



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 30, 2015
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

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. In FY 2014/15, two JPA quarterly meetings were held with a third meeting request awaiting response from the District. In addition, two meetings with District Staff were held on specific topics. 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 which equate to over 32,000 hours of annual 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 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 third year of the current agreement, items to make mention of regarding the terms of the Agreement include:

- In accordance with the Supplemental Agreement which required the District to provide additional services, under *Section 2 - District Obligations, A. Professional Development of Preschool Teachers*, the District did arrange a meeting of positive interactive dialogue between District Kindergarten staff and the City's

Preschool teaching staff discussing relevant topics in regards to Kindergarten readiness.

- The issue of unauthorized use of District fields was predominant throughout the year with e-mails and phone calls received from BH residents involved with youth sports, to those who experienced damage to their property (broken windows) due to turf play by unauthorized users. The City issued Field Use Permits to the coaches of recognized youth sports organization to better assist the District security staff in determining authorized users. The permit, also accompanied by a schedule indicating their practice/game day and time, was required of all authorized coaches. The Permit was implemented with positive results, although recent reports indicate the unauthorized users are starting to return. The City continues to work with the District for viable solutions to this ongoing issue.
- Cables that control the opening and closure of the Swim Gym floor had to be repaired twice. Due to the unpredictability of functioning properly, the District informed the City the floor would remain in the closed gym position instead of the open swim position to accommodate certain District sport events. Although supportive of the decision, the four days of closure still caused interruption and cancellation of some City Aquatics classes. Most classes were able to be rescheduled. For those unable to be rescheduled, the City issued \$2,314.00 in refunds to participants.
- 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. Enrollment for the Adventure Camp Afterschool Childcare reached capacity at most sites. The District did provide an additional room at Horace Mann in January which allowed us to register some additional participants off the Adventure Camp waiting list. In anticipation for the 2015/16 school year, the City has already submitted to the District the number of rooms needed to accommodate afterschool childcare and enrichment classes. Access to the District internet and functioning classroom phones in the Adventure Camp classrooms are still being requested.
- 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 which leaves 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. Staff continues to request regular maintenance and cleanliness of the tennis courts and prompt replacement of the court lights.
- 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 at most school sites. The construction and inaccessibility of Horace Mann for field use or basketball practice did affect the youth sports organizations as well as weekend public play. City staff from Community Services and Community Development met on May 6, 2015 with District staff and

Consultants to discuss the sudden closure of three school auditoriums and other possible safety concerns of District buildings the City relies on for recreation programming. District staff provided updates on the safety of the current buildings, proposed school construction, and its pending impact on City use. With early and proactive dialog between the City and District, we will do our best to plan and schedule accordingly to minimize disruption of long-standing programs.

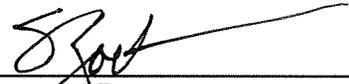
- Representatives from the District and staff met to discuss the JPA Update Draft Report. Both agreed to further discuss any issues addressed.

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.



Approved By
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