



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 18, 2013
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Steven Zoet, Director of Community Services
Subject: Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District – Annual Report
Attachment: None

INTRODUCTION

The City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District entered into a four year agreement effective July, 2012 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. These meetings have been adhered to. Additionally, the Director of Community Services is required to provide an annual report to the City Manager on the level of compliance received from the School District. This report has historically been presented to City Council to also keep the Council apprised of the District's obligations and the status of those obligations as viewed by the City.

DISCUSSION

Due to the use of multiple District facilities which accommodate the department's diverse programming on a daily basis, the City averages approximately ninety (90) hours per day of School District facility use on an annualized basis. This includes, but is not limited to; preschool programs, after school childcare and enrichment classes, youth sports organization use, aquatic activities, summer camps, adult sports and adult classes. Without the use of the School District's facilities, many of these recreation opportunities for the community would be non-existent or extremely limited.

In the first year of the current agreement, there were both positive steps and challenges in regards to the use of District facilities.

Items to note are:

- Quarterly meetings with the District representative continue to be held. Most agenda items and maintenance issues discussed at the meeting are addressed in a timely manner and prior to the next scheduled meeting. The District

continues to make a concerted effort to provide for the facility requests of the City as outlined and available through the Agreement.

- The Athletic Directors and Recreation staff began to meet on a similar basis to outline a field/facility use schedule. The first challenge was the request by the Athletic Directors to extend their time in the Swim Gym and request the upper gyms for Saturday morning practices for the High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams. For the past 10 years, the Beverly Hills Basketball League (BHBL) has been allotted that gym time to conduct the weekend youth program involving over 1,300 participants. The request by the High School resulted in 120 hours of lost gym time for BHBL affecting their pre-season and season schedule.

This resulted in youth games ending past 8:00 p.m. on the weekends. Although discussion started in August, an agreement to concessions and usage could not be confirmed until just prior to the start of BHBL resulting in several changes to their schedule. BHBL does have concern that continued loss of use of the gyms on Saturday mornings will have an effect on League participation. All parties agree that the High School has first priority use of its facilities but the District needs to convey its needs in a timelier manner and realize the impacts that a reduction in time has on the use of its properties by long term user groups. These late communications continued to be a problem for other field usage issues as well.

- The School District continues to make a concerted effort to notify the City of upcoming facility conflicts where pre-planning couldn't have been known. Most of these conflicts arise from playoff games and are unavoidable when fields or facility needs are a last minute determination. This past school year, there were four (4) scheduled dates of City use that had to be cancelled or rescheduled due to sports play-offs and the High School Open House. Of the four dates, two dates provided the City with sufficient notice to forewarn instructors, contact participants and reschedule classes with minimal effect. The City's ability to input usage on the District's Facility Uses Calendar and a newly assigned District contact person responsible for the Calendar has been effective. The system still does not have the capability to catch overlapping uses and works separately from the District utilized Event Calendar. Staffs from both agencies continue to make improvements in communicating and calendaring their respective needs.
- 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 provided by the District to monitor 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.
- The District incorporated a successful 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Intramural Sports Program which required the use of the elementary school fields and basketball courts. The Program complied with the City's request to offer a sport schedule that did not conflict with the in-season youth sports organization, i.e., when it was AYSO season, the District conducted their basketball season. This helped to eliminate some field/facility overlap but did reduce Little League's use of field time for a few weeks.

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- For the past few months, City staff has been in discussion with District staff regarding incorporating the English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum into the City's adult class offerings. Due to the active construction of the Roxbury Community Center, the City will rely on the District to allow use of the current room ESL is housed in. The ESL classes are anticipated to begin in September.
- The City is fully aware that Beverly Hills school facilities are already extensively used 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 cleaning and maintenance. The school District has been responsive to maintenance issues and addresses them in a timely manner. A successful floor resurfacing of all three gyms occurred this year through advanced discussion with minimal impact to City or District programs.
- The closure of the Horace Mann field beginning January, 2014 and the recently released plans for the future renovation of the High School athletic fields will have a major impact on the City's programs and the youth sports organizations that make use of them. Revenue generated from High School based programs exceeds \$400,000 for the City each year. Early discussion with the City and its youth sports organizations regarding the renovation schedule and the impact on the programs and revenue will be important.

FISCAL IMPACT

As City Council is aware, the City of Beverly Hills compensates the Beverly Hills Unified School District for rights of access to and use of its facilities under predetermined conditions. No additional funds or related fiscal impact are associated with this report beyond that to which both parties have agreed and the City has committed in accordance with the initial agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes only. No action is required on the part of City Council. However, staff will be available to respond to any questions that City Council may have regarding this matter.

Steve Zoet
Approved By

