

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
March 12, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 280-A at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, J. Stabler, H. Fisher, and S. Weinglass

Absent: None.

Guests S. Calomiti, CSUN, S. Fink, Holophane, J. Santanello, So. Coast Lighting

Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, A. Maloyan, T. Malabanan, C. DiRenzo, A. Chobanian, R. Talavera

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

Street Light Replacement Project

Mr. Ara Maloyan, Deputy City Engineer, returned to update the Commission on the status of the Street Light Replacement Project. Mr. Maloyan gave a Power Point presentation

which showed photographs of street lights staff is considering and he also gave a review of the testing on the street light heads that field staff conducted.

Update on Capital Improvement Program – Mr. Maloyan gave the Commission a summary of Capital Improvement Projects his staff is working on or has already completed. He began with the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir project which he stated is on time and on budget. He then went on to give a brief summary of each additional CIP project.

Water Utility Bill Redesign – Ms. Epstein gave the Commissioners copies in their packet of various utility bills from other agencies. She distributed copies of the current utility bills the City sends out and stated she would like the Commission's input and suggestions on the redesign of the new utility bills. Ms. Epstein noted all the suggestions/comments the Commission gave and stated she will get back to them.

Water Appeals Board – Ms. Epstein then spoke to the Commission about establishing a Water Appeals Board as Metropolitan Water District (MWD) will most likely go into shortage allocations. Ms. Epstein stated the City may have to limit watering lawns, perhaps assigning days to water lawns to various areas of the City. Ms. Epstein stated that this year's Earth Day will be all about water conservation. Ms. Epstein stated that staff is available to speak to clubs and organizations on how to reduce water consumption. Ms. Epstein stressed the message of conservation and stated that if any Commissioner is interested, staff could feature them in an advertisement discussing ways they have conserved. Ms. Epstein then explained the appeals process. She went over various scenarios and asked for the Commission's input on how these scenarios should be addressed in order to devise a uniform and consistent policy for the board to adopt. Ms. Epstein stated that the appeals board would consist of two Public Works Commissioners and one staff member. She added that Commissioners may be able to rotate if need be.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of February 12, 2009.

MOVED by: Commissioner Fisher and SECONDED by Commissioner Weinglass to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 12, 2009 as corrected.

4/0

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshai, Stabler and Weinglass

Correction to minutes of the Regular meeting of February 12, 2009 are as follows:

Commercial Solid Waste Contract Renewal - Correction to Motion

MOTION to extend the City's current contract with Crown Disposal **and to solicit proposals 18 months prior to end of contract.**

Vice Chair Shooshani also noted that he would like Crown Disposal to "wrap" trash trucks with recycling messages.

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Foldvary gave a report from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

He stated that he reported on the water situation, primarily the issue of a Water Appeals Board. Also discussed was the fact that the park fountain located at Oakhurst/Doheny is not working.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:56 p.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I

**SYNOPSIS
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A**

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 2009

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Setian, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Vice Chair Landau,
Chair Seidel

Commissioners Absent: Millan

Guests: Myra Lurie

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, T. Taylor

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kopeikin.

Commissioner Millan arrived at 4:05 PM.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Judelson, SECONDED by Landau to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 23, 2009 (7/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: None

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – March 11, 2009.

Chair Seidel reported that the Public Works Commission noted that California is in a state of water emergency, where a voluntary 5% cutback in water usage is in effect, and a 5% mandatory cutback may take place. Residents are encouraged to reduce their water usage as much as possible.

The Design Review Commission is developing an award for design of a home. It was suggested that the Health and Safety Commission look at how DRC develops this award to use it as a model to develop an award for Health and Safety.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER:

- In following up on the incident at Beverly Vista School where an individual was observed taking photos of a student, the arrest of the individual has led to a conviction.
 - The Police Department and the BHUSD came to an agreement on installing a fence at the high school. The fencing will allow some screening of the students, but still allow for police to be able to see into the school yards.
 - The Annex Building at Horace Mann School will be torn down.
 - A new entrance building will be built at the High School which will allow for confining access points to the school.
 - Following City Council directive, Ms. Lurie invited members of the Commission to volunteer to serve as a liaison to the School District's Measure E Facility Advisory Committee. Commissioner Millan volunteered. This item will be further discussed at the April 27th meeting.
 - A parent evening will be held on March 31st focusing on cyber security.
- INFORMATION ONLY:

- Pandemic Flu: Stopping the Spread of Germs Flyer – a few comments were given on making some changes to the flyer. The requested changes will be made.
- April Disaster Preparedness Employee Pledge Drive –An example of the prize that will be given to the employees who participate was given out to Commissioners.
- Beverly Hills CPR News March 2009 – no comment.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department Brush Clearance Program Information Brochure – no comment.
- Commission Calendar – no comment.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- a) Sustainability Plan – Environmental and Public Health Section
Director Mottice Muller explained that Commissioner Judelson's comments on the Environmental and Public Health section of the Sustainable City Plan Draft have been passed on to Community Development.
- b) Teen Advisory Committee – Director Mottice Muller noted that the Teen Advisory Committee is happy to help the Commission with any projects if requested.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION ON UNITE PROGRAM BY COMMANDER THERESA TAYLOR

UNITE is an acronym for "Unified Network of Interoperable Technology Enhancements". The goal of this program is to make Beverly Hills a safer place. The anticipated total project cost would be \$59M once fully developed. The City has invested approximately \$22M to date. This is in the form of infrastructure including but not limited to, the Municipal Area Network, Radio System, CCTV, ALPR.

The program includes an interoperable radios system, allowing public safety to communicate with each other as well as neighboring agencies.

There are sixty-two CCTV cameras at critical infrastructure sites as well as on Rodeo Drive and at Hawthorne School. The Police Department has seven cars equipped with ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition), which scans license plates and compares them to a database of stolen cars, cars with warrants, etc. ALPR scans about 3,500 cars per day, resulting in many stolen cars being identified and recovered.

The Federal Department of Homeland Security and the State of California Emergency Management agency have formed a partnership with the City of Beverly Hills in the form of a five-year MOU which will bring more technology to the City.

Examples of other programs which UNITE may bring to the City of Beverly Hills are: COPLINK (real-time information used as a visualizer for developing response strategies for field situations and criminal investigations), Reality Vision (real-time video stream of the disaster to EOC to aid in making decisions), Coco Communications (interoperable voice, data and image software), Critical Infrastructure Inspection Management System (aerial photographs, geographic coordinates and inspections of critical infrastructure sites), Multi-band Portable Radio, Virtual USA (Google Earth-like technology merged with other types of maps, and Portal (real time information on disasters). The goal is to bring all of these items to the City this year.

Commissioner Judelson asked if the UNITE program has any bioterrorism detection equipment aspects. Commander Taylor responded that there is not.

2. EMERGENCY KITS FOR SALE ON SHOPBH.COM

Commissioners were shown examples of fanny pack kits. The Commissioners then had a discussion about selling these kits and larger backpacks on the ShopBH .com website, the Commission decided that the City should not get involved in selling these kits since there are plenty of vendors already selling such items, but that the kits may be good prizes to be given at the upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings.

3. REPORT FROM HEALTH & SAFETY WEEK COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Commission discussed possible speakers to have during Health and Safety Week. Commissioners will use their own sources to try to get speakers to speak at events.

The Commissioners chose a motto for Health and Safety Week: "Beverly Hills: Be Healthy! Be Safe!"

4. COMMISSIONERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PRESENTATION

The draft PowerPoint presentation to be used at the Neighborhood Watch meetings was given to Commissioners. The presentation was discussed and changes were noted. Chair Seidel gave a dry run of the presentation.

Commissioners will attend each Neighborhood Watch meeting to encourage residents to become involved and to be healthy and safe.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Judelson noted that she attended an anti-bioterrorism seminar that she found to be beneficial.

Commissioner Setian provided staff with literature regarding leaf blowers, which will be included in next month's packet.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

SYNOPSIS

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room 280-A

Thursday, April 2, 2009
2:30 p.m.

Bus Tour: No Bus Tour
Guest Speaker: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Formal Meeting: 3:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING: At 2:30 p.m. it was noted the meeting would reconvene at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AT 2:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER FROM 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Bret Parsons discussed his book "Colcord Home." The book's subject, Gerard Colcord, was a Beverly Hills-based architect who built many homes in Beverly Hills and West Los Angeles during the period of 1924-1984.

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: D. Jerex, S. Rojemann, R. Gohlich, and C. Bond (Department of Community Development).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No Changes

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the March 5, 2009 meeting.
The minutes were approved as presented; 4-0.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
Members of the public may address the Commission

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION
Chair's Report from Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

NEW -BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion by a member of the Design Review Commission or by a person in attendance, with the concurrence of the Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

“I move the adoption of the Consent Agenda as listed” or

“I move the adoption of the Consent Agenda as listed except Item #”

2. 620 Walden Drive

A resolution revising an approved 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 620 Walden Drive. (public hearing closed on January 12, 2009.)

Resolution approved as presented; 4-0.

CONTINUED CASES

3. 617 North Camden Drive (PL 090 0852)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence with a full basement located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 617 North Camden Drive. (Continued from meeting of March 5, 2009; public hearing remains open.)

Returned for restudy by Order of the Chair.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. 229 South Almont Drive (PL 090 4084)

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 229 South Almont Drive.

Preliminary approved with conditions; 5-0.

5. 823 Cinthia Street (PL 090 7024)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a substantial remodel and addition to an existing, two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 823 Cinthia Street.

Preliminary approved with conditions; 5-0.

Design Review Commission Synopsis
April 2, 2009

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Director's Report / Good and Welfare
For May 2009 Agenda: Discussion of Wrought Iron Front Doors

ADJOURNED at 5:50 P.M.

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
SYNOPSIS

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 2009
4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Vice Chair Landau, Chair Seidel

Commissioners Absent: None

Guests: Myra Lurie

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, K. Lichtig, S. Berman, Officer D. Chase, Deputy Fire Chief M. Embrey

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Judelson.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Landau, SECONDED by Aronberg to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 23, 2009 (7/0), pending confirmation of one fact in the minutes.

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: None

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – No April meeting.
- Other items of interest.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER:

- The school district is taking a proactive approach to the current H1N1 flu situation by making mass notification calls to all students' homes. BHUSD is also providing information to all students and their families on the virus and reinforcing basic hygiene such as covering nose and mouth coughing and sneezing, hand washing, and staying home when sick as not to infect others.
- Measure E is progressing and a meeting on this was held last Friday.
- The Horace Mann annex building will be demolished as soon as the students leave for summer break.

- The security issues at the High School are still being reviewed as to find an option to make a single access point at the school.
- Beverly Vista School now has the screening fabric on fences to obscure vision into the school yard to deter predators.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- a) Leaf Blowers – Information submitted by Commissioner Setian – no comment.
- b) New Council Liaisons to the Health and Safety Committee – Chair Seidel suggested that a meeting with the Council Liaisons should take place to familiarize the new council liaison to the Commission.
- c) Fire Service Day Flyer – no comment.
- d) Breakfast in Beverly Hills Flyer – no comment.
- e) Beverly Hills CPR News April 2009 – no comment.
- f) CERT Letter – no comment.
- g) Earthquake Threat Assessment Map – City of Beverly Hills – no comment.
- h) Seasonal Outlook for Southern California – no comment.

OTHER ITEMS

Assistant City Manager Katie Lichtig gave a presentation on the budget and proposed cuts. Chair Seidel pointed out that the Health and Safety Commission would participate in any discussion or ad hoc meetings to help with current budget issues.

Director Mottice Muller gave updates on the current H1N1 flu. The most current numbers of cases were given, and it was noted that at this time, there are no reported cases in Los Angeles County. The World Health Organization has raised the pandemic alert level from three to four, meaning that there are small clusters of human to human transmission of the disease. There is a national as well as a local stockpile of antivirals. The Los Angeles DOC is open. Mottice Muller stated that the City's Pandemic Flu Task Force and EOC Section Chiefs met today to review the current situation and to review the City's Pandemic Plan. Also, a meeting will take place tomorrow to review departments' responsibilities in establishing disbursement centers (POD's) for distribution of pharmaceuticals, should they be needed.

The Commission recommended the following:

- Supplement mainstream media information to the community and to employees.
- Increase communications to the community and to employees on good personal hygiene and when to seek medical care, including adding information to our cable TV and AM radio.
- Add information to the Neighborhood Watch Meetings that are currently being held.

Director Mottice Muller responded that the Office of Emergency Management is working with the Communications Office on outreach to the community and to employees.

The Health and Safety Commission felt the City was on the right track in their preparedness mitigation and response plan efforts for now and for the future, if this should progress. OEM will continue to work closely with the Commission, especially the three who are medical professionals.

Commissioner Kopeikin left the meeting at 4:50 PM.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, MAHDI ALUZRI
Assistant City Manager for Economic Sustainability, Mahdi Aluzri was introduced to the Commission by Director Mottice Muller. Mr. Aluzri briefly described his background and his current job responsibilities, as well as his past experience with the City and his work with other Commissions at the City of Beverly Hills.

2. FAMILY OF HEROES – SONIA BERMAN, CPR COORDINATOR, FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first week of June is CPR and AED Awareness Week, during which the American Heart Association hopes to train one million people. Ms. Berman described the Family of Heroes Event, which will take place on June 7, 2009 at the Beverly Hills Fire Department. At the event, fifty families of four people will be trained in CPR. Also, "CPR Anytime, Anywhere" kits will be given to participants. A free dinner will also be provided. Commissioners were asked to assist in getting the word out and handing out flyers to at least ten friends.

3. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING STATUS – OFFICER DONALD CHASE, POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the recent Neighborhood Watch meetings, attendance has been lower than anticipated, but Officer Chase reports that he has received many RSVP's for the upcoming meetings. Lack of information to the public and complacency among residents are also issues that were noted. To increase participation, outreach efforts such as a piece in the Community Newsletter and a mass notification message will be utilized to advertise the meeting to residents. A comment was made that the residents who attended the meetings were very interested in the materials presented. Commissioners stated that the program was going well.

4. DISCUSSION OF BHUSD FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON POSITION

This position on the BHUSD Facility Advisory Committee is strictly a liaison position with no voting privileges and would only be concerned with city-related health and safety issues in relationship to the City's use of the schools under the JPA. The liaison would represent the Health and Safety Commission. Each School Board Member gets to appoint two members to the Committee. Myra Lurie would like Commissioner Millan to serve as one of her appointees. This is a position on the committee with full voting positions. The person in this position would not represent the Commission. Commissioner Millan chose to take the full voting position.

No Commissioners volunteered to fill the liaison position, therefore the Commission voted to have the Commissioners fill this position on a rotating basis.

MOVED by Judelson, SECONDED by Landau to fill the liaison position to the BHUSD Facilities Committee on a rotating basis (6/0).

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: Kopeikin

CARRIED.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK: BANNER**

The banner was approved as long as Health & Safety Week wording is removed, and the location of the Expo is added.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Landau attended the Chamber of Commerce's Health, Beauty and Fitness Expo and reported on the many vendors and services that were represented there.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Chair Aronberg requested to have Health and Safety Week Committee meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

SYNOPSIS

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING**
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room 280-A

Thursday, May 7, 2009
2:30 p.m.

Bus Tour: Cancelled.
Formal Meeting: 2:30 p.m.

BUS TOUR: The Bus Tour was cancelled.

OPEN MEETING: At 2:30 p.m. it was noted the meeting would begin.

ROLL CALL AT 2:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: J. Lait, D. Jerex, S. Rojemann, R. Gohlich, and C. Bond (Department of Community Development).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No Changes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Members of the public may address the Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report from Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting.

The minutes were approved as amended. Strauss/Gilbar; 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion by a member of the Design Review Commission or by a person in attendance, with the concurrence of the Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

"I move the adoption of the Consent Agenda as listed" or

"I move the adoption of the Consent Agenda as listed except Item #"

2. **713 North Crescent Drive** (PL 085 0716)
Resolution of the Design Review Commission of The City of Beverly Hills Conditionally Approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to Allow a New One Story Single-Family Residence on the Property Located at **713 North Crescent Drive.**

Resolution approved with conditions. Gabbay/Gilbar; 5-0

CONTINUED CASES

3. **617 North Camden Drive** (PL 090 0852)
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence with a full basement located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **617 North Camden Drive.** (Continued from meeting of April 2, 2009; public hearing remains open.)

Preliminarily approved with conditions. Weiss/Strauss; 5-0

4. **229 South Almont Drive** (PL 090 4084)
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 **229 South Almont Drive.**

Preliminarily approved with conditions. Strauss/Szabo; 5-0

5. **823 Cinthia Street** (PL 090 7024)
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **823 Cinthia Street.**

Preliminarily approved with conditions. Szabo/Weiss; 5-0

Design Review Commission Synopsis
May 7, 2009

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

**Director's Report / Good and Welfare
Discussion of Wrought Iron Front Doors (Continued to June Agenda)
Jonathan Lait, City Planner, addressed the Commission**

ADJOURNED at 5:25 P.M.