



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
City Hall Room 280-A  
455 North Rexford Dr.  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

## MINUTES

### RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, August 25, 2015 2:00 p.m.

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Zoet, Hunt-Coffey, Meyerowitz, Angel, Pfalzgraf, Knebel

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lili Bosse.

#### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

##### Tab 1. Special Meeting of June 23, 2015

MOVED by Rosoff, SECONDED by Bilak, to approve as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

##### Tab 2. Fund 160 – Parks and Recreation Facilities Budget Update

Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer Don Rhoads, reviewed the Recreation and Parks Facilities Fund budget documents presented in the Commission packet.

##### Tab 3. Dog Park Discussion

Community Services Director Steve Zoet reviewed the location and size of the proposed dog park. The City Council has requested that the Recreation and Parks Commission reach out to the area surrounding the proposed dog park site (including residential and business areas) and solicit public comment. Approximately 1,300 notices were mailed within an approximate 1,000 foot radius. Prior to the meeting, 47 emails were received with 41 noting support for the project and 6 against the project. Summary documentation was provided in the Commission packet and

at the Commission Meeting. Representatives from Community Development were in attendance for questions about the recent Mitigated Negative Declaration Document that was presented to City Council.

The commission listened to comments from the following speakers:

Bill Crowe  
Tracy Jones – reading statement from Teri Austin/representing The Amanda Foundation  
Lou Milkowski  
Jerry Sweet  
Martin Watson  
Hilary Kraft  
Teri Austin  
Craig Davis  
Eric Cohen  
Marcia Hobbs  
Kimberly Reiss  
Roark Lamberton-Davies  
Sharka DiVito  
Terrie Gerber  
Ilona Sherman  
Mark Elliot  
Scott McIntosh  
Sharon Persovski  
Alma & Stephanie Ordaz  
Linda Maman  
Tina Sinatra  
Steve Kessler  
Arthur Cohen

All speakers were in support of the identified location of the dog park with varied comments on park hours, resident/non-resident, and small/large dog area.

Councilmember Lili Bosse addressed the commission to clarify next steps on this topic.

Commissioners recorded the following votes:

MOVED by Rosoff, SECONDED by Anderson, that the location of the dog park will be at the southeast corner of Foothill Road and Alden Drive. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

MOVED by Gersh, SECONDED by Bilak, that the proposed dog park will be open 7 days a week consistent with primary park hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Rosoff, that prior to the October Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting, a discussion about resident/non-resident access, whether licensing/ID Cards will be necessary, the number of dogs per person allowed, the division of small and large dog areas, and design features of the dog park, will take place. In addition, a Special Meeting will be held on site to be open to the public. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

The Commission took a break at 3:36 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 3:52 p.m.

#### **Tab 4. Review of Proposed La Cienega Park and Community Center Designs**

Community Services Director Steve Zoet met recently with liaisons Mayor Gold and Council Member Brien, and Ad Hoc committee members Chair Friedman and Vice Chair Bilak with regard to various design options of La Cienega Park and Community Center. Various concepts, developed from public input, were submitted by RTK Associates were reviewed by the Commission. The preferred concept designs are A2.1, A3.1, A6.1 & A7.2.

After discussion, Commissioners suggested an onsite visit to La Cienega Park and Community Center.

#### **Tab 5. Joint Powers Agreement Meeting with the School District**

A meeting, scheduled quarterly, was held at the school district recently to discuss topics as they relate to the terms of the JPA Agreement. Vice Chair Bilak reported on the numerous current and future closures at the various schools thus restricting the youth sports organizations and patron's ability to use facilities.

Communication will continue with the District. Challenges are being acknowledged and Staff will keep the Commission apprised of known and anticipated impacts to our programming.

#### **Tab 6. Ad Hoc Committee Assignments and Liaison Meeting Representation**

Chair Friedman reviewed the new Ad Hoc Assignments. She stated committees can be added or brought back as needed. Assignments will be noted on future Agendas.

In addition, the Commission to maintain compliance with the Brown Act, agreed to be flexible when City Council Liaison meetings and such are planned and multiple Commissioners are involved and serve on more than one Ad Hoc Committee.

MOVED by Friedman, SECONDED by Rosoff, that the Commission approve the new Ad Hoc Committee Assignments as recommended by Chair Friedman and indicated in the Staff Report. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

**Tab 7. Review of Conflict of Interest Code**

The 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code was given to Commissioners for review and comments or changes.

Commissioners commented that at the bottom of the first page, Section 2 is titled "Designated Employees." Their request is to change the term to "Commissioners" or "Volunteers." Staff will forward the comment to the City Clerk and City Attorney for possible future document revision.

MOVED by Friedman, SECONDED by Bilak, to approve the 2015 City of Beverly Hills Conflict of Interest Code with the comments discussed to be forward to City Staff. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

**Tab 8. Capital Improvement Projects Update**

The following items were included in the report from Community Services Director Steve Zoet: Gateway Signage Projects, Greystone Theatre Restoration, Coldwater Park Playground Restoration, Proposed Dog Park and La Cienega Park and Community Center Public Assessment.

**Tab 9. Director's Report**

Community Services Staff updated the Commission on the following items: Coldwater Canyon Park Picnic Tables, Personal Training in the Parks, Johnny Green Correspondence, Snack Bar Resolution, Save the Date for Commissioner Training, Event Calendar and Meeting Dates.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Commissioner Anderson requested an update on the Kusama fencing. Assistant Director Nancy Hunt Coffey provided an update. Due to additional Commission questions, item will be agendized at a future Commission Meeting.

**Tab 10. Ad Hoc Chairperson Reports**

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Friedman/Gersh) – No discussion.
- c. Farmers' Market (Bilak/Anderson) – No discussion.
- d. Fine Arts (Gersh/Rosoff) – No discussion.

- e. Gateway Signage Project (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- f. Community Charitable Foundation (Bilak/Anderson) – No discussion.
- g. Greystone Park (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Friedman/Gersh) – No discussion.
- j. Special Events/Concert Series (Bilak/Gersh) – No discussion.
- k. Sports (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- l. Street Tree Master Plan (Friedman/Anderson) – No discussion.
- m. Teens (Bilak/Gersh) – No discussion.
- n. Beverly Gardens Restoration (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- o. Off-Leash Dog Area (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- p. Joint Powers Agreement (Bilak/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- q. Public Works Department Liaison (Friedman/Rosoff) – No discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 13 day of October, 2015.

  
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Simone Friedman, Chairperson