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**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

**CITY HALL ROOM 280-A  
455 N Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, Ca 90210**

**SYNOPSIS**

**TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

August 4, 2011

9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL – 9:06 a.m.**

PRESENT: L.J. FRIEDMAN, LICHT, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG, I.M. FRIEDMAN, LEVINE,  
FISHER  
ABSENT: NONE

**STUDY SESSION – 9:06 a.m.**

**1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Lt. Rosen updated the Commission on Police Departmental (PD)

**2. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**

**Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – July 13, 2011**

Notes included in the packet.

**3. SMART TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

**a. Bicycle Update – Notes from August 13 Meeting**

**b. Block the Box**

**c. Congestion Pricing**

*Informational Updates*

#### **4. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD/GREGORY WAY TRAFFIC CONTROL**

Traffic Engineer Bijan Vaziri presented a report regarding the circulation and safety analysis at the intersection of Gregory Way and Robertson Boulevard as requested by Chair Levine.

Staff will proceed with implementing a "No Left Turn" restriction on westbound Gregory Way at Robertson Boulevard from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. within 90 days.

#### **5. PARKING SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT**

Informational Update

#### **6. STAFF STATUS REPORT**

##### **a. Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

##### **b. Special August 25 Traffic & Parking Commission Meeting**

Meeting scheduled to further study potential improvements to the Sunset Boulevard intersections of Roxbury, Bedford and Camden Drives.

##### **c. Traffic & Parking Commission Project Matrix**

The matrix was included in the packet.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS (ORAL)**

Vice Chair STEINBERG inquired about the striping status on Hillcrest & Sunset.

Commissioner L. FRIEDMAN stated a resident contacted him regarding eastbound Elevado & Doheny and a potential issue with intersection visibility.

Chair LEVINE inquired about creating an ordinance requiring four buses to install headsets.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – 9:21 a.m.**

Aviv Kleinman, a student from Beverly Hills high school, addressed the need for bicycle racks at the school.

Mark Elliot (with betterbike.org) suggested that Charleville & Gregory be used as a pilot project for bicyclists. Mr. Elliot asked the TPC to develop a work plan.

Resident Ron Durgin stated that the city makes investments to encourage vehicles but nothing to encourage bicycling.

Resident Jack Simon stated his concern with open-air tour buses with loud speakers stopping on his residential street as late as 9 p.m. Mr. Simon feels these conditions to be hazardous and a nuisance.

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz stated that staff will come back with what can be done and will also speak with tour bus operators.

Resident Andrea Kune expressed concern of limited parking space near Coldwater Park.

Resident Woody Clark explained that his son goes to Temple Emmanuel of Beverly Hills on Burton Way and there is a traffic back-up issue during school hours. Mr. Clark recommended installing a crosswalk on Burton Way with in-pavement flashers.

#### **ACTION ITEMS – 9:34 a.m.**

##### **1. 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH CLARK DRIVE – REQUEST TO MODIFY PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE CC**

Staff presented the report and noted correspondence letters that were received. The original qualifying petition was signed by 60 % (12 of 20) of the single family homes on 100 South Clark Drive. A total of three correspondence letters were received, including two supporting a “No Parking” daytime regulation, and one letter signed by 13 households opposing the permit modification. Of the 13 signatures, six households signed both the original petition and the opposition letter.

##### *Public Comment:*

Resident and lead petitioner Jilla Benyamin supports the petition.

Resident Hibe Lein opposes the petition.

Sonia Berezovsky, daughter of resident Hibe Lein, opposes the petition.

Motion by GRUSHCOW, seconded by FISHER

7/0 To deny the modification of the existing permit on the 100 block of South Clark Drive with a regulation of: “No Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, Permit ‘CC’ Exempt”

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED:

**2. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 7, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by I. FRIEDMAN, seconded by FISHER

7/0 To approve the minutes.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED:

**3. CONSIDERATION OF JUNE 25, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by I. FRIEDMAN, seconded by L. FRIEDMAN

7/0 To approve the minutes.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED:

**ADJOURNMENT – 12:16 p.m.**

Approved and adopted  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September

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Jeffrey S. Levine  
Chair



FINE ART COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SYNOPSIS

Thursday, August 18, 2011 4:00 p.m.  
455 N. Rexford Drive / Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
CONFERENCE ROOM 280-A CITY HALL

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Pressman, Chalom, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Friedman

**Absent:** Commissioners Shepard, Potter

**1. COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes of July 21, 2011 approved with four corrections.

**REPORT BY CHAIR**

Chair Friedman reported on the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting for August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON**

Staff reported on the progress of creating the letter and packet of information which will go to the conservators for the project of restoring and maintaining the Beverly Hills Public Art Collection. \*\*\* Staff presented an e-mail response regarding the Eric Fischl studio; they are presently raising money for this project. They will let us know further details as they emerge. \*\*\* The Hillstone Group's request to be able to, after the fact, to pay the original 'in lieu' payment and at some point in the future, then, to be able to remove the work or art presented to satisfy their public art obligation if they wanted to was denied by the Fine Art Commission. Staff pointed out that sometimes other Cities do allow that, only if the work that is removed is replaced by a work of equal, or more, value. \*\*\* Fine Art Fund's balance is \$802,986.64 \*\*\* Staff reported on a potential site for the installation of the Millard Sheets mural. \*\*\* Extending the landscaping around the Kusama sculpture has been examined by our City Parks Maintenance Staff. \*\*\* Staff demonstrated the i-Phone application on the potential self guided tour of the public art collection in Beverly Hills \*\*\* Staff presented the idea for a public service announcement educating residents about how the Fine Art purchases and commissions are funded. \*\*\* Staff reported on the Council Liaison Meeting. Councilmember Bosse and Councilmember Mirisch chose not to bring it to the full Council for final approval. They both approved the proposed site choice of the Joel Shapiro piece. Councilmember Bosse is in support of reducing the number of City Commissioners from 7 to 5, Councilmember Mirisch was in favor of the number remaining at 7. The City Council voted to reduce the number from 7 to 5 over time, through attrition.

***CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS***

**3. Proposed location for the Center Obelisk by Joan Brown**

Staff recommended that the discussion of the proposed site of the relocation of the Center Obelisk be postponed until September.

**4. Report regarding the status of Dan Graham's Pavilion**

In light of the fact that both Council Liaisons have selected not to bring forth the proposed commission of Dan Graham's Pavilion to City Council in a positive light, the Fine Art Commission chose to retreat from its former support of the commission.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chalom made the motion to rescind the offer to purchase Dan Graham's Pavilion for the City of Beverly Hills.

Commissioner Pressman seconded the motion

**Yeas:** Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Friedman

**Noes:** none

**Absent:** Commissioners Shepard, Potter

**Carried:** 4/0

**5. Discussion of Guy Dill's *Egalmah, the Great Palace***

This piece was donated to the City some time ago, and has never been installed anywhere in the City. We don't know why it was determined not to be appropriate to install along Burton Way, which was the recommendation of the Fine Art Commission. The other process to explore is a deaccessioning policy, by which we can legally dispose of this piece; at this point there is no Ordinance policy in place to deal with this process. And, March of 2012 is the deadline by which we need to find a new home for this piece.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS/STAFF .***

Vice Chair Smooke presented a copy of the Weekly in which Chair Friedman was interviewed in her capacity as Chair of the Fine Art Commission.

Several months ago, Katherine Timme presented to the Fine Art Commission the project of securing original murals that were in Greystone Mansion that have come up for auction; she is interested in working with two people from the Fine Art Commission as well as other interested City organizations such as Friends of Greystone and Recreation and Parks, to further examine available options in securing the panels for the City. Chair Friedman and Vice Chair Smooke volunteered to represent the Fine Art Commission on this committee.

Staff brought to the attention of the Fine Art Commission, The Patch, a recent addition to on-line news source centered around local interests.

**2011 COMMITTEE ROSTER/ COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS (point person in bold)**

Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Committee (**Shepard**, Potter) none

Education (Arts -4- All/BHUSD) Committee (**Friedman**) none

Public Art Master Plan Committee (Shepard, **Smooke**,) none

Public Art Tour/Outreach Committee (Shepard, **Pressman**, Chalom – Alt.) none

Public Art Maintenance/ Preservation Committee (**Pressman**, Smooke, Potter – Alt.) none

Public Art Ordinance Revisions Committee (**Chalom**, Pressman, Smooke – Alt.) none

Recreation & Park Commission Liaisons (**Friedman**, Smooke) none

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.