



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
March 10, 2011**

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: H. Fisher, P. Foldvary, J. Shooshani, J. Stabler and S. Weinglass
Absent: None.
Guests: Ron Shalowitz, R. Wunderlich, M. Elliot
Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, N. Marquis, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

Robert Wunderlich, Metropolitan Water District Director, apprised the Commission on current water supply issues. Director Wunderlich noted that MWD's Regional Level 2 shortage declaration prompted the City of Beverly Hills to implement Stage B of its Water Conservation Ordinance. Director Wunderlich stated that MWD has revisited whether to continue the regional shortage declaration and is scheduled to vote on the matter at their next meeting in April. He said that they are likely to discontinue next fiscal year's shortage allocations. Ms. Epstein stated that she plans on going to the April 5th City Council study session with the result of MWD's vote. Ms. Epstein said she would like to present to City Council the Commission and staff's recommendation on an administrative change to the penalty surcharge.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Mark Elliot addressed the Commission on making Beverly Hills a bike user friendly city. He stated he would like to see a bike lane in both directions of Santa Monica Boulevard. Mr. Elliot also said that there are not enough bike racks and that bikes reduce congestion and improves air quality. Mr. Elliot said there are currently 50 members of Better Bikes and that he is part of an expansion drive. He said he will participate in Earth Day.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Enterprise Fund Bond Covenant Policy - Mr. Noel Marquis spoke to the Commission on the Bond Covenant Policy. Mr. Marquis began with a background of a revenue bond. He stated that there is generally a covenant in the bond document requiring maintaining a fund balance as a percentage of its annual revenues.

Update on the Water Utility Revenues from Stage B -

Ms. Epstein explained the "20 by 20" conservation plan which is based on a 10-year average prior to 2004 and based on per capita. Commissioner Fisher asked if this includes commercial customers. Ms. Epstein replied that it does not; it is solely based on residents. Ms. Epstein stated that the member agencies of Metropolitan Water District are pushing for a regional number that shows that the whole region has reduced its water usage. This is very important so that the City can say they are doing their part. She added that other member agencies are very skeptical about larger water users getting credit for their work.

Staff then asked the Commission if they would like to make a motion to take forward to City Council the proposed elimination of water penalties by MWD.

MOTION BY Commissioner Fisher that in the event Metropolitan Water District eliminates its water penalties, the City will do likewise and eliminate water penalties moving forward but will continue to process and access all penalties and continue to encourage water conservation and continue to restrict watering days and incentivize those who do not comply so that the City can meet the State's 20% conservation goal by 2020.

MOVED BY Commissioner Fisher, SECONDED BY Chair Weinglass

Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani, and Weinglass

Noes:

Abstentions: None.

CARRIED

Update on Solid Waste Revenue Requirements –

Ms. Epstein began by stating that last year staff pursued a two year rate increase for commercial and residential solid waste and only a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment for the alley. Staff was granted a one year rate increase and then they could go forward with CPI. Ms. Epstein stated that with the elimination of one Solid Waste Equipment Operator position, the renegotiation of the Crown contract and the reduction of Clean Water Fund staffing, staff has reduced some impacts to the Solid Waste Fund and will only require a .7% CPI adjustment for next fiscal year.

Ms. Epstein noted that this will be the first time this adjustment is implemented. Customers will receive a notification by June 1st stating that the CPI will go into effect. This notice will include the solid waste components and well as the fire service water fee. These notices will be emailed to City Council and to the Public Works Commission so they are aware that the notice is going out and those rates are going up. Commission Foldvary asked that it be noted that the prior City Council has already ordained these rate increases and that they are not new rate increases. Chair Weinglass would like it noted that the increase is only CPI.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Regular Minutes of January 13, 2010

MOVED by Commissioner Shooshani and SECONDED by Commissioner Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 13, 2010.

5/0

Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Weinglass

Noes: one

Abstentions: None

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Report from Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Chair Weinglass gave a brief report from the Mayor's Cabinet meeting.

Chair Weinglass asked staff if the Commission could get a presentation of who is solarizing City owned buildings. Mr. Gustavson said he will arrange that with Alan Schneider, Director of Project Administration.

Chair Weinglass stated that the loss of Proposition O will cost the City approximately \$1.2 million dollars.

Chair Weinglass also mentioned that March 10th is the Team Beverly Hills graduation.

Commissioner Shooshani stated he will miss Commissioner Fisher and that he was honored to have served on the Public Works Commission with him.

Chair Weinglass also stated that March 22nd is the date of the Mayor's installation.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Weinglass, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
SYNOPSIS**

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

March 28, 2011

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Setian

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, D. Chase

Commissioner Setian was absent from the meeting due to illness.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kopeikin

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Millan, SECONDED by Seidel to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 28, 2011, with minor changes (6/0)

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

Noes: None

Absent: Setian

CARRIED.

D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING – MARCH 9, 2011.

Chair Landau attended the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting on February 9th. He reviewed the items which were discussed by the other Commissions at the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chair Landau distributed the following news articles:

- New York Times article on use of radio stations
- Article on Satellite phones

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Lurie reported on recent school board items related items, including the extension of the oil well lease with Venoco.

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Barry Brucker updated the Commission on the status of the ordinance prohibiting the drilling of oil, etc. in the city.

INFORMATION ONLY: *no comment*

Beverly Hills CPR Newsletter – March 2011

List of Health and Safety Commissioners and Term Dates

Commission Calendar

Tobacco Ordinance – Smokeless Tobacco

City Council Liaisons to Health and Safety Commission

OTHER ITEMS

Director Mottice Muller reported the following:

- The Annual Volunteer Recognition event is on April 13th.
- The LA Marathon took place on March 20th. The EOC and the Disaster Hotline were activated for this event.
- There are only a small number of residents signed up for the City's mass notification system. Director Mottice Muller said that more outreach will be done, and asked that the Commission help spread the word.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ON APRIL 9TH – OFFICER DON CHASE

Officer Don Chase discussed various items relating to the upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings (April 9, June 4, August 2, October 22, and December 3).

2. JAPAN EARTHQUAKE & RADIATION ISSUES

Director Mottice Muller distributed fact sheets produced by LA County Department of Public Health ("No Health Threat in LA County: Addressing the public's concerns about radiation from Japan). A discussion followed.

3. APRIL IS EARTHQUAKE MONTH

There was no discussion on this item.

4. HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARDS VIDEO

Commissioners viewed the short Health and Safety Awards video which will be shown at the City Council meeting when the awardees will be recognized. Commissioners agreed that the video was well done, and recommended a few changes.

• COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Seidel, Millan, and Kopeikin are unable to attend the April 25th meeting. The April meeting will continue as scheduled as there will still be a quorum at this meeting.

• ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Landau, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING**

455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Commission Meeting Room 280-A

Thursday, April 7, 2011

1:00 p.m.

SYNOPSIS

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 1:12 PM

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Nathan, Commissioner Gilbar, Commissioner Strauss, Vice Chair Pepp and Chair Szabo.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: J. Lait, S. Rojemann and C. Bond (Community Development).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Members of the public may address the Commission*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Report from the Mayor's Cabinet meeting

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 3, 2011 Meeting.

Pepp/Gilbar, 5-0.

Approved as Corrected.

CONSENT ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CONTINUED ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **724 North Elm Drive (PL# 103 8778)**

A request for an R-1 Design 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 **724 North Elm Drive.**

Nathan/Strauss, 5-0. That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted as corrected and amended.

3. 706 Alpine Drive (PL# 110 1970)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence with basement, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **706 Alpine Drive.**

Szabo/Pepp, 5-0. Return for restudy.

NEW BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. 151 North Wetherly Drive (PL#110 3878)

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, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at **151 North Wetherly Drive.**

Pepp/Gilbar, 5-0. Return for restudy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

- Meeting Recap Discussion
- Code Amendments Discussion

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Design Awards Update
- Report from the City Planner

ADJOURNED AT 4:35 PM

A detailed Commission packet is available for review in the Library and the City Clerk's Office.



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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
455 N Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, Ca 90210**

SYNOPSIS

TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 2011

9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: L.J. FRIEDMAN, LICHT, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG, LEVINE, I.M. FRIEDMAN,
FISHER

STUDY SESSION

City Clerk Byron Pope swore in Howard S. Fisher into the Traffic & Parking Commission.

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Donald C. Shoup, Ph.D. – Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Donald Shoup, Ph.D.

Commissioners Ira Friedman, Julie Steinberg and Lester Friedman volunteered to participate on an ad-hoc committee to address Robertson Blvd., traffic mitigation and the parking enterprise fund deficit.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No attendance was required this meeting per Chair LEVINE.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

David Reyes with Community Development gave Planning Division project updates on the list submitted and included the TPC packet.

4. STAFF STATUS REPORT

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz presented informational items to the Commission and addressed committee.

- a. Bicycle Planning Update**
- b. Metro Westside Subway Extension Project Update**
- c. Tour Bus Loading Zone Update**
- d. Sunset Blvd. Intersection Improvement**
- e. Correspondence**
- f. Traffic & Parking Commission Project Matrix**

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident Martin Goldstone addressed safety concerns on Coldwater Canyon.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 1200 BLOCK OF BEVERLY GREEN DRIVE - RESIDENT INITIATED PETITION TO MODIFY EXISTING PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMIT ZONE "N"

Motion by L. FRIEDMAN, seconded by STEINBERG.

7/0 To modify Preferential Permit Zone N on the 1200 block of Beverly Green Drive, with a regulation of "No Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Daily, Permit 'N' Exempt"

AYES: FISHER, L. FRIEDMAN, LICHT, GRUSHCOW, I. FRIEDMAN, STEINBERG, LEVINE

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED:

Note: Petitioner may submit a supplementary petition to extend the hours to 8 p.m.

2. 300 BLOCK OF FOOTHILL ROAD - RESIDENT INITIATED PETITION TO ESTABLISH A PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMIT ZONE

Motion by FISHER, seconded by LICHT

7/0 To modify adding the 300 block of Foothill Road, and adjacent areas on Dayton Way between North Alpine Drive and the alley immediately east of Foothill Road, to Preferential Parking Zone "G" with a regulation of "No Parking Anytime, Daily, Permit G Exempt."

AYES: FISHER, L. FRIEDMAN, LICHT, GRUSHCOW, I. FRIEDMAN, STEINBERG,
LEVINE

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED:

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 3, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by STEINBERG, seconded by I. FRIEDMAN

6/0 To approve minutes as amended.

AYES: L.J. FRIEDMAN, LICHT, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG, LEVINE, I.M. FRIEDMAN

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: FISHER

CARRIED:

ADJOURNMENT – 12:47 p.m.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, April 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.
City Hall
455 N. Rexford Drive
Council Chambers**

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Pease, Meshkaty, Yousem, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian
Absent: None

**Tab 1. NIGHTTIME SOCIAL EVENTS AND THE IMPACT OF AMPLIFIED MUSIC
AND ENTERTAINMENT IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS:**

The first of three scheduled public meetings, intended for Beverly Hills residents to address the Human Relations Commission with their personal experiences regarding the existing noise ordinance and their opinions on how, if at all, it should change. Commission Chair Nazarian introduced the topic to the audience and provided the rules and decorum of the meeting.

Human Services Administrator, James Latta, provided a brief overview of the current Beverly Hills Noise Ordinance.

Lt. Michael Hill of the BHPD addressed the Commission on how the current ordinance is regularly enforced.

Beverly Hills Senior Planner, Michele McGrath, explained how Community Development, as well as the Human Relations Commission became involved in the process of the potential revision of the noise ordinance.

Eleven speakers addressed the Commission.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on May 9, 2011.