



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 3, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Subject: City Council/Traffic & Parking Commission Liaison Meeting Notes
of May 5, 2008

INTRODUCTION

A City Council/Traffic & Parking Commission Liaison meeting was held on May 5, 2008. Attendees included Councilmembers Linda Briskman and Jimmy Delshad, Traffic & Parking Commission Chair Julian Gold and Vice Chair Joyce Braun, Director of Public Works & Transportation David Gustavson, Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz, Police Lt. Michael Hines, and Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for Mayor Brucker's Liaison appointees and the Traffic & Parking Commission Chair and Vice Chair to discuss issues and priorities for the Traffic & Parking Commission. Topics included:

Traffic Symposium.

The Traffic & Parking Commission will appoint a Committee at its June 5, 2008, meeting to work with Councilmember Briskman to plan a Transportation Symposium this Fall as requested by Mayor Brucker.

Preferential Permit Parking Misuse.

The Liaison Committee reviewed the proposal to modify the Municipal Code to increase enforcement measure for misuse of Preferential Parking Permits. Preferential Parking Permits are issued to residents for personal use and/or for their guests. Some instances of misuse have been identified near commercial areas and the high school where employees or students use a permit to park on residential streets to avoid monthly parking fees. The proposed modifications to the Municipal Code would provide enforcement authority for Preferential Parking Permit Misuse confiscation and adjust fines.

Street Signs.

Staff presented plans for Phase 1 of the sign replacement program, which consists of approximately 2,000 single-plate "2-Hour" and "No Parking" signs. Phase 2 of the sign

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replacement plan includes approximately 1,500 multiple-plate signs in the City's permit parking zones. Staff presented sign templates that would include a second plate with the "No Overnight Parking" regulation on each individual sign. The California Vehicle Code does not require posting of the Overnight Parking Prohibition, and no other city with similar overnight prohibition post signs in the interior neighborhoods. In Beverly Hills, the overnight prohibition is posted on the perimeter of the City. The City also has a "courtesy dismissal" policy for first time recipients of an overnight parking citation. The Committee agreed that posting No Overnight Parking on each individual sign would create clutter.

Staff also presented templates of signs with the City's new shield and "BH Information 311." The Committee also agreed that "BH Information 311" would add too much on each individual sign, but requested further evaluation of incorporating the shield on each sign.

Civic Center Drive Metered Parking.

The Traffic & Parking Commission was requested to evaluate the time limit of the meters on Civic Center Drive and to consider converting some 10-hour meters to 2-hour meters.

Suncal Project.

The Liaison Committee discussed concerns about the proposed Suncal Project in Century City, next to the High School. The Committee decided to wait until the release of the EIR to determine how the City will respond and the Traffic & Parking Commission's role.

100 South Rexford.

The Liaison Committee discussed traffic issues on the 100 block of South Rexford. The Committee agreed that the Traffic & Parking Commission should engage in discussions with Nessah Synagogue to determine possible mitigation options.



David Gustavson
Approved By