



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Human Relations Commission  
**FROM:** Steve Zoet, Director of Community Services  
**DATE:** October 18, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project

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Beverly Hills business owner and former resident Steve Gordon approached the City many months ago with an interest to lead a community-driven fundraising campaign with all proceeds committed to the restoration of Beverly Gardens Park to desired historical standards. Mr. Gordon personally retained the services of Santa Monica based landscape architect Mia Lehrer to help plan for and design what these improvements might entail.

City Council formally endorsed Mr. Gordon's intent and committed reasonable staff time and resources to assist in coordinating information and details necessary for the project to move forward. Mr. Gordon formed a Friends of Beverly Gardens Park group and has initiated a community fundraising campaign. Donations have been received by and deposited with the City. Additional monies are needed to achieve the required level of funds to proceed with the first phase of the project which is to restore the Electric and Doheny Fountains on the City's western and eastern boundaries respectively. Additionally, renovation of the three larger central blocks that span from Rodeo to Canon Drives is also a planned portion of the first phase with the reintroduction of the historic lily pond in front of the famed Beverly Hills sign being an intended outcome.

Staff will provide additional information and update the Commission on the status of this effort at its scheduled meeting and welcomes any questions or comments you may have regarding this exciting project and effort.