



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 21, 2007
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Patty Ogden, Assistant City Clerk
Subject: Public Works Commission Interview Panel Report

INTRODUCTION

The Public Works Commission Interview Panel composed of Councilmembers Linda Briskman and Nancy Krasne and Public Works Commission Chair Howard Fisher and Commissioner Joseph Stabler (immediate past Chair) met on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. The Panel interviewed eight candidates for the vacancies on the Commission. Originally a notice was placed for two openings, then when a third opening developed, and in as much as there were more than an adequate number of candidates, the Panel thought it would be in the best interest of the City to appoint three members to the Commission at this time.

DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, it was the consensus of the Panel to recommend that Peter Foldvary, M.D. be appointed to the current vacancy and Farshid "Joe" Shooshani be appointed to the position that will be vacated by Tom Korey in November, 2007.

The Panel also took into consideration the position that Public Works Commissioner Daniel Yukelson will be vacating on the Public Works Commission to take a seat on the Planning Commission. (Mr. Yukelson will be filling the vacancy left by Planning Commissioner Stacy Marks upon her retirement scheduled for November 2007, but no later than February 28, 2008.) The Panel recommended that Steven Weinglass be appointed to the position.

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The Panel agreed that these appointees would best compliment the current composition of the Public Works Commission to serve the needs of the community. In addition, the Panel requested that both Joe Shooshani and Steven Weinglass are asked to attend all future Public Works Commission meetings to better prepare them once they are installed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Commission Interview Panel recommends that the City Council appoint Peter Foldvary, M.D., Farshid "Joe" Shooshani and Steven Weinglass to the Public Works Commission. Should the appointments be approved, a resolution confirming the appointments may be adopted on September 4, 2007 at the Formal City Council meeting.

The Panel requests that the remaining candidates be thanked and advised that they each gave thoughtful and compelling answers to the questions posed by the Panel. The City is fortunate to have such a strong applicant pool and the applicants are encouraged to re-apply and attend as many future Public Works Commission meetings as possible. In addition, those applicants who have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

Patty Ogden 
Approved By