



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**January 7, 2015**

**1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: January 7, 2015 / 1:36 PM

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER MAHNAZ SHARIFI**

New Commissioner Mahnaz Sharifi was sworn in by City Clerk Byron Pope.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Sharifi, Hubschman, Nathan, Vice Chair Pepp,  
Chair Wyka

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: William Crouch, Cindy Gordon, Karen Myron

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Chair Wyka, Second by Commissioner Nathan to approve the agenda as presented (5-0).

Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Design Review Commission Regular Meeting of December 4, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Pepp, Second by Chair Wyka to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

Action: **The minutes were approved as presented.**

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 2. 613 ALPINE DRIVE (PL1429397)

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project will be continued to the Design Review Commission regular meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015.)*

### 3. 337 MCCARTY DRIVE (PL1429441)

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project was continued from the Design Review Commission meetings on November 6, 2014 and December 4, 2014.)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Georgana Millican, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Gabbay Architects  
Public Input: Larry Koplin, Kelly O'Connor, Cindy Dubin

Motion: Motion by Chair Wyka, Second by Vice Chair Pepp to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

Action: **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:48 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:59 pm.*

### 4. 217 SOUTH PALM DRIVE (PL1431335)

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. *This project was continued from the Design Review Commission regular meeting on December 4, 2014.)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Georgana Millican, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Aviva and Ezra Sagi  
Public Input: Stephen Reis and Paul Lerner (*via email*), Judith Douglas

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Nathan, Second by Vice Chair Pepp to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

**Action:** **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

**5. 1010 LEXINGTON ROAD (PL1431038)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project was continued from the Design Review Commission regular meeting on December 4, 2014.)*

**Planner:** Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Georgana Millican, Associate Planner

**Applicant:** Albert Taban

**Public Input:** None

**Motion:** Motion by Chair Wyka, Second by Commissioner Hubschman to return the project for restudy to the February 5, 2015 Design Review Commission Meeting, and to name an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioner Nathan and Chair Wyka to assist the applicant with project design (5-0).

**Action:** **The project was returned for restudy to the February 5, 2015 Design Review Commission meeting, and an Ad Hoc Committee of Commissioner Nathan and Chair Wyka was named to assist the applicant with project design.**

**6. 602 NORTH BEVERLY DRIVE (PL1408807)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a revision to a previously approved new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the city north of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Planner:** Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Georgana Millican, Associate Planner

**Applicant:** Todd Riley – Landry Design Group

**Public Input:** None

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Nathan, Second by Commissioner Sharifi to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

**Action:** **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

**7. 496 SPALDING DRIVE (PL1432125)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review permit to allow a second story addition to an existing one-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Georgana Millican, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Tanya Rosenberg & Associates  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Nathan, Second by Vice Chair Pepp to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was approved with conditions.**

**DISCUSSION**

- Design Review Awards

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting (Tab 8)

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: January 7, 2015 / 5:06 PM



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
JANUARY 8, 2015  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: January 8, 2015 / 1:33 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Shooshani, Corman, Vice Chair Block, Chair Fisher  
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rosenstein  
Staff Present: Jay Trevino, Michele McGrath, Ryan Gohlich, Andre Sahakian, Alek Miller, Karen Myron, David Snow

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented (4-0).  
Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes from the Planning Commission Special Meeting of November 20, 2014.
2. Approval of Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of December 11, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the November 20, 2014 minutes as presented and the December 11, 2014 minutes as amended (4-0).  
Action: **The November 20, 2014 minutes were approved as presented and the December 11, 2014 minutes were approved as amended.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS/PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. **8484 Wilshire Boulevard  
Conditional Use Permit – Futures in Education**

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the establishment of an approximately 3,000 square foot educational institution within the second floor of an existing commercial building located at 8484 Wilshire Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

Planner: Alek Miller, Assistant Planner  
Applicant: Ali Rosario, Futures in Education  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Vice Chair Block to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0).

Action: **The resolution was adopted as amended.**

#### 4. 425-429 North Palm Drive

##### **Zone Text Amendment, Development Plan Review, and R-4 Permit**

Request for a Zone Text Amendment to allow a reviewing authority to grant an R-4 Permit to alter or waive the requirement that a minimum of 60% and a maximum of 70% of the front façade of the first two stories of large scale multiple residential developments be built to the front setback line; request for an R-4 Permit to allow two rooftop bathrooms to exceed the height limit of the building, to grant the equivalent of three, five-foot wide walkways based on the amount of frontage along the front lot line of the subject site, and to waive the requirement that a minimum of 60% of the front façade of the first two stories be built to the front setback line; and a request for a Development Plan Review to allow the construction of a new, 20-unit multiple-family residential development. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Commission will consider a determination of exemption from CEQA.

##### Ex Parte Communications

- Commissioner Corman advised that he met with the project developer after the Project Preview which was presented to the Commission on April 24, 2014, to discuss the density bonus and low income units.
- Vice Chair Block advised that he met with the applicant and applicant's attorney after the Project Preview; the discussion was regarding the low income units.
- Chair Fisher advised that he has an interest in a partnership that owns property at 445 N. Oakhurst, but has no economic interest in that property and derives no income or other benefit; therefore this project would have no economic impact on him.
- Commissioner Shooshani advised he met with the applicant; the discussion was regarding the low income units.

Planner: Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Patrick Perry  
Public Input: Anita Rashtian, Victoria Sterling, Johnnie Mae Miles, Jacqueline Granger

*The Commission took a recess at 2:35 pm to allow the public time to view the project models provided by the applicant team.*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:49 pm.*

*The Commission took a recess at 3:45 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:49 pm.*

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Vice Chair Block to adopt a resolution recommending adoption of an Ordinance amending BHMC §10-3-2806 and § 10-3-2850 as amended (4-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.**

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Commissioner Shooshani to adopt a resolution conditionally approving the Development Plan Review and R-4 Permit as amended (4-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.**

## STUDY SESSION

### 5. Zoning Code Reorganization

Discussion of project status, the proposed outline for the reorganized Zoning Code, and Planning Commission Task Force recommendations regarding the outline; provide direction to staff on proceeding with the reorganization.

Planner: Michele McGrath, Principal Planner  
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills  
Public Input: None

**Action: The Commission provided feedback regarding the Zoning Code reorganization, but took no formal action on this item.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Zoning Code Reorganization Task Force

- Planning Commission / Cultural Heritage Commission Joint Subcommittee
- Rooftop Lunchroom Subcommittee
- Hillside Development Standards Subcommittee

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER**

### **6. Upcoming Projects List**

**Action:** Received and filed.

### **7. 2014 Meeting Schedule**

- Chair Fisher advised he would not be present for the February 12, 2015 meeting.
- The Commission confirmed a quorum for a special meeting to be called on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 1:30 pm to consider revocation of the Transitional Use License for The Phoenix restaurant.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: January 8, 2015 /4:33 pm



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
455. N. Rexford Drive  
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**CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
January 14, 2015  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: January 14, 2015 / 1:36 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Pynoos, Waldow, Furie, Vice Chair Greer, Chair Beck.  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: William Crouch, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron, David Snow.  
Jan Ostashay (City Historic Consultant).

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Speakers: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Greer to approve the agenda as presented (5-0).  
Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes from the Cultural Heritage Commission Special Meeting of November 17, 2014.
2. Approval of Minutes from the Cultural Heritage Commission Special Meeting of November 24, 2014.

*By Order of the Chair, the approval of the minutes was temporarily tabled, to be heard later in the meeting in order for staff to gather additional information for the Commission, prior to their approval.*

Recordings of the Cultural Heritage Commission's meetings are available online within three business days of the meeting. Visit [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org) to access those recordings.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**3. Request for Postponement of Landmark Proceedings for the Property at 9245 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills**

Request from Mr. Paul Rohrer, attorney on behalf of the property owner, for postponement of Landmark proceedings by the Commission regarding the property at 9245 Wilshire Boulevard.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Owner Representative: Paul Rohrer  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to continue the item to a date uncertain (5-0).

**Action: The item was continued to a date uncertain.**

**4. Request for Postponement of Landmark Proceedings for the Property at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills**

Request from Mr. Steve Webb, attorney on behalf of the property owner, for postponement of Landmark proceedings by the Commission regarding the property at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Public Input: None

*By Order of the Chair, this item was temporarily tabled, to be re-opened later in the meeting.*

**5. Landmark Nomination for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of the "Kronish Residence" property at 9439 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark**  
Adopt a resolution recommending City Council designate the "Kronish Residence" as a Local Landmark.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Jan Ostashay, City Historic Consultant  
Owner Representative: Chris Shanley, Marmol Radziner  
Public Input: Adrian Scott Fine, LA Conservancy

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Furie, Second by Commissioner Pynoos to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as presented.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:24 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:42 pm.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ITEMS RE-OPENED**

1. Approval of Minutes from the Cultural Heritage Commission Special Meeting of November 17, 2014.
2. Approval of Minutes from the Cultural Heritage Commission Special Meeting of November 24, 2014.

**Motion:** Motion by Chair Beck, Second by Commissioner Waldow to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014 as presented and the minutes of November 24, 2014 as amended (5-0).

**Action:** **The minutes of November 17, 2014 were approved as presented, and the minutes of November 24, 2014 were approved as amended.**

4. **Request for Postponement of Landmark Proceedings for the Property at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, *item re-opened***

Request from Mr. Steve Webb, attorney on behalf of the property owner, for postponement of Landmark proceedings by the Commission regarding the property at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Furie, Second by Vice Chair Greer to continue Landmark Nomination Proceedings to a Special Meeting on February 11, 2015 (5-0).

**Action:** **Landmark Nomination Proceedings were continued to a Special Meeting on February 11, 2015.**

6. **Landmark Nomination for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of Will Rogers Park, 9650 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark**

Adopt a resolution recommending the City Council designate Will Rogers Park as a Local Landmark

Ex Parte Communications: Chair Beck advised that she had spoken with members of the Recreation and Parks Commission regarding Landmark consideration of Will Rogers Park.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Beck, Second by Vice Chair Greer to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.**

**7. Landmark Nomination for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of "Celluloid", a monument celebrating the independence of the City of Beverly Hills, by artist Merrell Gage on Olympic Boulevard at Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark**

Adopt a resolution recommending City Council designate "Celluloid" as a Local Landmark.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Jan Ostashay, City Historic Consultant  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Waldow, Second by Vice Chair Greer to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as presented.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

- Urban Designer William Crouch advised of a Planning Commission / Cultural Heritage Commission / City Council Liaison meeting which was scheduled for January 15, 2015. Assistant City Attorney David Snow advised of Brown Act guidelines as they apply to this meeting.
- Associate Planner Reina Kapadia provided an update on the Historic Incentive Permit, as well as the Historic Walking App.
- Urban Designer William Crouch discussed potential revisions to the Master Architect List. An Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioner Pynoos and Vice Chair Greer was established to work with the City's Historic Consultant, Jan Ostashay, to assist staff in updating the Master Architect List.
- At the request of Chair Beck and with the concurrence of the Commission, the date of the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting in April was changed to April 21, 2015.

**8. Project Log Involving Master Architect Properties**

Historic Property Project Log involving Master Architect Properties

**Action:** Received and filed.

**9. Historic Property Nomination Log**

Historic Property Nomination Log for potential Landmark Designation

**Action:** Received and filed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: January 14, 2014 /4:10 PM



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
SYNOPSIS**

January 15, 2015  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
City Hall, 280-A  
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Anderson, Kyriazi

**Tab 1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF December 18, 2014:**

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Berman to approve as presented (5/0)

AYES: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**HRC REPRESENTATIVES**

Howard Goldstein, from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD), was not present.

Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Sergeant Kurt Haefs updated the Commission on:

- No hate crimes reported this month.
- Continue to utilize bicycle unit to assist Human Services with panhandling and homelessness issues.
- A Crime Suppression Unit has been organized to work on auto and commercial burglaries that have occurred in the business district the past few months.
- Organizing a Citizen's Academy that community members can participate in.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta, L.C.S.W.

- Video shown from the January 13, 2015 City Council meeting, where staff presented an update from the Older Adult Health & Safety collaborative which occurred November 4, 2014.
- Community Services presented to Team Beverly Hills on January 14, 2015.
- Centennial Time Capsule Dedication being held January 25 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Will Rogers Park.
- 2015 Homeless Count being held January 28, 2015 from 8 p.m. – midnight.
- Healthy Lunch and Learn on January 28, 2015 from noon to 1 p.m. on Finances.
- There is one opening on the Human Relations Commission and applications are being accepted by the City Clerk's office until January 16, 2015.
- Recognition of Commissioner Ginsburg's retirement from the HRC at the formal City Council meeting on February 3, 2015 at 7 p.m.

## **CHAIR REPORT:**

The December report was provided in the packet.

## **Tab 3. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ROTATION:**

Annual rotation and election of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

**MOTION** by Ginsburg, **SECONDED** by Popovich Levyn: I would like to nominate Ori Blumenfeld as the next Chair of the Human Relations Commission. (5/0)

**AYES:** Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Blumenfeld, **SECONDED** by Ginsburg: I would like to nominate Karen Popovich Levyn as the next Vice-Chair of the Human Relations Commission. (5/0)

**AYES:** Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**CARRIED**

**Tab 4. BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION:**

Attorney Jeffrey Shane, from the Beverly Hill Bar Association, along with President Linda E. Spiegel, presented information about resources and services to support tenants and landlords.

**Tab 5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:**

Administrator Latta reviewed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as a resource for qualifying tenants and their landlords.

**Tab 6. TENANT LANDLORD PUBLIC FORUM:**

Nestor Otazu, Code Enforcement Manager, reviewed the rent stabilization and code enforcement issues that often lead to tenant/landlord conflict.

MOTION by Ginsburg, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn: move that we accept the five (5) suggested proposals for further discussion with our liaisons, without prioritizing at this time. (5/0)

AYES: Berman, Friedman, Ginsburg, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

Publicist Heather Sumagaysay reviewed the program promotion resources with the Commission.

**Tab 7. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND:**

Administrator Latta discussed the Commission's additional responsibility of participating in the review of the Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF) applicants for FY 2015/16.

**Tab 8. POSITIVE CHANGE NOT SPARE CHANGE:**

Administrator Latta explained the rights of panhandling versus aggressive panhandling and reviewed programs and directions the HRC could support.

Commission to study attachments and item to be placed at top of next month's agenda.

**Tab 9. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

The current and pending agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- Continue Positive Change Not Spare Change
- One Book One City

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Berman: move that One Book One City moves to the forefront of next month's agenda. (5/0)

AYES: Berman, Friedman, Ginsburg, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Commissioner Friedman congratulated Chair Blumenfeld on his first meeting and looks forward to a successful year.

Vice-Chair Popovich Levyn acknowledged the Commission has their plates full and will be continuing the same projects plus more.

Commissioner Berman and Ginsburg additionally congratulated Chair Blumenfeld.

**CALENDAR FOR 2015 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:**

**ADJOURN**

Chair Blumenfeld adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.



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## SYNOPSIS

### FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING January 15, 2015 4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 P.M.

Michael Smooke, Fine Art Commissioner- elect was sworn in by Byron Pope, City Clerk.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, P. Acuna, L. Foraker

#### **1. COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Minutes of December 18, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as amended.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

none

#### **2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, and Lois Foraker)**

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$ 2,510,171.00.
- B. Carol Bove's Gallery reported that the piece weighs 1250 lbs, and they clarified the fabricator will not be a hands on participant during the installation. He will observe and make suggestions. The Gallery will send a couple of photographs of the piece as it's being worked on.
- C. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of December, 2014 are in the packet.
- D. The 2<sup>nd</sup> public reading of the newly approved Fine Art Ordinance took place at the January 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, and will therefore be fully input in the Municipal Code by February 6th.
- E. The Commission priorities continue to be focused on the Kusama fencing, Developer chosen art project, the Bove acquisition, and decomposed granite issues. Priorities will be re-examined at one of the upcoming meetings.

- F. The Commission restructuring will be adapted in early February; City Attorney Lolly Enriquez will attend the February 19 FAC meeting to discuss the restructuring as well as provide a tutorial on the Brown Act for newly seated Commissioners.
- G. The proposed enhancement of Hunter and Hounds into a more pronounced and formal War Memorial will be presented to City Council on February 3, or 17.
- H. There has been movement on a substantial number of the properties where public art pieces have been removed, resulting in these properties being out of compliance. Representatives of 350 S. Beverly will present their ideas to staff for preliminary guidance. 440 N. Rodeo had 3 canvases, at least 2 of which are damaged; they are considering restoration. 2 Rodeo had 2 columns removed, created by Italian sisters. This issue is in progress as well. The Beverly Hills Hotel is examining an appropriate course of action.

- **Other Items**

***CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS***

**3. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER, MICHAEL SMOOKE**

City Clerk, Byron Pope, administered the oath to Michael Smooke, performing his first duty as a fully credentialed Fine Art Commissioner, after which he was officially seated at the dais. His wife, Terri Smooke, herself a former Fine Art Commissioner, and granddaughter, Eva, were there to witness the swearing in.

**4. PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE *COUPS DE PINCEAU* BY LICHTENSTEIN**

Diane Rosenstein, Art Consultant, representing the Lichtenstein Foundation and The Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, and Jerry Magnin, President of the Board of the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts presented to the Fine Art Commission the possibility of purchasing the Lichtenstein piece, *Coups de Pinceau (Brushstrokes)* that is currently installed on the corner of Little Santa Monica and Crescent Drive. The Annenberg currently has the piece on loan for 3 years with an annual right to renew the loan. While the value of the art was never in doubt, nor the credentials of the artist, the concern of the Commission always came back to the price of the piece, the market value of which is in the vicinity of 6 million dollars. They felt that even if the Foundation dropped the price an unheard of 50%, the 3 million price tag would remain out of reach. They also felt that to commit in 2015 that future Commissions would pay off a debt entered into by this current Commission would be grossly unfair to the energies of future civic volunteers.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hiller proposed that the Fine Art Commission not pursue the purchase of the Roy Lichtenstein sculpture because of the fiscal obligation it represents. Vice Chair Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioners Smooke, Kaye and Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**5. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING**

On January 14, Chair Pressman, Vice Chair Potter and staff met with Mayor Bosse and Vice Mayor Gold and Staff to discuss several items: the proposed acquisition of Wm. Kentridge's *World on It's Hind Legs*; the proposed fencing design to protect Kusama's *Hymn of Life*; the proposed loan of Richard Serra's TWINS; and the proposed donation from the Estate of Carol Wiseman of a piece by Woods Davy. Chair Pressman and Vice Chair Potter presented the points made by the Liaison, the questions and requests for more information. Vice Mayor Gold suggested that the Commission consider having an appraisal done on the entire collection of City-owned public art pieces. Mayor Bosse commented it was the most exciting group of issues to be brought for discussion by the Fine Art Commission and she is looking forward to the progress of these projects.

**6. DISCUSSION REGARDING FENCING AROUND THE KUSAMA**

During the discussion Mr. Lavezzo had with Building and Safety regarding the space between horizontal cables to satisfy the safety element, it was determined by the permitting office that Mr. Lavezzo would need to bring in an engineer to sign off on the footings of the individual arms of his railing design. Current contract with designer will be expanded to an additional \$3815.00 to cover the engineering aspect.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Potter moved to approve the additional not to exceed funds of \$4300 for the necessary engineering, as well as the aerial rendering of the Kusama fencing design project. Commissioner Kaye seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Smooke, Commissioner Hiller, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**7. PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR CENTER OBELISK**

Commissioner Hiller restated her position on the Burton Way location being a solid choice; she provided historical perspective on the relevance of obelisks in marking boundaries. The location she prefers marks the boundary between Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. City Staff visited the new Roxbury Community Center; in front of the Public Works Building on Foothill, in the planter; in Maltz Park; and at the entrance to Roxbury Park, where *Mah Jong* was formerly installed taking photos in each spot, photo shopping in the obelisk to give a somewhat realistic version of what the piece would look like in that spot. It was decided to seriously consider the planter area in front of Public Works on Foothill, and the entrance to Roxbury Park along Olympic Blvd. as the 2 most favored locations. More information will be provided at one of our future meetings.

**8. DECOMPOSED GRANITE AROUND ART PIECES**

Staff and representatives of TruGreen met at *Conversation* in Roxbury Park, in back of the Center. They compacted the decomposed granite and applied the bonding material. It was decided to keep the caution tape up for 1 full week before allowing the public access to the area to make sure we allow the stabilizing agent a long time to set. We will further report on the outcome of the project at the February FAC meeting.

**9. POSSIBLE USE OF PHOTOS TO SATISFY ART REQUIREMENT FOR BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL**

The Beverly Hills Hotel had purchased a large format photograph by celebrity photographer, Terry O'Neill, and wanted to know if Mr. O'Neill's photography would meet the criteria put forth in the Ordinance, as they would like to purchase more by Mr. O'Neill for the Hotel to satisfy their obligation, if possible.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hiller moved that the Beverly Hills Hotel not pursue the purchase of Terry O'Neill photographs to meet their Fine Art Obligation because he does not satisfy the criteria set forth in the Fine Art Ordinance. Vice Chair Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioners Smooke, Kaye and Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**10. ANCILLARY COSTS AND NEXT STEPS FOR WM. KENTRIDGE'S *WORLD ON IT'S HIND LEGS***

Mr. Kentridge's Gallery presented the figures attached to 2 studio reps coming out from So. Africa to oversee installation, when and if the piece is approved by City Council. The Gallery also responded to questions about the weight of the piece, the concrete platform on which it's installed, shipping costs from So. Africa, insurance issues, construction issues, and the gallery personnel to perform the construction. The Commission will resume the momentum forward with acquiring the artwork after it's been presented to City Council and approved.

**Comments by Commissioners**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.**



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
January 21, 2015  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: January 21, 2015 / 1:32 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kaye, Peteris, Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Chair Bernstein

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Blakeley

Staff Present: Jay Trevino, Cindy Gordon, Georgana Millican, Karen Myron

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Speakers: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow to approve the agenda as amended, moving Item #8, Seven Palace, to the Consent Calendar (4-0).

**Action: The agenda was approved as amended.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Architectural Commission Special Meeting on December 17, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).

**Action: The minutes were approved as presented.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. **SALVATORE FERRAGAMO (PL1433330)**  
357 North Rodeo Drive

Request for approval of a construction barricade graphic. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Ashok Vanmali – Gruen Associates  
Public Input: None

**2. HONOR WINE & SPIRITS (PL1433257)**

**114 South Beverly Drive**

Request for approval of a revision to a previously approved sign accommodation to allow business identification signage to project above an architectural canopy. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Kelly Wallace – Hillstone Restaurant Group  
Public Input: None

**8. SEVEN PALACE (PL1500218)**

**9669 Brighton Way**

Request for approval of a façade remodel and a business identification sign. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Louise Chen – Studio Quartet  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Peteris to approve the Consent Calendar as amended (4-0).

Action: **The Consent Calendar was approved as amended.**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**4. FREE PEOPLE (PL1431895)**

**370 North Canon Drive**

Request for approval of a façade modification, an alley-oriented business identification sign, a sign accommodation to allow a non-entry elevation sign to exceed thirty square feet, and construction barricade graphic. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project will be continued to the February 18, 2015 Architectural Commission meeting)*

**NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5. EMPORIO ARMANI (PL1500096)**

**338 North Rodeo Drive**

Request for approval of a façade remodel, a business identification sign, and a construction barricade graphic. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Phil Tollios – Burnham Nationwide  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Kay to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.**

**6. FARRO (PL1500113)**

**9845 South Santa Monica Boulevard**

Request for approval of a façade remodel, a business identification sign, and a construction barricade. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Jacob Webster – All American Permits  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Peteris to approve the resolution as amended, and an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioners Kaye and Peteris was established to review on-site façade illumination (4-0).

**Action: The resolution was adopted as amended, and an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioners Kaye and Peteris was established to review on-site façade illumination.**

**7. DONALD GRUENBERG (PL1500193)**

**344 North Beverly Drive**

Request for approval of a façade remodel, a business identification sign, and a construction barricade. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner

Project Agent: Archive Design Group, LLC  
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Kaye to adopt the resolution as presented (4-0).

Action: **The resolution was adopted as presented.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:54 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:01 pm.*

#### **DISCUSSION**

- Architectural Awards

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Mayor's Cabinet Report (**Tab 9**)
- Vice Chair Gardner Apatow provided an update from a recent City Council Liaison meeting.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

- Staff-level Approvals (**Tab 10**)

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: January 21, 2015 /3:34 PM



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
JANUARY 22, 2015  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: January 22, 2015 / 1:34 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Shooshani, Corman, Vice Chair Block, Chair Fisher  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Jay Trevino, Michele McGrath, Ryan Gohlich, Andre Sahakian, Timothea Tway, Karen Myron, David Snow

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented.  
Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of January 8, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Chair Fisher, Second by Commissioner Corman to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).  
Action: **The minutes were approved as presented.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS/PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. **1184-1193 Loma Linda Drive**

**Hillside R-1 Permit, Tree Removal Permit, and Amendment of the Streets Master Plan**  
Request to continue the hearing to a date uncertain, for a Hillside R-1 Permit to allow cumulative floor area exceeding 15,000 square feet and landform alterations exceeding 3,000 cubic yards of export, a request for a tree removal permit to remove one protected

tree, and a request to amend the Streets master Plan to vacate portions of Loma Linda Drive and an intersecting, unimproved alley, and dedicate portions of the subject property for a new turnaround at the property located at 1184-1193 Loma Linda Drive.

**Planner:** Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Vice Chair Block to continue the item to a date uncertain (4-0).

**Action:** **The item was continued to a date uncertain.**

**3. 1506 Lexington Road  
Hillside R-1 Permit**

Request to amend a previously approved Hillside R-1 Permit to allow the total cumulative floor area on the site to exceed 15,000 square feet, allow a porch/deck more than three feet (3') above grade on an accessory structure on an estate property, and to allow the export of more than 3,000 cubic yards of earth material from the subject property. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

**Planner:** Ryan Gohlich, Senior Planner

**Applicant:** Hamid Gabbay

**Public Input:** None

**Motion:** Motion by Vice Chair Block, Second by Commissioner Corman to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0).

**Action:** **The resolution was adopted as amended.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:19 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:42 pm.*

**STUDY SESSION**

**4. 1021 North Beverly Drive and 1054 Shadow Hill Way  
Zone Text Amendment and Lot Line Adjustment**

Request to continue the discussion, to a date uncertain, regarding amendments to Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-2-805 regarding minimum lot standards for lot line adjustments.

**Planner:** Ryan Gohlich, Senior Planner

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Vice Chair Block to continue the item to a date uncertain (4-0).

**Action:** **The item was continued to a date uncertain.**

#### **5. Disaster Recovery Ordinance Update**

Discuss current disaster recovery ordinances and direct staff to return with a draft ordinance.

**Planner:** Timothea Tway, Associate Planner

**Public Input:** None.

**Action:** **The Commission provided feedback and directed staff to return with a revised Ordinance for a public hearing in March 2015.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Commissioner Corman provided an update from the recent Planning Commission / Cultural Heritage Commission / City Council Liaison meeting regarding the Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Chair Fisher requested that the Hillside Development Standards Subcommittee be dissolved.
- Chair Fisher requested that the reassignment of Commissioners on standing Committees be postponed until at least one new member has been appointed to the Commission.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Commissioner Shooshani expressed concerns regarding holiday lighting and landscaping requirements in the City after major construction projects.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER**

- Senior Planner Ryan Gohlich provided an update on The Phoenix restaurant at 14 North La Cienega Boulevard.
- Principal Planner Michele McGrath provided an update on both In-Lieu Parking and Automated Parking.

**6. Upcoming Projects List**

**Action:** Received and filed.

**7. Building Permit Activity Report – 12/1/14 thru 12/31/14**

**Action:** Received and filed.

**8. 2015 Meeting Schedule**

- Chair Fisher advised he would not be present at the February 12, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Date / Time:** January 22, 2015 /3:33 pm