



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Recreation and Parks Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, September 1, 2016
11:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: September 1, 2016 / 11:03 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mirisch, Councilmember Gold, Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Bilak, Recreation and Parks Commissioner Gersh, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, City Attorney Laurence Weiner, Community Services Director Nancy Hunt Coffey, Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel, Interim Assistant Director Gisele Grable, Management Analyst Stephanie Harris, Recreation Services Manager Brad Meyerowitz, Human Services Administrator James Latta, Executive Assistant II Ilene Knebel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: Mark Elliot spoke regarding Chairperson Bilak's interest in converting the 5 acre parcel into a park and the new Bike Safe program at Hawthorne School.

City Attorney made brief comments about the Recreation and Parks Commission discussion about redwood trees at Roxbury Park and related litigation.

1) PERSONAL TRAINING IN CITY PARKS

Discussion took place regarding the desire for an ordinance to help manage personal trainers in the parks. The Recreation and Parks Commission voted 4-1 to move forward with an ordinance to ensure the safety of the public and the parks. Council liaisons provided feedback regarding the provision of free classes, limiting certain types of training, and other aspects of the proposed ordinance.

2) ADULTS ON THE PLAYGROUND ORDINANCE

Staff recommended not moving forward with an ordinance for regulating adults on park playgrounds. With improved response from the Police Department and Human Services, the situation in the parks has improved substantially. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and come forward with additional recommendations as needed.

3) BEVERLY GARDENS PARK RENOVATION UPDATE

Staff gave an overview of the next phase of the Beverly Gardens Park renovation which will involve the western blocks of the park, specifically blocks 17 (Cactus Garden), 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23. The goal is to try to have the work on the park occur at the same time as the Santa Monica Blvd. improvements are done. The plan is to start construction in early 2017.

4) DOG PARK STATISTICS/TRACKING

With the dog park opening, the park rangers will begin gathering statistics on usage. Liaisons provided feedback on the various metrics that will be gathered. Data will be brought to the City Council within the first six months of operation so that direction can be given on any changes to the dog park operations.

5) 5 ACRE PARCEL

The Recreation and Parks Commission has expressed a desire to discuss turning the 5-acre parcel at Foothill Rd. and Alden Dr. into a park. Discussion ensued as to whether such a discussion would duplicate or cause confusion with the public process that is being developed by Community Development for that location. Liaisons indicated that the Recreation and Parks Commission could act as a public forum for the community to give feedback on the possibility of this location becoming a park as part of the larger community outreach process. Discussion took place regarding the way in which such a public forum should work, and that this item should be brought to the full City Council as a C item before the process commences.

ADJOURNMENT

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