



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 17, 2014
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
Attachments: Photos of the Swim Gym in its current condition

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 are occurring on a consistent and regularly scheduled basis. The Director of Community Services is also to provide an annual report to the City Manager on the level of compliance received from the School District. This obligation has typically been met by simultaneously reporting to City Council.

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, adult sports and adult classes. Without the use of School District facilities many of these recreation opportunities for the community would be non-existent or extremely limited.

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

Items to note are:

- In December, 2013, one of the main cables operating the opening and closure of the Swim Gym floor snapped which resulted in more than two months of Swim Gym closure for basketball and aquatic use. The City's winter session of the Aquatics Program was in the midst of registration. Over \$15,000 in revenue had to be refunded to registered participants. The winter session of Aquatics on average generates over \$32,000 in revenue. The youth sports organization Beverly Hills Basketball League was affected by the closure and they chose to

rent a gymnasium outside of Beverly Hills at a cost of \$1,240 to play their games and keep their season on schedule. The Beverly Hills Basketball League deducted this expense from the Youth Sports Fees paid to the City. The City has not sought to recoup this lost revenue from the District.

- The Swim Gym continues to be a challenge for District and City programming. Issues such as the age and deterioration of the pool tiles and rusted areas affect the facility's look of cleanliness as shown in the attached photos, the pool temperature differentiation for high school swim use versus the comfort level of classes for young children and senior participants in our programs, and the scheduling of numerous back-to-back activities with very little turnaround time in between tasks the facility and maintenance staff to keep up with the needs and interests of the community.
- The JPA provides the City with the opportunity to serve community youth through the use of the elementary schools for afterschool childcare and enrichment classes. At the start of the 2013-14 school year, parents and the City learned of the District's decision to end their afterschool staff supervision at 4:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. This decision caused parents of younger children to seek out the City's afterschool childcare program entitled Adventure Camp. Enrollment swelled to capacity at all school sites with a large waitlist at Beverly Vista. It took the City a few weeks to secure an additional afterschool room from the District and hire qualified staff.

Adventure Camp registration for next school year has already surpassed previous year's pre-enrollment numbers, particularly with the K-2nd grade participants. We will be reliant on the District's assistance to address their parents' childcare and enrichment needs by assigning more rooms for City use beginning at the 1:00 p.m. hour so we can better prepare for next school year. Staff is currently in discussion with the District regarding these needs and is also reevaluating the current Scholarship Program which offers financial assistance to residents seeking affordable recreational opportunities. Direction is being sought from City Council on this matter at its June 17 Study Session. If changes are made to the Scholarship Program, this could result in further increased demand for the City's current offerings.

- A congenial arrangement between two popular musical programs offered at Beverly Vista has worked well the past two years. With the departure of District staff that helped to forge that working relationship, we are reliant on the District's continued support to still make this shared arrangement a priority.
- Better communication between the District is also being sought. The City occasionally hears updates through third party sources. This year the City was unaware of the addition of the Transitional Kindergarten at Beverly Vista, the schools being used as voter polling locations, a spring High School Basketball Tournament, the recent unavailability of the Swim Gym due to floor damage, and delays to the Horace Mann project. The District also has started new SAT testing/training in the spring which has displaced or caused cancellation of some of the City's afterschool classes at Beverly Vista and Horace Mann Schools.
- The City is appreciative of the District allowing the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to continue to be held in a conjoining room to the one previously used. It has served the instructor and the student needs well and registration numbers for that program continue to grow.

- 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 most maintenance issues and tries to address them in a timely manner.
- The City will also, in all probability, experience some impacts to its school-based programs and services as the District becomes more involved in its Capital Improvement Program for all school sites. Although not as heavily programmed historically as other sites, the inaccessibility of Horace Mann during its construction and renovation phase will impact City use. However, staff feels that with early and proactive dialog between the City and District we will be able to plan and schedule accordingly with the hopes of minimizing disruption to or the elimination of our historical programming. Additionally, as the City continues to make investments in some of its own facilities, staff may be able to accommodate possible displaced services on a temporary or long term basis.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City compensates the School District \$9,825,000 annually through the term of the current agreement for access to facilities and other services rendered. As noted within this report, adverse impacts to the City's operations occur on occasion, usually by uncontrollable circumstances on the part of either party, and can have certain related fiscal impacts such as the loss of associated operating revenues. These losses, however, are typically not significant in nature.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information purposes only and conveys information as required by the terms of the JPA agreement. No recommendation is being made to or is sought by City Council at this time.

Steve Zoet
Approved By



Attachment 1





