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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 SPECIAL MEETING**

October 4, 2011

6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL - 6:32 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**STUDY SESSION - 6:32 pm**

**1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Informational updates.

**2. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**

**Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – September 14, 2011**

Notes included in the packet.

**3. SMART TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

**a. Bicycle Update**

Informational updates.

#### **4. STAFF STATUS REPORT**

- a. Correspondence**
- b. Tour Bus Update**
- c. Halloween Program 2011**
- d. Traffic & Parking Commission Project Matrix**

Informational updates.

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

Chair LEVINE inquired about the signage on Gregory and Robertson. Traffic Engineer Bijan Vaziri stated that staff will be adding more signs and striping.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – 7:10 p.m.**

No comments.

#### **ACTION ITEMS – 7:10 p.m.**

##### **1. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL OF IMPROVEMENT ALTERNATIVE FOR SUNSET BOULEVARD INTERSECTIONS AT ROXBURY, BEDFORD AND CAMDEN DRIVES**

A two part recommendation was reviewed by the Traffic & Parking Commission:

- a. The Traffic & Parking Commission will vote in favor or against recommending to the City Council that a Capital Improvement Project proceed to improve the Sunset Boulevard intersections.

The four alternatives under consideration include:

- A. Install islands at each intersection to prevent north-south through movements across Sunset Boulevard. Islands would be constructed to allow left-turns from Sunset Boulevard to the residential side streets.
- B. Signalize North Bedford Drive at Sunset Boulevard.
- C. Signalize North Bedford Drive at Sunset Boulevard and Benedict Canyon Drive, and install islands at North Roxbury and Camden Drives to prevent north-south through movements.
- D. No Change to existing conditions.

Motion by L. FRIEDMAN, seconded by FISHER

4/3 To proceed with a decision to improve the Sunset Boulevard intersections.

AYES: L. FRIEDMAN, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG, LEVINE  
NOES: FISHER, LICHT, I. FRIEDMAN  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED:

- b. The Traffic & Parking Commission will vote to recommend their preferred improvement alternative for the Sunset Boulevard intersections, should the City Council decide to proceed with a Capital Improvement Project. Staff is recommending "Alternative B," signalize North Bedford Drive with minor modification to the striping and signage on Sunset Boulevard at the Roxbury and Camden Drive intersections and northbound left-turn restrictions during peak periods at the Bedford/Benedict Canyon intersection.

Motion by L. FRIEDMAN, seconded by STEINBERG

To poll the TPC and provide an opinion to the City Council on what Alternative the TPC favors, Alternative A, B, C or abstain.

Commissioner FISHER elects Alternative A.  
Commissioner L. FRIEDMAN elects Alternative A.  
Commissioner LICHT elects to abstain.  
Commissioner GRUSHCOW elects Alternative B.  
Commissioner I. FRIEDMAN elects to abstain.  
Vice Chair STEINBERG elects Alternative A.  
Chair LEVINE elects Alternative A.

Motion by LICHT, seconded by I. FRIEDMAN

To poll the TPC and provide an opinion to the City Council on what Alternative the TPC favors, Alternative A, B, C or D.

Commissioner FISHER elects Alternative A.  
Commissioner L. FRIEDMAN elects Alternative A.  
Commissioner LICHT elects Alternative D.  
Commissioner GRUSHCOW elects Alternative B.  
Commissioner I. FRIEDMAN elects Alternative D.  
Vice Chair STEINBERG elects Alternative A.  
Chair LEVINE elects Alternative A.

## **2. CONSIDERATION OF THE AUGUST 25, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by STEINBERG, seconded by FISHER

6/0 To approve the minutes.

AYES: L. FRIEDMAN, LICHT, GRUSHCOW, STEINBERG, FISHER, LEVINE  
NOES: None

ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: I. FRIEDMAN  
CARRIED:

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by GRUSHCOW, 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 10:10 p.m.**

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**City Hall Room 280-A**  
**455 N. Rexford Drive**  
**Beverly Hills, CA 90210**  
**SYNOPSIS**

**FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

October 20, 2011

4:00 p.m.

*The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.*

**A. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Shepard, Potter, Pressman, Chalom, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Friedman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker

**B. COMMISSION MINUTES**

MOVED by, SECONDED by to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2011, as amended.

Ayes: Commissioners Shepard, Potter, Pressman, Chalom, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Friedman

Noes: None

Absent: none

**CARRIED. 6/0**

**C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING for October 12, 2011 was cancelled.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST – none

**E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

INFORMATION ONLY-*no comment*

- a) The Fine Art Fund is reported at \$855,213.30. A second report detailing the flow of payments into and out of the fund since the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) was also included.
- b) The landscaping around Kusama's *Hymn of Life* tulip sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park has been installed. The new curb extends out an additional 6 feet, creating a larger barrier between the sculpture and the public. Hopefully this will prevent the public from climbing on the piece inappropriately.
- c) Chair and Vice Chair of the Fine Art Commission will be visiting other Commissions over the next 6 months for a verbal presentation and discussion of how the Fine Art Commission works, how the Fine Art Fund is endowed and the difference between City owned artwork and developer supplied artwork.
- d) A new covenant between the owner of the former CAA building on Wilshire and the City to codify the agreement that the owner will replace the original Joel Shapiro piece with an alternate Joel Shapiro piece, agreeing to the responsibility of moving, installing and insuring the work as well as the upkeep of the piece in perpetuity is being worked on.

- e) Guy Dill's *Egalmah, The Great Palace*, a 120 ton poured concrete sculpture comprised of 13 separate pieces was donated to the City in 2001. It has never been installed in the City, and has been stored on top of a city reservoir which needs to be over-hauled in March of 2012. Forward momentum on the resolution of this situation is with the City Attorney's office. Until legal issues that pertain to the City's options are resolved, there is nothing for the Fine Art Commission to do. Other related City departments have been alerted to the situation.
- f) The deaccessioning policy, which our Fine Art Ordinance currently does not have, is being worked on by the sub-committee charged with the rewriting of The Fine Art Ordinance. The first step is to create an effective document, have the City Attorney's office fine tune it, be formally endorsed by the Fine Art Commission, then for a final approval by City Council.
- g) *Home*, a sculpture that is at the corner of Burton Way and Rexford, was damaged by a car at the base of the piece. It is a poured concrete base. Our facilities workmen repaired the corner of the cement base, saving a good deal of money.
- h) Staff delivered an update on the soft opening of the i-Phone app featuring a self-directed Public Art Tour of city-owned art pieces, at the Art Show on Oct. 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>.

OTHER ITEMS:

## F. NEW BUSINESS

### 3. PROPOSAL TO MEET FINE ART OBLIGATION AT 8767 WILSHIRE BLVD.

Property owner Thomas Javor introduced Art Consultant Mumsie Nemirov, who presented a proposal to approve the commission of a bronze sculpture by Guy Dill, to satisfy the Fine Art Obligation associated with above mentioned address. Past sales by this artist for pieces of similar size, even taking into account the price differentials of raw materials, don't seem to support the claim that they are of equal value with the obligation. The Art Consultant will explore and research additional data to find more recent sales records, and will return and present to a future Commission meeting.

### 4. PROCESS FOR EVALUATING ART MAINTENANCE PROPOSALS

A discussion with regard to how to choose the winning bid, once all the interested parties have turned their bids in...there is an offer on the table for consideration of hiring a consultant to judge which is the best overall plan for a successful completion of the scope of work.

### 5. PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE CENTER OBELISK BY JOAN BROWN

Staff presented additional potential locations around campus at which the Obelisk could be installed. Several locations around the Boat Court were presented. There was also mention of Burton Way near *Sisyphus*. Since the City does not own the piece we are restricted as to where it can be installed. The Commission will walk the locations next month; a vote will be tabled until the November meeting.

### 6. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PIECE BY JAUME PLENSA

Vice Chair Smooke presented research done on the maintenance of the Plensa pieces, *Endless III*, and *Irma*. *Endless III* requires no maintenance, since it's unpainted; *Irma* might require touch up of the enamel, at times. The edges have never presented a problem before.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Smooke moved to proceed to explore the Commission's interest in the acquisition of Endless III by Jaume Plensa, as well as to begin to negotiate a price with the Gallery. The recommendation for location would be the NE quadrant of Beverly Gardens Park between Rodeo and Beverly Drives. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion.

**Yeas:** Commissioners Shepard, Pressman, Chalom, Chair Friedman.

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**Carried:** 6/0

7. PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

Staff will secure for the ad-hoc Committee a copy of the RFD developed by the City of Pasadena as a study guide so that the Fine Art Commission might determine a few first steps to take in creating our own RFD toward the goal of the development of the Public Art Master Plan for Beverly Hills.

8. MILLARD SHEETS PROPOSED INSTALLATION

The Fine Art Commission discussed the pros and cons of allocating the expenditure of \$12,000 for a structural engineering report to determine if the outside of the public parking structure is strong enough to support the installation of the Millard Sheets mural. It was decided that since the Commission needs to secure the support of the Council Liaison prior to the report, therefore the expenditure, being necessary, voting on this issue will be tabled until such time as it can be brought before the Liaison for discussion.

**G. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Chair Friedman reported on the Rec & Park Liaison meeting on Oct. 3, 2011. Art maintenance, signage, lighting on the Kusama were discussed. Also examined were development of a brochure to pass out to developers as an education tool about the Public Art Obligation, The Fine Art Master Plan, and the proposed acquisition of the Greystone murals.
- Commissioner Shepard inquired as to the status of the idea of installing a bench near the Kusama's *Hymn of Life: Tulips* sculpture in memorial to the efforts of Barbara Jacobson, who originally brought the Kusama piece to the Fine Art Commission's attention.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Friedman adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
City Hall Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
SYNOPSIS**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

October 24, 2011

4:00 p.m.

*The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.*

**A. ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, S. Johns, Sgt. Mader, Lt. Rosen

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Aronberg

**C. COMMISSION MINUTES**

MOVED by Seidel, SECONDED by Kopeikin to approve the minutes of the meeting on  
September 26, 2011 (6/0)

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

Noes: None

Absent: Millan

CARRIED.

*Commissioner Millan arrived at 4:05 p.m.*

**D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – October 12, 2011 – *meeting was cancelled*
- Other items of interest - None

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD  
MEMBER

Ms. Lurie reported recent health and safety related items pertaining to the schools,  
including that her last meeting as School Board liaison to the Health and Safety  
Commission meeting will be next month as her term on the school board member will  
end.

Information Only:

- a) Health and Safety Commission Calendar
- b) Public Health Advisory re: West Nile Virus

- c) 2011 Positive West Nile Virus Zip Codes
- d) October 2011 Beverly Hills CPR Newsletter

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION**

Lt. Mark Rosen and Sgt. Gregg Mader were introduced to the Commission as the new Health and Safety liaisons for the Police Department. The Neighborhood Watch Program, as well as staff changes and retirements in the Police Department were also discussed.

**2. BROWN ACT AND CONFLICTS TRAINING**

Assistant City Attorney Roxanne Diaz gave a presentation on the Brown Act and conflicts of interest as a refresher for Commissioners. Ms. Diaz also answered the Commissioner's various questions about this subject.

**3. STAKEHOLDER SUMMIT**

Management Analyst Serena Johns introduced this topic. Commissioners had a discussion on which community groups should be invited to the 2012 Community Stakeholder Summit. Commissioners also discussed what the goals of the summit should be.

Commissioners agreed that Monday April 30, 2012 will be the date that the Summit is held.

**4. HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE**

Commissioners approved the health and safety messages as presented in the staff report, encouraging the community to obtain flu and pneumococcal vaccines.

**5. CERT UPDATE**

Director Mottice Muller provided the Commission with an update on the reinstatement of the CERT program, noting that at a future City Council meeting, the Council will be asked to approve exploring the future of the CERT Program with the assistance of the non-profit BHCPR.

**6. UPDATE FROM THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT DRILL**

Director Mottice Muller reported that City staff participated in the drop, cover, and hold drill on October 20<sup>th</sup>, and that the drill was a success.

Commissioner Landau reported that he participated in the EOC radio portion of the drill. Contact was made with the School District. Two follow-up items were identified.

**H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Millan told the Commission about a flu and pneumococcal vaccination clinic taking place at Cedars Sinai Hospital on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Setian informed the Commission that a memorial run/walk will take place in Beverly Hills on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Judelson, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
2:00 p.m.**

*The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Vice Chairperson Gersh, Chairperson Block

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Zoet, Pfalzgraf, Meyerowitz, Angel, Knebel

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**TAB 1.** Special Meeting of Monday, September 19, 2011

MOVED by Gersh, SECONDED by Anderson to approve as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Block

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Kenneth Zuckerman, representing the Beverly Hills Gators Youth Football Club, is requesting game space at the Beverly Hills High School Football Field.

Chair Block requested Staff place item on future agenda for further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**2. Charitable Community Gifting**

Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable presented a sample draft brochure for the Charitable Community Gifting Program. She reported the Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the State. She also indicated that the City Attorney's Office and Administrative Services/Finance are in the process of finalizing the tax documents to be filed in order to receive a Tax ID Number. The draft brochure will eventually be taken to the City Council for its review, and once it is completed, marketing efforts will occur in order to inform the community.

**3. Santa Monica/Doheny Gateway Feature**

Community Services Director Steve Zoet introduced Steve Smith & Dean Howell from Gruen & Associates who presented large scale renderings of the gateway features for different entry locations areas around the City.

The Commissioners agreed on four designs they would like to present to Council. A discussion about traffic lights near the gateways also took place. Further direction is needed on the possible relocation of the street lights.

MOVED by Gersh, SECONDED by Anderson to proceed and ask Gruen & Associates to return with four proposals for presentation to City Council at a future date. (5/0)

AYES: Friedman, Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Block  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

**4. Fine Art Commission Overview**

Fine Arts Vice Chairperson Teri Smooke gave an overview of the role of the Fine Arts Commission, what they do and how they operate. She also reviewed future goals and objectives of the Commission.

**5. Roxbury Community Center Library**

Assistant Director Of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey & Librarian III Suzanne Mulhare presented an overview of the current Library at Roxbury Park Community Center. They also reviewed plans for the new Library at the proposed new Community Center at Roxbury Park.

**6. CIP Update**

Director of Community Services Steve Zoet reported on the completion of the HVAC at Greystone Mansion, the Gateway Signage Project and a brief overview of the Roxbury Park Project.

**7. Director's Report**

Director of Community Services Steve Zoet and Staff provided the Commission with updates on the following:

- **Maison De Luxe** – Event will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Twenty-three internationally renowned designers are participating in the show house.
- **Beverly Canon Gardens** –Update was given on current and proposed fees and permit guidelines.
- **Senior Health Fair** – Video of 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Health Fair presented.

- **BHAAC Cookbook** – Senior Recreation Supervisor Jane Winston-Doman and BHAAC Treasurer Irene Schwartz presented the new cookbook (currently on sale) from the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club.
- **2011 Summer Camp Report** – Review of 2011 summer camp offerings including revenue and participant reports.
- **BHUSD Master Plan** – BHUSD Facilities Design Staff Meeting reviewed.
- **Correspondence** – Commission discussed correspondence received.
- **Event Calendar** - No discussion.
- **Meeting Dates** – No discussion or conflicts.

**8. Introduction of the 2011-12 Teen Advisory Committee Members.**

The 2010/11 Teen Advisory Committee Members were in attendance and introduced themselves to the Commission.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** - No Discussion.

**AD HOC CHAIRPERSON REPORTS**

**9. Commission Ad Hoc**

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Block/Gersh) - The Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was cancelled for this month.
- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Block/Friedman) - Meeting took place to discuss fees and charges. Item discussed in Director's Report.
- c. Farmers' Market (Anderson/Rosoff) - No discussion.
- d. Fine Arts (Gersh/Anderson) - Liaison meeting held. Discussed in Tab #4.
- e. Gateway Signage Project (Block/Rosoff) - Liaison meeting held. Discussed in Tab #3.
- f. Gifting Concept (Anderson/Rosoff) – Discussed Tab #2
- g. Greystone Park (Gersh/Anderson) – Discussed in CIP Report.
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Block/Friedman) – Discussed in CIP Report.
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Gersh/Friedman) – Discussed in Director's Report.
- j. Special Events/Concert Series (Gersh/Rosoff) - Affaire in the Gardens was sponsored this year by Lincoln & Alexia Foods allowing for funds to host artist reception. Excellent weather and attendance.

- k. Sports (Block/Friedman) – Staff met with youth sports groups (AYSO, Little League, Lacrosse, Wrestling, Basketball) for quarterly discussion about a variety of operational issues including civility, turf conditions, youth sports policies and scheduling.
- l. Street Tree Master Plan (Anderson/Rosoff) - Staff continue with plans to replace ficus trees on Angelo Drive with those that have been approved by the majority of the affected residents.
- m. Teens (Gersh/Friedman) – Presentation in Tab #8.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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

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

**Thursday, November 3, 2011  
1:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SYNOPSIS**

**OPEN MEETING**

**ROLL CALL AT 1:08 PM**

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Strauss.

Staff Present: S. Rojemann, C. Gordon, J. Lait, P. Noonan 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 October 6, 2011 Meeting.

**Szabo/Pepp; 4-0 (Commissioner Strauss absent).  
Approved as Corrected.**

**CONSENT ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**None.**

**CONTINUED ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**2. 625 North Elm Drive (PL#112 5974)**

A request for 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 **625 North Elm Drive**.

**Pepp/Wyka; 4-0.  
Return for Restudy.**

**NEW BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

- Meeting Recap Discussion

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- Discussion of Commissioner Retreat – Agenda Items
- Report from the City Planner

**ADJOURNED AT 4:08 P.M.**