CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 21, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Susan Healy Keene, AICP, Director of Community Development

Subject: City Council Review of Development at 1201 Laurel Way

Attachments: None

DISCUSSION

At its meeting of July 9, 2009, the City Council directed staff to provide detailed information regarding the ongoing development and associated permits at 1201 Laurel Way. The reason for review by the City Council is to address concerns raised by the neighboring property owners and to determine whether construction permits were issued appropriately. Issues related to view preservation, building height and setbacks have been called into question by the adjacent property owners.

Since Council's direction on July 9th, Council Member Mirisch and staff met with the adjacent property owners; Council Member Delshad had also previously met the adjacent property owners. Recently staff visited the subject and adjacent properties. An oral report on these meetings and staff's findings will be presented during the Study Session discussion. Additionally, staff will provide detailed information regarding the project and inspection history, evaluation of the project's compliance with the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC), and the methodology used to assess view protection.

Susan Healy Keene, AICP
For: Approved By