



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Room 280-A

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 26, 2016  
2:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: April 26, 2016/ 2:10 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Lili Bosse.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Vice Chair Gersh,  
Chair Bilak  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Teri Angel, Ken Pfalzgraf,  
Stephanie Harris, Ilene Knebel

**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

Franny Rennie presented the idea of placing a plaque at the Electric Fountain recognizing the Tongva Indian Tribe.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By order of the Chair the Agenda was approved as amended.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting of March 14, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Vice Chair Gersh to adopt the minutes with corrections (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Vice Chair Gersh,  
Chair Bilak

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

### Beverly Hills Unified School District

Superintendent Steve Kessler discussed bicycles being ridden in at School District sites. He supports bike safety education and approves of using School District facilities for bike riding. No update on construction at school sites was presented this month.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 2. Bike Riding in the Park

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel presented information from Karl Kirkman, Risk Manager about the City's safety concerns with the joint use of bicycle riding in City Parks. He is amenable to a City Sponsored program at the schools.

Letter was read pertaining to this topic from resident Cherie McDermott who supports bike riding in the park.

The Commission discussed having a safe environment for all residents to ride bikes.

There was no agreement amongst the Commission to have bike riding at the City Parks.

A Bike Liaison Ad Hoc Committee will be established.

### 3. Personal Trainers in City Parks

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel introduced the topic and the ordinance created by the City Attorney to address the increase and regulation of personal trainers in the parks.

The Commissioners had comments on the exact wording in the proposed ordinance and further discussion on the subject.

Motion:                      MOVED by Rosoff, Seconded by Vice Chair Gersh, that the edits proposed for the ordinance be accepted as well as the rules and regulations and application (4/1).

AYES:                         Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Vice Chair Gersh, Chair Bilak

NOES:                         Commissioner Anderson

ABSENT:                      None

CARRIED

The Commission took a break at 3:37 p.m.

The Commission resumed the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

#### 4. Dog Park Donor Recognition Program

The Commission was asked for feedback for material, size and, placement of donor plaques in the Dog Park. Staff will bring back different samples and pricing to the next meeting for further discussion. Naming opportunities for trees was also discussed.

An update was also provided to the Commission for the Cities of Costa Mesa and West Hollywood Dog Parks.

Commissioner Gersh left the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 5. Storm Water Compliance Update

Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager, presented an overview of storm water regulations and compliance projects. The Public Works Department is preparing a feasibility study for a potential project at La Cienega Park. Comments also made by Trish Rhay, Assistant Director of Public Works.

#### 6. Presentation of Recreation and Parks Commission Award (Taken out of order)

Residents Franny Rennie & Deborah Frank were presented with the Recreation and Parks Commission Award for their contributions to the community including efforts to restore and preserve Beverly Gardens Park. Annette Saleh also received the Award, but was unable to attend. Gaby Reims Alexander received a letter of recognition for her contributions to the restoration of Beverly Gardens Park.

#### 7. Kid Unity Presentation

Members of KidUnity presented their input and ideas regarding the La Cienega Community Center and Playground Project.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

### **STATUS REPORTS**

#### 8. Capital Improvement Project Updates

The following items were included in the report from staff: Greystone, Beverly Gardens Restoration, Coldwater Park and Playground Restoration and Beverly Hills Community Dog Park. Comments were also included about La Cienega Community Center Improvements.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

#### 9. Ad Hoc Committee Assignments

Ad Hoc Committee members updated fellow Commissioners on the status of their assignments:

City Council Liaison – Notes are in the packet for Commissioners to review.

Fine Arts - No report.

Greystone Park – No additional report.

La Cienega Master Plan – A proposal for the snack bar has been received and Liaisons will be asked to review.

Street Tree Master Plan – No report.

Beverly Gardens Restoration – No additional report.

Off Leash Dog Park – No additional report.

Joint Powers Agreement – Upcoming meetings discussed.

Public Works Services – No additional report.

Coldwater Canyon Park– No additional report.

Personal Training – No additional report.

Unfinished Business/Comments by Commissioners Including Topics for Future Agendas – No action taken.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

##### 10. Director's Report

Community Services Staff updated/discussed with the Commission the following items: Robertson Blvd. Tree Replacement Project, Trousdale Tree Pilot Program, Dog Park Trees, Arbor Day 2016, Irrigation System, Tree Updates, Los Angeles County Needs Assessment Summary (tabled until May Meeting) PLAY BALL Initiative, Event Calendar, Meeting Dates.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: April 26, 2016/ 6:08 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

  
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Frances Bilak, Chairperson