

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room A**

**May 21, 2008
1:30 p.m.**

SYNOPSIS

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 1:34 PM

Commissioners Present: L. Bosse, N. Cole, D. Yukelson, Vice Chair Reims, and Chair Furie.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: R. Balderas, L. Sakurai, and L. Goor (Department of Community Development); Bijan Vaziri (Department of Public Works); and D. Snow (City Attorney's Office).

BUS TOUR at 1:37 PM

Assemble at the 450 North Crescent Drive entrance to City Hall. (*The bus tour will include projects listed on the agenda.*) The Planning Commission will visit: 8536 Wilshire Boulevard, 457 North Oakhurst Drive, and 9975 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

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

1. **450-460 North Palm Drive**
Request for Time Extension

Request for a time extension for the vesting rights associated with Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53521, approved on October 26, 2005, and time extension request for approved DPR and R-4 Permits for a thirty-five unit residential condominium in two, five-story buildings located at 450-460 North Palm Drive.

Yukelson/Bosse - 5

Adopted an amended resolution conditionally approving a request for Time Extension for the vesting rights associated with Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53521, and time extension request for approved DPR and R-4 Permits for a thirty-five unit residential condominium in two, five-story buildings located at 450 North Palm Drive.

2. **8536 Wilshire Boulevard**

Request for Development Plan Review and Tentative Parcel Map

A request for a Development Plan Review and Tentative Parcel Map (PM 70466) to allow a 24,450 square foot medical office building, currently under construction, to be converted to a commercial condominium located at 8536 Wilshire Boulevard.

Consideration of this item was continued to June 26, 2008, by order of the Chair.

3. **9975 Santa Monica Boulevard**
Request for Conditional Use Permit

Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a private training center containing over 2,000 square feet of floor area for property located at 9975 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Furie / Cole -3 Reims, Bosse No

Adopted an amended Resolution conditionally approving a CUP for a private training center of more than two thousand square feet of floor area at 9975 Santa Monica Boulevard.

4. **457 N Oakhurst Drive**

Request for a Development Plan Review, R-4 Permit and Tentative Tract Map

A request for a Development Plan Review, R-4 Permit and Tentative Tract Map (TTM 70324) for the construction of a five unit residential condominium development with subterranean parking, for a property located at 457 N. Oakhurst Drive.

Cole / Yukelson - 5

Adopted an amended Resolution conditionally approving a Development Plan Review, R-4 Permit and Tentative Tract Map TTM 70324 for the construction of a five unit residential condominium development with subterranean parking, for a property located at 457 North Oakhurst Drive

INFORMATION ITEMS

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
(No attachment)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER
None.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM.



**FINE ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008
4:00 p.m.
City Hall
Conference Room 180-A**

ROLL CALL

All present except Commissioner Smooke.

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of April 17, 2008 approved.

REPORT BY CHAIR

None

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Staff updated the Commission on the Maintenance and Conservation issues; the 9900 Wilshire Boulevard Project; the Fine Art Fund; and the Deadline is June 9, 2008 for materials to be included in the June 19, 2008 Commission packet.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Jennifer Steinkamp Presentation

Chair Kanter introduced artist, Jennifer Steinkamp, who made a presentation to the Commission.

4. Brower Hatcher Proposed Commission

Commissioner Chalom discussed a proposed commission of artwork by artist Brower Hatcher.

5. Kiki Smith Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Gersh discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Kiki Smith.

6. Tony Cragg Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Shepard discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Tony Cragg.

7. Deborah Butterfield Proposed Acquisition

Item tabled to the June Fine Art Commission meeting.

8. Mark di Suvero Proposed Acquisition

Item tabled to the June Fine Art Commission meeting.

9. Peter Shelton Proposed Acquisition

Item tabled to the June Fine Art Commission meeting.

10. Joel Shapiro Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Gersh discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Joel Shapiro.

11. Public Art Lighting Update

Staff did a walk through with the electrical contractor and the City's Public Works and Parks staff. Staff discussed in detail the quotes received from the two vendors. The Commission was in agreement that some of the public art sculptures in Beverly Gardens Park should be lighted.

MOVED by: Vice Chair Leonard and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shepard that the Fine Art Commission will engage lighting specialist, F.I.R.E. /L.T.D., to do the trenching and the lighting for the Barry Flanagan, the Magdalena, and the Kusama.

Ayes: Commissioners Shepard, Gersh, Friedman, Chalom, Leonard and Kanter.

Noes: None

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Kanter brought to the Commission's attention a picture of a small art piece of Tony Smith which recently sold for \$97K. Chair Kanter asked staff to find out who the representative is for the 9900 Wilshire Blvd. Project so that a meeting can be set up to discuss their plans for art; Commissioner Shepard updated the Commission on artist Ugo Rondinone and stated that he went back to Matthew Marks gallery and informed them that there was some concerns about liability and people climbing on the art piece. He also stated that the artist was making new work and the branches would be higher up and difficult to climb and the artist was interested in doing something for the City; Commissioner Gersh stated that she received a call from the dealer at who wanted to know if the Commission still had some interest in artist Gary Hume's *Beauty Spot* which will be offered at the Basel Art Festival in June; Commissioner Gersh donated an art book on artist Barry Flanagan to the City Library and she also mentioned that one of the artist's pieces sold for \$481K and the piece was much smaller than the piece in the City's collection; Commissioner Gersh stated that she called James Cohan Gallery in regard to artist Roxy Paine who will have some of his stainless steel trees at the Basel Art Fair; Commissioner Gersh also spoke to Mary Boone Gallery about artist Eric Fishel and a commission by him would cost somewhere under \$500K; Commissioner Gersh mentioned that she and Commissioners Friedman and Smooke will be meeting with Billie Weisman on May 30 to discuss an exhibition in the Municipal Gallery; Chair Kanter stated that she was talking with Los Angeles artist Sterling Ruby who is designing wallpaper for a store in Japan and the artist is very interested in doing something for barricade art for the community; Commissioner Friedman mentioned the New York yellow taxi cab project of artist Ed Massey who had schoolchildren paint flowers on the roofs of yellow taxi cabs in New York; the Commissioners commented on artist Jennifer Steinkamp's work

and which will be discussed further in August; Vice Chair Leonard stated that he got in touch with Marc Glimcher of Pace-Wildenstein, Tim Hawkinson's dealer, and made it very clear about the level of the Fine Art budget; Commissioner Friedman commented that she got in contact with artist Mark di Suvero who said he could work within the Commission's budget but wanted to know the ball park size of the sculpture.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Public Art Maintenance and Preservation Subcommittee (Gersh, Kanter, Leonard) None
- Arts -4- All/BHUSD Subcommittee (Kanter, Friedman) None
- Expanded Role of Commission (Chalom, Gersh, Shepard) None
- Cell Phone audio Tour (Leonard, Chalom, Smooke) None
- Education (Friedman) None
- Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (Kanter, Smooke, Shepard) None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT at 6:04 p.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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**MAY 28, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

SYNOPSIS

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present: L. Bosse, N. Cole, D. Yukelson, Vice Chair Reims,
and Chair Furie

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: J. Lait, R. Balderas, L. Sakurai, M. McGrath,
L. Goor (Department of Community Development)
C. Lynn (Parking Operations)
D. Snow (City Attorney's Office)
D. Lightner (City Manager's Office)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

(Moved to end of Agenda)

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

1. 470 North Canon Drive

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

Development Plan Review Request for a Proposed Performing Arts Center Project Including Rehabilitation and Reuse of the Former Main Post Office and Construction of a New Theater at 470 North Canon Drive

(Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts) and Construction of a Subterranean Public Parking Garage

City staff and the Applicants provided presentations; public testimony was received; Commission questions were responded to and the Public Hearing was closed. It was announced that the next hearing, wherein the DEIR will be presented, will be a noticed hearing.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

2. Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

The proposed schedule for June-August was discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

City Planner Lait announced that Community Development Director Bertoni had accepted a position with the City of Los Angeles and will be receiving special recognition from the City Council on June 3, 2008, at 2:30pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

He also noted the Westside Cities Council of Governments Sustainability Forum is scheduled on June 5, 2008, from 8:30am to noon in Culver City, and that the following appeals have been moved to the June 17, 2008 City Council meeting: Saks, 404 Maple, and the Signage issue.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

It was noted the Planning Commission's Green Building program recommendations were accepted by the City Council and direction to commence the residential portion was given.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:06PM.