Show.
   - Staff hosted 11 different Master Classes throughout the grounds of the Greystone Mansion.
   - A smaller version of artists were exhibited at Greystone Mansion in both the main and west courtyards of the grounds.
   - Artists conversations are located are: YouTube – Community Life BH
CONTINUED BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

9. Inter-Commission Embrace & Celebrate Culture
   Sing for Hope: piano locations & Make Music Day
   Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, along with Deborah Frank, Chair of the Arts & Cultural Commission, updated the Commission on the past and future Inter-Commission Embrace & Celebrate Culture events and the inclusion of the Recreation and Parks Commission.
      - Lester Vrtilak, Director of the Sing for Hope Pianos, provided information to the Commission on the Sing for Hope Piano program.
      - Adrine Ovasapyan, Interim Senior Recreation Supervisor, informed the Commission of the current 12 suggestions of the placement of pianos for the Sing for Hope project around Beverly Hills and requested feedback from the Commissioners in addition to other suggested locations.
      - Commission Lurie suggested adding Coldwater Canyon Park as a number of families gather at that park in addition to the small park located on the SE corner of Rexford.
      - Commissioner Roston supported both the Beverly Cañon Gardens and 2 Rodeo locations.
      - Vice Chair Sherry suggested the gateway area, by the fountain, between West Hollywood and Beverly Hills in addition to the restaurant area on Cañon.
      - Chair Mishler suggested the schoolyard area but staff noted the schools aren’t open yet to drop in public use in addition to a few being closed due to construction.
      - Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, requested the Commissioners to advise Adrine Ovasapyan of suggestions for performers.
      - Brooke Putich, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on yesterdays, June 21, 2021, successful international Make Music Day, which included an In-Person Drum Circle that was held at Roxbury Park. The on-site preschool and camp attendees joined in.
      - The Piano Sing-Along/Play-Along was held in Beverly Gardens Park which was led by Music Minds Minds staff.
      - The final event was a Live-Stream Concert led by Bill Rotella. The recorded event can be watched at YouTube – Community Life BH
      - Brooke Putich thanked the Commission for not only attending the events but participating as well.

10. Relocation of Artwork: One More Time by Giuseppe Palumbo
    Aida Thau, Arts and Culture Program Associate, informed the Commission of the possible locations to consider relocating the sculpture titled One More Time by artist Giuseppe Palumbo.
      - At the June 15, 2021 Arts & Cultural Commission, the following locations were reviewed as possible sites for relocation of this sculpture: Dog Park, Coldwater Canyon Park and Maltz Park. The Commission selected Maltz Park.
      - The Recreation and Parks Commission agreed and supported the decision of the Arts & Cultural Commission.

STATUS REPORTS
11. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

PROJECT UPDATES

- Assistant Director recruitment
  - No new update
- Program Re-openings
  - June 24, 2021, City Council will be reviewing a reporting from the City’s Emergency Operations Manager, Meena Janmohamed, regarding what the City’s recommendations are moving forward with reopening.
  - Summer Camps have reopened. The Community Centers are closed to the public but are open for summer camp.
  - July is Park and Recreation Month
- Senior Hilton Lunch update
  - The Program is coming to an end on June 30, 2021. Letters were distributed to the senior recipients to inform them and provide other options.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

12. Chair Report
   a. Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting
      - Meeting Minutes
      - The June Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting was cancelled.
   b. Ad Hoc Committees
   c. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

13. Priority List
    Community Services Department’s COVID response remains the top priority

14. Recreation and Parks Commission Upcoming Meetings
    Review calendar and attendance

PREPARATION OF NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA

NEXT MEETING: July 27, 2021 Special 10am meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 22, 2021 / 4:23 p.m.
Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 27th day of July 2021

Susan Mishler, Chairperson