



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 19, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Teri Angel, Recreation Services Manager
Subject: Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District – Annual Report
Attachments: None

INTRODUCTION

The City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District entered into a four year agreement in July, 2008 regarding the provision, use and maintenance of educational, recreational and community facilities and programs. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Agreement, the District and City are to conduct quarterly meetings to discuss the level of consistency and adherence to the provisions of the Agreement. Additionally, the Director of Community Services, or his designate, is required to provide an annual report to the City Manager on the level of adherence received from the School District. This report provides for that requirement and is intended to keep City Council apprised of the relationship as well.

DISCUSSION

During the year, the City averages approximately ninety (90) hours per day of School District facility use. This includes, but is not limited to, preschool programs; after school childcare and enrichment classes; youth sports organization use; aquatic activities; summer camps and adult sports. This past fiscal year, the City incorporated most of the District's Adult School program which resulted in an increase in hours used per day from 75 to 90. Without use of the School District's facilities, the adult school offerings and many of the department's other programs would not be able to be offered or would be limited.

The current agreement terminates on June 30, 2012. A new four (4) year Joint Powers Agreement was approved by both parties on January 10, 2012 with the same annual reporting requirements included.

Concluding the fourth and final year of the current Agreement, there have been minimal issues with the use of District facilities.

Items to note are:

- Quarterly meetings with the District representative continue to be held. Most agenda items and issues discussed at the meeting are addressed immediately or prior to the next scheduled meeting. The District has made a concerted effort to meet the requests of the City as outlined and available through the Agreement. The Athletic Director and Recreation staff will begin to meet on a similar basis to outline a field/facility schedule.
- The School District continues to make a conscientious effort to notify the City of any upcoming facility conflict. Most of these conflicts come from playoff games and are unavoidable when fields/facilities and the sports teams that need them are a last minute determination. This past school year, there were five (5) scheduled dates of City use that had to be cancelled/rescheduled due to sports play-offs. Of the five dates, three dates were provided to the City with sufficient notice to forewarn instructors, contact participants and reschedule activities with minimal adverse effect. The District's Facility Uses Calendar implemented last school year has been an effective tool for inputting the City's field and facility reservations. Efforts toward a City Council recommended combined calendar to record all field and facility use by District and City was not accomplished but is intended to be readdressed and implemented for next school year. With the amount of usage the facilities receive, two usage conflicts without sufficient notice is a very good and improved record.
- The City continues to notice unauthorized use of District fields/facilities for adult group pick-up games, unauthorized private instruction given to youth and adults and a general lack of supervision in monitoring usage. Unauthorized third party usage of the District's facilities compromises the contractual and financial agreements the City has with authorized groups and instructors and affects participation levels and revenue potential.
- Requests by athletic staff for longer practices when the high school sport is in session and extended practices during the off-season have at times cut into regularly assigned times for adult basketball play and youth sports play.
- The City is fully aware that Beverly Hills school facilities are already used extensively by the School District for their own day-to-day classes, programs, and extra-curricular activities. The provisions of the JPA allowing City use results in many of these facilities being open for up to 15 hours a day leaving little time for proper cleaning and maintenance. The School District has been responsive to maintenance issues and addresses them in a timely manner when informed.
- Due to inconsistencies that exist with site signage regarding rules and regulation of use, City and District staff concurs that updated, consistent and mutually agreed to rules of use is needed. The City has committed to help coordinate and provide assistance to the District to initiate rule revisions for all school sites. Staff anticipates that the review, acceptance and installation of new and mutually agreed to rules of use will occur and be finalized prior to the start of next school year. A liaison meeting will be coordinated as part of this review and development process.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The City, per the terms of the JPA, compensated the School District \$10,300,000 for use of their facilities this past year. Additionally, staff commits time to managing and overseeing the City's responsibilities and obligations to the JPA. No additional hard costs are borne by the City in the administration and oversight of the JPA.

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendations are required or being offered. As previously noted, and in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, staff is required to provide an annual report to the City Manager. This report is intended to satisfy that requirement.

Steven Zoet
Approved By

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