



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
September 11, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 180-A at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foldvary, J. Stabler, Vice Chair J. Shooshani, S. Weinglass, H. Fisher
Absent: None.
Guests M. Olson, R. Wunderlich, M. Hakim
Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, A. Maloyan, F. Simonson, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Mark Olson, Regional Manager from Southern California Edison (SCE) gave the Commission an update on the state of the SCE System. Mr. Olson stated that SCE is partnering with customers to promote energy conservation and the use of energy-efficiency technology. Mr. Olson then discussed SCE's underground program where electrical lines are put underground. He explained that there are two ways to go about this,

one is where SCE pays for the project and the other is where the requesting party pays for the project. This program is called the 20A program. Mr. Olson stated there is enough funding now to do another SCE funded under grounding project in Beverly Hills.

Ms. Epstein added that the Commission has already made a recommendation that Gregory Way and San Vicente Boulevard were the two top priorities. Ms. Epstein stated that all the utilities in the area have already been notified and that staff is planning to go forward with an ordinance to City Council.

Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance

Ms. Epstein updated the Commission on the Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance. She stated that she wanted to share with the Commission what was noticed and what was brought before the City Council last May. Ms. Epstein stated that currently the City is at Stage "A" which means there is no allocation with water. Ms. Epstein then discussed the four stages which are noted as Stage A, B, C and D.

Mr. Robert Wunderlich, Director of Metropolitan Water District (MWD), addressed the Commission stating that MWD had a presentation from the State on water banking. He stated that in MWD's long range budgeting, they are increasing what they expect the costs are going to be for water they will have to buy. Mr. Wunderlich stated that rate increases usually occur once a year and even then rates do not go into effect until a few months after approved. Mr. Wunderlich added that the current scenario being considered is for rates to increase 14% to 20%.

Quarterly Capital Project Update

Ara Maloyan, Deputy City Engineer, updated the Commission on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's) in the City that are either under construction or design. Mr. Maloyan gave the Commissioners a spreadsheet on the schedule of the CIP's which are listed by fiscal year. The only project listed from fiscal year 2006/07 is the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir, which is a long term project that is on time and under budget.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Special meeting of August 21, 2008.

MOVED by: Vice Chair Shooshani and SECONDED by Commissioner Fisher to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of August 21, 2008.

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Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Weinglass

Noes: None.

CARRIED

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

Commissioner Shooshani spoke about his experience at last Sunday's Farmer's Market. He stated that he explained water conservation to some visitors and others were curious about whether the City recycles paper. Ms. Epstein stated that staff has tried to put the message about recycling out in many different forms. Commissioner Shooshani was also approached at the Farmer's Market by a visitor who wanted to know why the median on Santa Monica Boulevard and the property adjacent to it was so dilapidated and what the City was going to do about it. Staff responded that it was private property and not under the City's control. Commissioner Shooshani was also asked by a resident about having speed bumps put in on their street. Mr. Gustavson replied that requests for speed bumps are ultimately approved by the City Council.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

A report from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was given by Chair Foldvary.

Resident Michael Hakim addressed the Commission on his concerns regarding roadways, specifically the gateways into the City.

Tours of the Reservoirs.

Commissioners and Staff then took a tour of the construction of the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir site and then concluded the meeting with a tour of Greystone Reservoir where Ms. Epstein provided the Commissioners with information on the addition of the circulation system to reservoir.

Next Commission meeting will be on October 16, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



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October 16, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 180-B at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, J. Stabler, S. Weinglass
Absent: H. Fisher.
Guests T. Ibarra
Staff: S. Epstein, F. Simonson, R. Hickman, A. Wright

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Plumbing Retrofit Ordinance

Ms. Epstein brought forth the revisions made to the Plumbing Retrofit Ordinance. She stated that staff has worked closely with Building and Safety to devise appropriate language. Ms. Epstein detailed the revisions which include the addition of Smart Irrigation

Controllers. Ms. Epstein thanked the Commissioners for their opinions and concerns and she assured them they would be noted.

Ms. Epstein stated that staff would like to move forward with the Plumbing Retrofit Ordinance as presented. She added that in 2010, the City must adopt the new Landscape Model Ordinance from the State. Ms. Epstein stated that the City must either adopt that model ordinance or one that has a value above it. Ms. Epstein also stated that any landscape concerns the Commissioners have could be addressed then.

MOTION BY Chair Foldvary to adopt Plumbing Retrofit Ordinance subsequent to changes discussed by Commissioners.

MOVED by: Commissioner Stabler and SECONDED by Vice Chair Shooshani.

4/0

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Weinglass

Noes: None.

CARRIED

Crown Disposal Annual Report

Ms. Epstein began by stating that in 2010, the City has an option of renewing their agreement with Crown Disposal for two additional two years and that staff has begun an evaluation of this option. She then introduced Mr. Tommy Ibarra with Crown Disposal who was invited to meet with the Commissioners to discuss Crown Disposal's Annual Report for 2007. Mr. Ibarra stated that the City receives this annual report which is part of Crown's contractual obligation. He then addressed the Commissioner's questions regarding missed calls, the future of landfills and the increase of fuel costs.

Ms. Epstein stated that a decision whether or not to extend Crown Disposal's contract for two years needs to be made by the end of 2008.

Lead and Copper Compliance Update

Regarding water samples from resident faucets for lead testing, Ms. Epstein stated that the City met 86% of samples, with 14% poor samples, attributing the poor samples to the procedure by which residents took the samples. Ms. Epstein stated residents were mailed a brochure (also, flyers and a City website notice were posted) detailing how to take a sample, but noted that clearer instructions were probably needed and the study was likely not as accurate as it could have been. Ms. Epstein stated the City has been testing every six months, that Federal standards were met, the City's water is of good quality and that lead content showed by the study were likely attributable to lead content in resident's plumbing, not water.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 11, 2008.

MOVED by: Chair Foldvary and SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 11, 2008 as corrected.

4/0

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Weinglass

Noes: None.

CARRIED

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

None

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Stabler asked when will the meter installation be complete to which Ms. Epstein replied that January 2009 is the completion date and that the new compound meters are showing high reads at about 50% more than prior and that the City was losing revenue and that this may account for the 9% unaccounted for water.

A report from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was given by Chair Foldvary.

Next Commission meeting will be on November 20, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Design Review Commission Meeting

455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

City Council Chambers / Meeting Room 280 A

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2008

1:30 p.m.

Bus Tour: 1:30 p.m.

Meeting: 2:30 p.m.

BUS TOUR: Tour participants assembled at the 450 North Crescent Drive entrance to City Hall at 1:00 p.m. The bus tour visited 713 North Crescent Drive.

ROLL CALL AT 2:45 PM

Commissioners Present: S. Strauss, G. Gilbar, M. Weiss, Vice Chair H. Gabbay and Chair H. Szabo.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff present: M. McGrath, R. Gohlich, G. Millican and C. Bond
(Department of Community Development)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the October 2, 2008, Design Review Commission meeting.
Szabo - Strauss/5
That the minutes of October 2, 2008, Design Review Commission be approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Decisions of the Design Review Commission may be appealed to the Planning Commission within fourteen (14) days of the Design Review Commission action by filing a written appeal with the Director of Community Development; an Appeal Fee will be required.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. 601 North Crescent Drive

A resolution approving an R-1 Design review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 602 North Crescent Drive (PL 0830191). (Continued from June 5, 2008, July 2, 2008 and September 4, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Weiss – Strauss/4

Vice Chair H. Gabbay abstained.

That the amended resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

3. 714 North Palm Drive

A resolution approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel of an existing two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 714 North Palm Drive (PL 0825265). (Continued from August 7, September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Weiss – Strauss/4

Vice Chair H. Gabbay abstained.

That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

4. 216 North Oakhurst Drive

A resolution approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 216 North Oakhurst Drive (PL 0838659). (Continued from September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Weiss - Strauss/4

Vice Chair Gabbay abstained.

That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

5. 812 North Alpine Drive

A resolution approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 812 Alpine Drive (PL 0834227). (Continued from September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Weiss – Strauss/4

Vice Chair H. Gabbay abstained.

That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

CONTINUED CASES

6. 205 South La Peer Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 205 South La Peer Drive (PL 0838509). (Continued from September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Gilbar – Strauss/5

That a resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be drafted.

7. 603 North Linden Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 603 North Linden Drive (PL 0815082). (Continued from September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Szabo – Weiss/4

That a resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be drafted.

8. 604 North Camden Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 604 North Camden Drive (PL 0830999). (Continued from August 7, 2008, September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Gabbay – Strauss/4

That a resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be drafted.

9. 225 South Crescent Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 225 South Crescent Drive (PL 0851709). (Continued from October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Gilbar – Weiss/4

Vice Chair H. Gabbay abstained.

That a resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be drafted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. 713 North Crescent Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, one-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 713 North Crescent Drive (PL 0850716).

That consideration of this item be returned for re-study to the meeting of December 4, 2008, by Order of the Chair.

INFORMATION ITEM

11. R-1 Design Awards

It was agreed that the R-1 Design Awards celebration shall proceed as in the previous year.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

- Chair's Report
- Report on Minor Cases and Plan Review Process
- Director's Report / Good and Welfare
- Schedule public hearing regarding expansion of design review

ADJOURNED AT 5:18PM TO DECEMBER 4, 2008, AT OR AFTER 1:30 PM

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room 280-A**

**November 13, 2008
1:30 p.m.**

SYNOPSIS

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 1:33 PM.

Commissioners Present: Bosse, Furie, Yukelson, Vice Chair Cole, and Chair Reims.

Staff Present: City Planner Lait, Principal Planner Reyes, Principal Planner Sakurai, Assistant Planner Gohlich, Senior Planner Naziri, Associate Planner Noonan, and J. Stevens, Community Development Department; D. Snow, Assistant City Attorney; Consultant J. Bozylinski, Consultant W. Tescher, and Consultant D. Kaku.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted that dinner would be at Porta Via instead of Luau due to time constraints.

BUS TOUR

Assemble at the 450 North Crescent Drive entrance to City Hall. (The bus tour will include projects listed on the agenda.) The Planning Commission will visit: 1026 Ridgedale Drive, 976 Alpine Drive and 200 South Lasky Drive.

The Commission recessed to a bus tour of projects listed on the agenda at 1:45pm. The Commission returned at 3:20pm and the meeting reconvened with all Commissioners present. The Chair noted they had visited locations listed on the agenda to view conditions at the project locations but that no discussion was held nor any decisions made.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **1026 Ridgedale Drive**
Application for a Hillside R-1 Permit and Second Unit Use Permit to allow the construction of a 2-story accessory structure, which would be located within 100 feet of the front property line, exceed 14 feet in height, have a balcony located at the second floor, and contain independent living facilities, on a property located at 1026 Ridgedale Drive.

Furie / Cole -5

Adopted an amended resolution conditionally approving a Hillside R-1 Permit and Second Unit Use Permit for a property located at 1026 Ridgedale Drive.

2. **976 Alpine Drive**
Application for a Hillside R-1 Permit for entry gates to encroach into the front yard on property located at 976 Alpine Drive.

Yukelson/Bosse -5

Adopted a resolution conditionally approving a Hillside R-1 Permit for a property located at 976 Alpine Drive.

3. **200 South Lasky Drive**
Application for a Development Plan Review and Vesting Tentative Tract Map for the conversion of an existing 11-unit apartment building to a common interest development (condominium) located at 200 South Lasky Drive.

Furie/Bosse -5

Requested that a resolution conditionally approving a Development Plan Review and Vesting Tentative Tract Map for a property located at 200 South Lasky Drive be prepared for consideration at the meeting on November 20, 2008.

The following were heard beginning at 7:20 pm. All Commissioners were present.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Beverly Hills Draft General Plan

Discussion regarding the Planning Commission's request for additional traffic analysis; studies and methodologies in the General Plan update, including possible discussion of previously prepared Circulation Element White Papers.

The Commission heard presentations by Consultants W. Tescher and D. Kaku, and requested additional information regarding traffic information/analyses.

INFORMATION ITEMS

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:27 PM.



**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 280-A**

ROLL CALL

All present except Commissioner Smooke arrived at 4:16 p.m.

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of October 16, 2008 approved with one correction.

REPORT BY CHAIR

Chair Kanter reported on some of the highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Staff updated the Commission on the Public Art Maintenance; the Relocation of *Sisyphus*; the LA Art Show – January, 2009; the Fine Art Fund; and the Deadline is December 8, 2008 for materials to be included in the December 18, 2008 Commission Packet.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Cell Phone audio tour Presentation

Pamela Glintenkamp, from Sandpail Productions, provided an overview of the services Sandpail will provide for the production of the content to be used for the Cell Phone Audio Tour.

4. Roxie Paine Proposed Acquisition Update

The Commission had additional dialogue on the proposed acquisition of *Erratic* by artist Roxie Paine.

5. Proposed Acquisition of Artwork by Eric Fischl

Commissioner Gersh provided information regarding a proposal to purchase artwork by artist Eric Fischl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS (INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS)

Commissioner Leonard announced that he will be resigning from the Commission at the end of January 2009. Commissioner Smooke reported that Wells Fargo Bank is still planning to fund the upcoming Weisman Exhibition in the Municipal Gallery. Chair Kanter introduced incoming Commissioner Sandy Pressman who will be replacing Commissioner Gersh. Staff urged the Commission to attend the appointment of the two incoming Fine Art Commissioners Sandy Pressman and Brenda Potter at the City Council meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on December 16, 2008.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Public Art Maintenance and Preservation Subcommittee (Gersh, Kanter, Leonard) *None*
- Arts -4- All/BHUSD Subcommittee (Kanter, Friedman) *None*
- Expanded Role of Commission Subcommittee (Chalom, Gersh, Shepard) *None*
- Cell Phone Audio Tour Subcommittee (Leonard, Chalom, Smooke) *None*
- Education Subcommittee (Friedman) *None*
- Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Subcommittee (Kanter, Smooke, Shepard) *None*
- Resident Art Exhibit Subcommittee (Friedman, Chalom, Smooke) *None*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.