



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 28, 2016  
12:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: June 28, 2016/ 12:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson Vice Chair Gersh,  
Chair Bilak  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Gisele Grable, 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.

Speaker: Ted Russell

**SHUTTLE TOUR**

The Commission will conduct a shuttle tour of the following City Park Sites: Roxbury Park (471 S. Roxbury Drive); La Cienega Park (8400 Gregory Way); and Coldwater Canyon Park (1100 N. Beverly Dr.) in consideration of a request for Bicycle Riding in Parks.

The Commission recessed at 12:12 p.m. for the shuttle tour, and reconvened in Room 280-A at 2:08 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE (Chair re-opened public comment)**

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Speakers: Ted Russell, Bernie Ralston, Lucas Bennett

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By order of the Chair the Agenda was approved as amended. (TAB #4 will be heard prior to TAB #3)

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the minutes as presented (5/0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

2. Consideration of Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting of May 24, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Vice Chair Gersh to adopt the minutes as presented (4/0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Bicycle Riding in the Parks

The Commission has previously discussed bicycle riding safety for children and the BHUSD has agreed to a Learn to Ride Program at playground sites (specifically at Hawthorne School) in late August. The Commission has taken a tour of the park locations (described in the shuttle tour above) and discussed their suitability for bicycle riding.

Staff will further research the possibility of bicycle riding at the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir. Will check with manufacturer if path surface is recommended for bicycle riding. Staff will also advise about pathways at La Cienega Park and potential cost to resurface/expand for bicycle riding. The Farmers' Market will also be researched as a possible location for bicycle riding. Staff will confirm with BHUSD the details on the weekend bike safety classes.

4. Tom Friedman Proposed Installation Location (taken out of order)

Recreation Services Manager Brad Meyerowitz reviewed the procedure that has taken place to date. The Fine Art and Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons previously

met to review a revised location in an existing planter for proposed sculpture at Rodeo Drive & Santa Monica Boulevard. There will be no impact on current plant material or future Beverly Hills Art Show set up. The Risk Manager has no opposition to the location.

Fine Art Chair Alan Kaye and Fine Art Commissioner Michael Smooke answered questions from the Commission.

Motion:            MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Vice Chair Gersh, that the proposed location for the proposed sculpture in the planter at Rodeo Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard be approved (3/2).

AYES:            Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Vice Chair Gersh

NOES:            Commissioner Anderson, Chair Bilak

ABSENT:         None

CARRIED

Vice Chair Gersh left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

#### 5. Update of Donation Program for Recognition Plaques on Park Benches

Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable reviewed the past process of the park bench plaque program. Meetings have recently been held with Recreation and Parks Liaisons as well as representatives of the Friends of Beverly Gardens Park to review site plans.

Speaker:            Kathi Rothner

Motion:            MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Commissioner Friedman, that the proposed options be approved which includes removing the hold on bench donations except for the benches being held in Beverly Gardens Park and La Cienega Park (4/0).

AYES:            Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Chair Bilak

NOES:            None

ABSENT:         Vice Chair Gersh

CARRIED

Motion:            MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Commissioner Anderson, that no change is made and maintain the restriction of one plaque per bench, per park, per family. Donors can obtain only one bench at multiple parks (4/0).

AYES:            Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Chair Bilak

NOES:            None

ABSENT:         Vice Chair Gersh

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Anderson, SECONDED by Commissioner Rosoff, that the proposed change with regard to "in perpetuity" be similar to the dog park and modify the donation cost of the benches to \$5,000 for 10 years or \$10,000 for in perpetuity (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Chair Bilak

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Gersh

CARRIED

The Commission took a break at 3:54 p.m.

The Commission resumed the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

#### 6. Proceedings for Inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties for the Lawn Bowling Green at Roxbury Memoria Park

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel reviewed the meeting where the Cultural Heritage Commission proposed designating the Lawn Bowling Green at Roxbury Memorial Park as a Historic Property. Urban Designer, Mark Odell, explained the process for designating a site as being eligible for the Historic Register and solicited input from the Commission and a formal recommendation on the proceedings. The Commission requested the Cultural Heritage Commission postpone any decision on the matter until the Historical Consultant's report and all related documents and photographs could be made available to the Recreation and Parks Commission for further discussion at the August Recreation and Parks Commission meeting.

Speakers: Bill Wolff, Joe Siegman

#### 7. Placement of Historical Plaque at the Electric Fountain

The wording for the plaque at the Electric Fountain was presented to the Commission. Wording has been shared with The Cultural Heritage Commission and Friends of Beverly Gardens Park Representatives.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rosoff, SECONDED by Commissioner Anderson, that the revision of the plaque language be approved with respect to the first two paragraphs and the title (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Chair Bilak

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Gersh

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. Major Project Update-Metro Purple Line and North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction**

City Engineer Mark Cuneo provided information about these two significant projects affecting the City of Beverly Hills. He explained where the work is being conducted, the project timeline, as well as contact information for the projects.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **9. Capital Improvement Project Updates**

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

### **10. Ad Hoc Committee Assignments**

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

- City Council Liaison – Notes were in the packet for Commissioners to review.
- Fine Arts – No report.
- Greystone Park – No report.
- La Cienega Master Plan – No report.
- Street Tree Master Plan – No report.
- Beverly Gardens Restoration – No report.
- Off Leash Dog Park – No report.
- Joint Powers Agreement – No report.
- Public Works Services – No report.
- Coldwater Canyon Park– No report.
- Personal Training – No report.
- Bicycle Liaison – No report.

Unfinished Business/Comments by Commissioners Including Topics for Future Agendas:

- Smoking at Beverly Canon Gardens
- Redwood Trees in Roxbury Park/Maintenance and View Impact

- 5 Acre Industrial Area Feasibility Report
- Cat event similar to Woolstock 90210
- LA County Park Assessment

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

### **11. Director's Report**

Community Services Staff updated/discussed with the Commission the following items: Update on Dog Park Donation Plaques, Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Update. July is Parks & Recreation Month, Parks & Urban Forest Update, Event Calendar and Meeting Dates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: June 28, 2016/ 6:03 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2016.



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Frances Bilak, Chairperson