



**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, February 24, 2015
2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015

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

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Commissioner Bilak read a letter from resident Emily Wolf regarding her son's positive experiences in the Teen Scene at Roxbury Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Tab 2. Proposed La Cienega Boulevard Median Improvements

Dean Howell, Landscape Architect from Gruen Associates, presented three designs of the La Cienega Boulevard Median Improvements. Commissioners commented on the designs with an added suggestion on the possibility of a mid-block crosswalk and traffic light across from the tennis center parking lot entrance to avoid pedestrians crossing mid-block on La Cienega Blvd.

Tab 3. Peck Drive Street Tree Replacement Petition (Taken out of Order)

Residents from Peck Drive attended the Commission Meeting to present their petition for the removal and replacement of their street trees. Eric Schwartz, resident on Peck Drive, spoke on behalf of the group. Ken Pfalzgraf, Parks and Urban Forest Manager reviewed the petition and

reported that 73% of the street resident owners signed it. The next steps will be meeting with the committee from Peck Drive and establishing the replacement tree choice, balloting the street for the majority decision of the tree species they choose to plant, and presenting it to the Recreation and Parks Commission. The matter will ultimately go to City Council for their direction.

Tab 4. Robertson Boulevard Ficus Street Tree Master Plan

Speaker Julian Javor – Business owner on Robertson Boulevard.

The recent community meeting on this topic had few participants. Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf suggested the Southeast Task Force coordinate the item for future consideration.

Tab 5. Current Park Bench and Plaque Program Review

Community Services Director Steve Zoet suggested this item be tabled until the March meeting due to the absence of the administrator of the Park Bench and Plaque Program.

Tab 6. Capital Improvement Projects Update

The following items were included in the report from Community Services Director Steve Zoet:

- The City Council awarded the contract for the upcoming Gateway Signage Projects.
- Completion of the Roxbury Park Playground is anticipated for mid to late March.
- There will be a brief ceremony/groundbreaking at the Electric Fountain on February 25, 2015 for the next phase of the Beverly Gardens Restoration.
- The Veterans' Memorial Project will be presented at the April 7, 2015 City Council Meeting.
- La Cienega Park and Community Center Public Assessment will also be presented at the April 7, 2015 City Council Meeting.
- There is no further update on the Off-Leash Dog Park. Communication with other involved City Departments is continuing.
- Cost estimates are being calculated for improvements Greystone Theatre Restoration. Public fundraising may be necessary to complete the project.

Tab 7. Director's Report

Community Services Staff updated the Commission on the following items:

- Dangerstoppers Video was shown highlighting many of our Recreation Programs.
- JPA Updates on the City Web-Site will continue to be monitored.

- The Community Services Department Showcase is being held March 1, 2015 at the Farmers' Market. Spring Classes and summer camps will be represented and selected activities showcased with live performances.
- Chamber of Commerce Health & Beauty Expo was hosted at Roxbury Park with great attendance.
- Woofstock will be held at Roxbury Park on March 8, 2015.
- The LA Marathon is running through Beverly Hills on March 8, 2015. The Farmers' Market will be closed.
- The Parkway Ficus Tree issue will be discussed at the March Commission Meeting.
- Automated Replacement for Ficus Trees report will be presented at the March Commission Meeting.
- Beverly Hills is slated to be a Special Olympics World Games Host Town. Fundraising is currently underway to cover costs of the obligation of being a Host Town.
- Team Beverly Hills Session took place at Roxbury Park. The nineteenth session of the program will graduate on March 11, 2015.
- 2015 Homeless Count took place on January 28, 2015.
- The Mayoral Installation will take place on March 24, 2015. The Regular Recreation and Parks Commission will be re-scheduled to the following Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
- Event calendar and meeting dates were presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

March Meeting

- Parkway Ficus Trees
- Rose Committee Acknowledgement for take place at the March Commission Meeting

Tab 8. Ad Hoc Chairperson Reports

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Friedman/Bilak)
- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Friedman/Gersh)
- c. Farmers' Market (Bilak/Anderson)
- d. Fine Arts (Gersh/Rosoff)
- e. Gateway Signage Project (Anderson/Rosoff)

- f. Community Charitable Foundation (Bilak/Anderson)
- g. Greystone Park (Gersh/Anderson)
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Friedman/Bilak)
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Friedman/Gersh)
- j. Special Events/Concert Series (Bilak/Gersh)
- k. Sports (Friedman/Bilak)
- l. Street Tree Master Plan (Friedman/Anderson)
- m. Teens (Bilak/Gersh)
- n. Beverly Gardens Restoration (Anderson/Rosoff)
- o. Off-Leash Dog Area (Friedman/Bilak)
- p. Joint Powers Agreement (Bilak/Rosoff)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 31st day of March, 2015.



Simone Friedman, Chairperson