CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 4, 2009

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

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District entered into an 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 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.

DISCUSSION

This current agreement concludes on June 30, 2012. In the first 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 average 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, aquatic activities, 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 did provide an additional classroom at Hawthorne School for the City's Preschool Program. The preschool classroom opened in January, 2009 and helped to reduce the City's waitlist for this program.

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The School District has been contacted this past year regarding one compromised area of the Agreement:

1) 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 has begun but is still not available for public on-line viewing or on-site posting. The City Council's recent approval of the hourly field/facility use fee will require greater diligence and adherence by the City and School District. A meeting is scheduled with the Police Department to discuss their assistance in enforcing compliance with posted signs. The City and School District staffs discuss many topics at various meetings throughout the year. Community Services staff also meets with school administrators on several items throughout the year with facility and field use always part of the discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

This information is provided to the City Manager and Council for informational purposes only.

Teri Angel
Approved By