

**SYNOPSIS
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
BEVERLY HILLS HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION**

**345 FOOTHILL ROAD
May 19, 2008
4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg

Absent: Seidel

Commissioner Seidel arrived at 4:07 p.m.

Staff: Mottice Muller, Ryan, Kevin Watson, Cheryl Burnett

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. DEPARTMENT TOUR: PUBLIC WORKS – KEVIN WATSON, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER AND SHANA EPSTEIN, ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES MANAGER

A tour of the Public Works Facility was given by Kevin Watson and Shana Epstein. The organizational chart of the department was presented.

The meeting adjourned and reconvened at 5:34 at 455 North Rexford Drive, Room 180-A.

D. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Seidel, SECONDED by Kopeikin to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 28, 2008 (7/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg

Noes: None

CARRIED.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

F. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – May 14, 2008.

Chair Aronberg reported that no new business regarding health and safety was discussed at the recent Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report from Myra Lurie, Beverly Hills School District Board Member

- a) Invitation to Every 15 Minutes Event

Myra Lurie was unable to attend this meeting, no report was given

Information Only:

- b) Article: "CDC Issues Pandemic Systems Plan" – *No Comment*
c) BH Courier Article: "Beverly Hills Health, Fitness and Beauty Expo Gets Clean Bill of Health" – *No Comment*
d) Senior Driving Program– *No Comment*
e) LA County West Vector Control District Report – *No Comment*

H. NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN PLAN - ROBIN CHANCELLOR, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Chancellor gave a presentation to the Commission titled "Health, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Outreach Plan".

The following items were discussed in the presentation:

- The purpose of the Health, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Outreach Plan
- Goals, including holding four signature events
- Outreach Campaigns, including health and preparedness
- Outreach Tactics

DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION STRATEGIC WORK PLAN – PAMELA MOTTICE MULLER

Director Mottice Muller led the Commission in a brainstorming session to work toward the development of a Vision Statement and Mission Statement for this Commission. This will be continued at the next meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Aronberg, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm to June 23, 2008.

SYNOPSIS

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 27, 2008
Room 180-A, Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive
2:00 p.m.

2:08 p.m.

Present: Blumenfeld, Tavelman Collins,
O'Krent, Rothner

ROLL CALL

Absent: Block

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Approved as presented (4/0)

AYES: Tavelman Collins, O'Krent,
Rothner, Blumenfeld

ABSENT: Block

CARRIED

TAB

1. Regular Meeting Of Tuesday,
April 22, 2008

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Staff gave an overview of the Beverly Hills Gardens, the City's newest park, and provided the Commission with property renderings. After a brief discussion on the hours of operation for this specific site a Commission Ad-Hoc Committee was formed. Chairperson Rothner and Vice Chairperson O'Krent will serve on committee.

Beverly Hills/Westside Bruins Football representative Mr. Jio Lucci provided the Commission with an overview of the organization's goals, their structure, and enrollment services that are provided to the community.

2. Beverly Hills Garden - Hours of Operation
3. Community Organization Presentation -
Westside Bruins Football

Synopsis

Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Commission viewed the Department's Budget Presentation that was made to the City Council on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

Recreation Services Manager Meyerowitz gave an overview of Greystone Park Renovation - Phase III continues the process from Phases I and II in restoring, renovation, and enhancing the exterior grounds of the Estate.

Susan Whitin, Principal Architect, and Kari Brooner, Associate, from Whitin Design Works, made a presentation to the commission on the proposed plan.

Commission will be kept apprised of the plan.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Jane Winston-Doman gave an overview of the Volunteer Recognition Event. The event was held on Sunday, April 6, 2008 honoring 333 volunteers who gave (40) or more hours of their time volunteering in 2007.

Consul Elman Abdullayev, Consulate of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles, addressed the Commission and staff regarding a possible donation of a fountain to the City of Beverly Hills. Commission and staff will discuss possible donation and look toward City Council Liaison for direction. Consul Elman Abdullayev will be notified by staff.

Staff updated the Commissioners on the following items: Arbor Day Update; Arnaz Park Re-Dedication; Upcoming Commission Meeting/Calendar for 2008 Commission Meeting Dates; Farmers' Market Fiesta; Affaire in the Garden Art Show Summary; Youth in Government Essays; Teen Advisory Committee - Final meeting/recognition.

The City Council approved the conceptual plans of the Roxbury and La Cienega Parks Master Plan on May 6, 2008. Community Services Director Miller spoke on the next phase of the process.

4. Department Budget Presentation

5. Greystone Park - Phase III

6. Volunteer Brunch Evaluation

7. Donation from Republic of Azerbaijan - Discussion

8. Assistant Director's Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

9. Park Master Plan – Update

Synopsis
Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2008

AD Hoc/CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet – Chairperson Rothner gave a brief report of the May meeting.
- b. Coldwater Canyon Park Reservoir - No discussion
- c. Farmers' Market - Health Expo on June 1, 2008
- d. Fine Arts - No discussion
- e. Gifting Concept – No discussion
- f. Greystone Park Grounds – Discussed Tab 5
- g. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury – Discussed tab 9
- h. Special Events/Concert Series - Concert Series information forthcoming
- i. Sports – No discussion
- j. Street Tree Master Plan – No discussion
- k. Teens – Discussed Tab 8
- l. Seniors/Volunteers - Commission was advised of Former Commissioner Robert's recognition.

10. Commission Ad Hoc Reports

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Design Review Commission Meeting

SYNOPSIS

City Council Chambers / Meeting Room A

June 5, 2008

1:30 p.m.

Bus Tour: 1:30 p.m.
Meeting: 2:30 p.m.

BUS TOUR: Tour participants assembled at the 450 North Crescent Drive entrance to City Hall at 1:45 p.m. The bus tour visited 245 South Canon Drive.

ROLL CALL AT 2:40 PM

Commissioners Present: S. Strauss, G. Gilbar, Vice Chair H. Gabbay and Chair H. Szabo.

Commissioners Absent: M. Weiss (excused).

Staff Present: M. McGrath, R. Gohlich, M. Alkire, S. Rojemann, I. Nguyen, M. Hue, M. Riedel, C. Bond (Department of Community Development).

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the April 29, 2008, Design Review Commission Meeting.
Gabbay - Strauss / 3 Gilbar abstained
That the minutes of the April 29, 2008, Design Review Commission meeting be adopted.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Decisions of the Design Review Commission may be appealed to the Planning Commission within fourteen (14) days of the Design Review Commission action by filing a written appeal with the Director of Community Development; an Appeal Fee will be required.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. 518 North Beverly Drive

A resolution conditionally approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 518 North Beverly Drive (PL 0747075). (Continued from December 4, 2007, January 14, and April 29, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Consideration of this item was continued to the meeting of July 2, 2008, by Order of the Chair.

3. 221 South Carson Road

A resolution conditionally approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel and a second-floor addition to an existing one-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 221 South Carson Road (PL 0817104). (Continued from April 29, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Gilbar - Strauss / 4

That the amended resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

4. 218 South Le Doux Road

A resolution conditionally approving an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow first and second story additions to an existing one-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 218 South Le Doux Road (PL 0802842). (Continued from February 7, and March 6, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Strauss - Szabo / 4

That the amended resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

CONTINUED CASES

5. 418 South Elm Drive

Request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica

Boulevard at 418 South Elm Drive (PL 0811642). (Continued from April 29, 2008; public hearing closed.)

Gilbar - Strauss / 4

That the amended resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

6. 812 North Crescent Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 812 North Crescent Drive (PL 0817113). (Continued from April 29, 2008; public hearing open.)

Consideration of this item was continued to the meeting of July 2, 2008, by order of the Chair.

7. 216 South Canon Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 216 South Canon Drive (PL0817891). (Continued from April 29, 2008; public hearing open.)

Gabbay - Strauss / 4

That the amended resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. 245 South Canon Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 245 South Canon Drive (PL 0817089).

Consideration of this item was continued to the July 2, 2008, meeting, by order of the Chair.

PROJECT PREVIEWS

9. 216 South Camden Drive

Proposed renovations to the first story and addition of a second story to an existing one-story single family residence located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard.

No action was taken on this item.

10. 716 Alta Drive

Proposed new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard.

No action was taken on this item.

11. 122 North Oakhurst Drive

Proposed new, two-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard.

No action was taken on this item.

STAFF REPORTS

- Report on Minor Cases and Plan Review Process
- Chair's Report
- Director's Report / Good and Welfare
- DRC Items on City Council Schedule

ADJOURNED AT 5:50 PM TO JULY 2, 2008, AT OR AFTER 1:30 PM.

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

**June 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

SYNOPSIS

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 7:00 PM

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: J. Lait, R. Balderas, R. Naziri, H. Waldstein and
J. Stevens (Department of Community
Development); D. Snow (City Attorney's Office).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- 1. 507 Hillcrest Road
Central R-1 Permit
An application for a Central R-1 Permit**

Consideration of a Central R-1 Permit for the construction of a new accessory structure, for a property located at 507 Hillcrest Road.

Yukelson/Bosse - 5

The Commission requested a resolution conditionally approving a Central R-1 Permit be prepared for consideration at the meeting on June 26, 2008.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. 257 N. CANON DRIVE

The developer's project team presented graphic displays and described an alternative project for 257 North Canon Drive, in lieu of building the permitted medical office building. It was noted that the new project concept will include a of total 64,000 square feet building area, 2.5 FAR, four stories plus mezzanine with the fourth floor to be setback from the property line by 40 feet over a four level of parking structure. After presentation, the applicant requested comments from the Commission on use, density, height, setback, scale and massing including the project's vehicle access. The Planning Commission asked additional questions about the height of the proposed building including height of the roof-top mechanical shaft in relation to the surrounding buildings. Some concerns were raised about the height of the proposal and its impact on the adjacent buildings. It was also noted that the General Plan may allow increased height and density on anchor locations and maintain lower height in the Business Triangle. The Planning Commission suggested that discussions about project that may have higher height and density would be appropriate after the General Plan update process in complete.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Information only.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:47 PM.



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008
9:30 a.m.
City Hall
Conference Room 180-A**

ROLL CALL

Present: Sherman, Linder, Yousem, Geller, Goldsmith, Meshkaty
Absent: Nazarian

1. Commission Minutes

Minutes of April 17, 2008 approved

MOVED by Geller, SECONDED by Yousem approved as presented

AYES: Sherman, Yousem, Geller, Meshkaty

ABSENT: Nazarian

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Linder, Goldsmith

CARRIED

2. Commission Minutes

Minutes of May 15, 2008 approved

MOVED by Linder, SECONDED by Goldsmith approved as presented

AYES: Sherman, Linder, Yousem, Goldsmith

ABSENT: Nazarian

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Geller, Meshkaty

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Beverly Hills Unified School District, Dr. Brian Goldberg reported on the upcoming goals and objectives of the school district meeting to be held on July 1st. Dr. Goldberg invited the Commission to attend the July 8th meeting to discuss the importance of Multicultural events at each individual school site. The Commission has not discussed this item so no formal recommendations will be presented. Commissioners may attend as private citizens to voice their own opinions.
- Beverly Hills Police Dept., Lt. Tony Lee reported that there were no hate crimes. Sgt. Joe Chirillo reported on anti-bullying; an incident at Rite Aid involving a group of Beverly Hills youths; and the status of the LAPD findings in the case of a Beverly Hills High School student's death.
- Interim Administrator, Julie Kahn, reported on the upcoming Beverly Hills Forum Series events; Dr. Goldberg's appointment to Governmental Relations Chair for Senator Kuehl; same sex marriage legalization in California; Homeless Connect Day event in Hollywood on June 26; and Juneteenth.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Brainstorming Activity to identify Commission issues and priorities

- Commissioners discussed and identified commission issues and priorities. "Community Balance", an area of interest identified at prior commission meetings, was integrated into other subjects. As a result, the sub-committee was no longer needed.

MOVED by Goldsmith, SECONDED by Geller to disband the Community Balance sub-committee.

AYES: Sherman, Linder, Yousem, Geller, Goldsmith, Meshkaty
ABSENT: Nazarian
NOS: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Chairperson Meshkaty reported on the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008

AD HOC/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

4. CALENDAR

- Calendar for 2008 meeting dates was reviewed with no changes.

ADJOURNMENT at 12:06 pm



FINE ART COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008
4:00 p.m.
City Hall
Conference Room 180-A

ROLL CALL

All present.

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of May 22, 2008 approved.

REPORT BY CHAIR

Chair Kanter reported on some of the highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Staff updated the Commission on the Tour of Public Art Collection; the Lighting; the Fine Art Fund; and the Deadline is July 7, 2008 for materials to be included in the July 17, 2008 Commission packet.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Deborah Butterfield Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Smooke discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Deborah Butterfield.

4. Mark di Suvero Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Smooke discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Mark di Suvero.

5. Peter Shelton Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Smooke discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Peter Shelton.

6. Betty Woodman Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Friedman discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Betty Woodman.

7. Dimitri Hadzi Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Friedman discussed a proposed acquisition of Artwork by artist Dimitri Hadzi.

8. Weisman Art Foundation Proposed Exhibition

Commissioner Gersh provided an update on the Weisman Art Foundation's proposal for an exhibition in the Municipal Gallery.

9. Roxy Paine Proposed Acquisition

Commissioner Gersh discussed a proposed acquisition of artwork by artist Roxy Paine.

10. Conservation Survey of Public Art Sculptures

John Griswold, owner of Griswold Conservation Associates, LLC, provided a summary of his recently completed conservation survey of 16 artworks from the City's Public Art collection.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS (INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS)

Commissioner Smooke stated that Los Angeles had a bench project and the artists were completely responsible for the fabrication and she suggested that the Commission could open this up to discussion and make it a community endeavor and money could be saved; Commissioner Gersh commented that MOCA, in conjunction with Dwell Magazine, is involved in a project which entails interior benches and there is going to be a competition where artists and curators select the best designed bench and she will talk with MOCA and get more details; Chair Kanter mentioned that there was a show opening at MOCA at the Pacific Design Center for Los Angeles artist Sterling Ruby's wallpaper work; Chair Kanter mentioned the Los Angeles Times article on Jennifer Steinkamp's innovative opening and that the artist was the best American floral painter since Georgia O'Keefe and Andy Warhol; Chair Kanter requested staff to find out who would the Commission ask about having Jennifer Steinkamp doing work in the new customer service area on the ground floor at City Hall; staff reported that there was discussion about cell phone audio tour, at the executive level, on getting a toll free number and including historical points in the City in addition to public art; Commissioner Friedman asked how the Commission handles art that is auctioned and Chair Kanter replied that the Commission could not buy something at auction because of the speed with which a decision would have to be made; Commissioner Gersh updated the Commission on the Joel Shapiro piece which is on resale and the gallery is holding the piece until August and because it is on a secondary market the Commission can make an offer.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Public Art Maintenance and Preservation Subcommittee (Kanter, Gersh, Leonard)
- Arts -4-All/BHUSD Subcommittee (Kanter, Friedman)
- Expanded Role of Commission (Gersh, Shepard, Chalom)
- Cell Phone Audio Tour (Leonard, Chalom, Smooke)
- Education (Friedman)
- Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (Kanter, Smooke, Shepard)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.