

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 9, 2016**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Saur called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Buckles, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Dolan, Commissioner Omelczenko, and Chair Saur, Vice Chair Rorie, and Commissioner Bass.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Campbell, Facilities and Field Services Manager, Michelle Bell, Administrative Analyst in the Department of Public Works.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Buckles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

ACTION: Approve the March 9, 2016 agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimously approved.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the minutes dated February 10, 2016. **Motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Dolan and unanimously approved.**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

MICHAEL WOJTKIELWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD – thanked Commissioners Dolan and Rodriguez for their support comments at the City Council meeting regarding the proposed dog park in West Hollywood Phase II. He also spoke regarding a petition at WEHO Bistro, 1040 La Cienega Blvd. to petition for an off leash dog park. He commented on the closure of Runyan Park in Los Angeles.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR - NONE.**

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.**

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE.**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Budget Workshop

1. Capital Projects Overview

Steve Campbell provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 9, 2016.

Commissioner Rodriguez commented that he has received feedback from users of the West Hollywood Library that the chairs are noisy when moving them.

During the presentation regarding Hart House, Commissioner Bass stated that commented on a meeting with Los Angeles Councilmember Koretz where he said that the City of Los Angeles should give the park to West Hollywood. Commissioner Bass stated support in pursuing it to see if it was viable as well as re-imaging the layout of the park.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Buckles commented on the energy conservation efforts within the budget. She also spoke in support of acquisition of Poinsettia Park, located in Los Angeles.

Commissioner Dolan inquired about the budget in regards to plans for Plummer Park.

Steve Campbell stated that Plummer Park is included in the Capital Improvement projects which are under the direction of the Innovations and Strategic Planning Division in the City Managers Department.

Commissioner Dolan stated that there are two large ficus trees in front of 1138 Greenacre Avenue that need attention as well as the sidewalk and street. He stated that he would provide staff with the property owner's information.

Commissioner Bass stated his concern with spending money on resurfacing the Plummer Park tennis courts if there will be moved or torn down.

Steve Campbell stated that some tennis court enhancements can be moved if necessary such as the lights. He also stated that resurfacing is done about every two years as part of the maintenance.

Commissioner Bass spoke in support of the ADA changes proposed for Hart Park as well as the acquisition and making it a more useful space.

Commissioner Rodriguez spoke in support of acquisition of Hart Park and against spending too much to acquire it. He also spoke in support of resurfacing the off leash dog park area and getting rid of the bark.

Steve Campbell stated that he would direct staff to come back with a plan for community outreach meetings and some suggestions for an alternative ground cover.

Commissioner Rodriguez commented on the lighting in the City Council Chambers being suited more for theatre rather than lighting that would support the City Council meetings to better light the councilmembers, staff and speakers.

Commissioner Dolan spoke in support of an additional scripted screen in the Council Chambers.

Commissioner Rorie requested an update on the plans for Kings Rd. Park improvements.

Steve Campbell stated that the project is out to bid and the Commissioners should expect an update at their April meeting.

Commissioner Rorie suggested that the tennis court fence at Plummer Park be used as an artist element and provide some visual interest.

Commissioner Rorie also requested that the Maintenance Yard located at 7317 Romaine be added to the annual tour.

Commissioner Rorie stated that in regards to the medians that the installation of pavers be discouraged to deter people from cutting through the medians.

Commissioner Dolan spoke in support of higher level plants in the medians, drought tolerant and discouraging jaywalkers.

Commissioner Omelczenko spoke in support of putting cacti in the median.

He also spoke in support of acquiring Hart Park and Poinsettia Recreation Center and working towards providing a public pool on the eastside of the City.

He also spoke in support of the ADA accessible changes and asking staff for a timeline.

He spoke in support of the proposed changes to West Hollywood Library.

Chair Saur spoke in support of new playground equipment for Kings Rd. Park and Plummer Park.

She also requested repaving the front parking lot at Plummer Park. There was consensus from the Commission to direct staff to further development the design process.

Commissioner Bass requested that the material not be asphalt.

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR-NONE.**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MICHAEL WOJTKIELWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD – spoke in support of an additional closed caption screen in the City Council Chamber; he also stated that he did not agree with Commissioners to replace the bark at Hart Park, which does not have a scent, before addressing the ADA access issues; he commented that the AIDS Memorial is oddly placed at Hart Park.

11. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Steve Campbell spoke about the success of the Elton John and Lady Gaga outdoor concert.

He also stated that the Arbor Day Event on Saturday, April 2, 2016 will be on Elevado Ave. He further stated that the neighborhood is excited that two trees

with health concerns will be removed and new ones planted along with planting in some vacant spaces.

Mr. Campbell stated that the Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented on Monday March 21, 2016 at the City Council meeting.

He also stated that he had met with Elevado Avenue residents to discuss the neighborhood tree planting in recognition of Arbor Day on April 2, 2016.

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioners Rodriguez stated that he never said that he prioritized replacing the bark at Hart Park over the ADA accessibility.

Commissioner Dolan stated that the ADA accessibility is still a priority at Hart Park and all facilities. The AIDS Memorial at West Hollywood Park is also a priority since it was separated out of Phase II.

He further stated a few issues related to 1128 Greenacre Avenue and he said that he would put staff in contact with the property owner.

He commented that the Aqueous Skin project that has been installed at the Plummer Park Community Center is intriguing and educational.

Commissioner Bass stated that he would not be in attendance for the neighborhood planting on Saturday, April 2, 2016 in celebration of Arbor Day.

He thanked the Commissioners and the City Council for acknowledging the work done on the dog park.

He updated the Commission on the vacancy on the Hart Park Dog Park Sub-committee and he asked staff to agendize it for the next meeting.

There was consensus from the Commission to do so.

He spoke in support of moving the Public Facilities Commission to other city buildings.

Staff advised that moving the meeting would be in violation of the Brown Act. A Special Meeting would have to be noticed and the location in order to make this happen but not monthly.

Commissioner Saur commented on various ways to advertise the vacancy on the Hart Park Dog Park Sub-committee.

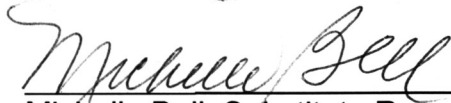
Commissioner Rorie spoke in support of maintaining the current size of the dog park.

He also stated that he would not be in attendance at the neighborhood planting on Saturday, April 2, 2016 in celebration Arbor Day.


13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned, at 8:11 pm to their next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hollywood Public Meeting Room (Council Chambers) at, West Hollywood Park, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

Motion by Commissioner Rorie seconded by Commissioner Bass, and approved unanimously.



Michelle Bell, Substitute Recording Secretary



Donna Saur, Chair

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