



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Municipal Gallery
In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Recreation and Parks Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, January 04, 2024
4:30 PM

4MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gold; Vice Mayor Lester Friedman; Nancy Hunt-Coffey, City Manager; Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services; Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services; Mandana Motahari, City Architect; Joana Torres, Community Services Manager; Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager; Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Amie Sherry, Recreation and Parks Commissioner JR Dzubak; Linda Kyriazi, Management Assistant.

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Speakers: None

2) Request from Recreation and Parks Commission to revisit Community Dog Park Resurfacing

Joana Torres, Community Services Manager, provided the history of surface options that were considered during the design phase of the Dog Park. The Recreation and Parks Commission has received public comments and concerns about the surface of the Dog Park and the desire to replace it.

Staff is seeking support of the City Council Liaisons to continue research on surface options as well as surveying the public for feedback.

Chair Amie Sherry, Recreation and Parks Commission, informed the Liaisons on the public comment complaints the Commission has received on the Dog Park surface. The decomposed granite that is currently being used provides a lot of dust on the dog. It was suggested to integrate a variety of materials that would be safe for the dog in addition to further investigate the options to see if there have been any updates since the prior seven years research.

Commissioner Dzubak commented on the decline in numbers patronizing the Dog Park which is an assumption on attendees complaints.

Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services, updated the Liaisons on the shade structure which was previously approved to move forward and is part of the City's Capital Improvement Budget. The City's Architect has completed design specs and those will be presented to the Commission. The original new trees that were placed now have matured and provide canopies for shade.

Mayor Gold supported receiving feedback from the public but stressed that a significant number of participants is needed. As far as artificial turf, change for the sake of change is not necessarily a good thing especially at a significant cost. Mayor Gold additionally suggested staff compare and contrast any alternative surfaces both in terms of advantages and disadvantages, its cost to implement in addition to the cost to maintain. Staff is to make sure the study is a robust one.

Vice Chair Friedman concurred with Mayor Gold that possibly not much change has happened to Dog Park turf in the seven years from conception but supports staff researching.

Next Steps: A survey will be conducted to Dog Park users in addition to other marketing so potential Dog Park users can participate. The Ad Hoc will begin research on various components and will return to the Liaisons with findings along with potential recommendations.

Nancy Hunt-Coffey, City Manager, suggested adding some broad-based questions to the survey related to the surfacing along with shading and park access to see if there are other deterrents in non-participation.

3) ADJOURNMENT

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