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### **City Council Accepts Roxbury Bids; Construction to Start Next Week**

**Beverly Hills, CA** – The Beverly Hills City Council has accepted bids for a Roxbury Park Community Center, which paves the way for construction to begin on May 15. At the May 7 formal meeting, the Council praised resident groups and staff for developing a project with widespread support.

“I am thrilled that we will have a community center that is in keeping with the desires and needs of the community and the surrounding neighborhood,” said Mayor John Mirisch. “Seniors, youth groups and families will all have a modern facility, with upgraded fields that will serve them for decades to come. Importantly, it allows the character of one of our signature parks to be retained.”

The total projected cost of the project is \$10.16 million, which represents well over \$1 million dollars in savings compared to original estimates. Construction is expected to last about a year. The community, particularly immediate neighbors, will receive ongoing updates on construction impacts.

Roxbury classes have been relocated to other City facilities. Other than the main building, the entire park, including the preschool, will be open during construction.

The current Roxbury facilities were developed in the 1950s with periodic remodeling over the years - the last time in the 1980s. Proposed upgrades included building a new community center, new parking areas and landscaping. The community center plans incorporate meeting rooms, a small satellite library and kitchen facilities.

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