CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Teri Angel, Recreation Services Manager

DATE: June 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District – Annual Report

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The City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District entered into an agreement in July, 2005 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 shall conduct quarterly meetings to ensure compliance with the Agreement. The Director of Community Services shall provide an annual report to the City Manager on the level of compliance received from the School District.

This current agreement concluded on June 30, 2008. In the final year of this Agreement, the City and School District have worked closely to comply with the Agreement as set forth. This has been accomplished through on-going communication between the two parties. Response from the School District for facility use is received in a timely manner and all requests made by the City have been approved pending no conflict with previously scheduled School District use. When this occurs, the School District has been helpful in suggesting alternate locations. The School District has also been sensitive to the City's priority use of the facilities and providing the City with first right of refusal on any outside permit use requests of District facilities that may overlap with current City use or pose a conflict of interest.

During the year, the City averages approximately seventy-five (75) hours per day of School District facility use. This includes, but is not limited to preschool programs, after school childcare, playground program and classes, youth sports organizations, swim team, and adult sports. Without use of the School District's facilities, many of these programs would be non-existent or limited in participation numbers. The School District has been contacted this year regarding two compromised areas of the Agreement:

1) Schedule conflicts on the High School field and the Swim Gym between high school athletics and previously approved use by youth sports organizations and City sponsored programs.
2) Use of the High School field by unauthorized adult groups and the lack of supervision provided by the District to monitor field usage.

The implementation of a Master Calendar and increased police enforcement are under discussion to help resolve these two issues. The City and School District staff meet and discuss a variety of topics at various meetings throughout the year. Community Services staff also meets with school administrators on various items throughout the year and facility and field use are always included.

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