



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 18, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David Gustavson, Director of Public Works & Transportation
Subject: Heath Avenue Fence
Attachments: 1. Exhibit

INTRODUCTION

This report requests City Council direction on a matter that has been brought to Staff's attention by Mayor Brucker.

DISCUSSION

Heath Avenue, south of Olympic Boulevard in the southwest corner of the City of Beverly Hills, was annexed from the City of Los Angeles in the late 90s. The right-of-way is adjacent to another right-of-way, Century Park East, which is located in the City of Los Angeles. As a matter of fact, the two rights-of-way abut one another, with no privately held property between them, for the distance from Pico Boulevard to Hillgreen Drive. The City of Los Angeles has placed a 4-foot high chain link fence separating these rights-of-way along this entire distance, except for the cul-de-sac at the southern terminus.

Residents who live on or adjacent to Heath Avenue have voiced concerns to the Mayor about scavengers and homeless people entering Heath Avenue through a gap that exists in the fence north of Hillgreen Drive. Originally, staff believed that these rights-of-way shared a common boundary for an even greater distance and had attempted to have the City of Los Angeles extend this fence. Staff has been unsuccessful in making this happen, however. In preparation for this report, staff conducted additional research. This research consisted of looking at the LA County Assessor's parcel maps, viewing images on Google Earth, and visiting the site (including the pacing off of the existing gap in the fence, approximately 510 feet). As it turns out, the gap in the fence is located adjacent to a large, irregularly shaped private through-lot that houses a large condominium complex on the southeast corner of Century Park East and Olympic Blvd in the City of Los Angeles. In light of these facts, staff recommends that we contact the ownership of this land (as yet unknown) and see if they are willing to construct the fence for their and our mutual benefit. In the event we are unsuccessful in convincing the LA

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property owner to do so, we can schedule another discussion on this matter for Council consideration at a future meeting

Additional exhibits and photos will be provided at the City Council study session on November 18, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the City of Beverly Hills has to expend resources to complete this 4 foot-high chain link fence, staff currently estimates it will cost about \$25 per linear foot, or roughly \$12,750 for the construction. Since the fence would be located adjacent to privately owned land, we would need to budget an additional \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a survey to make sure it is placed properly. The total needed would amount to \$15,750 to \$17,750.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City of Beverly Hills contact the ownership of this condominium complex in the City of Los Angeles in an attempt to see if they are willing to construct the fence. In the event staff is unsuccessful in convincing the LA property owner to do so, staff recommends that we bring the matter back to the City Council for additional direction.

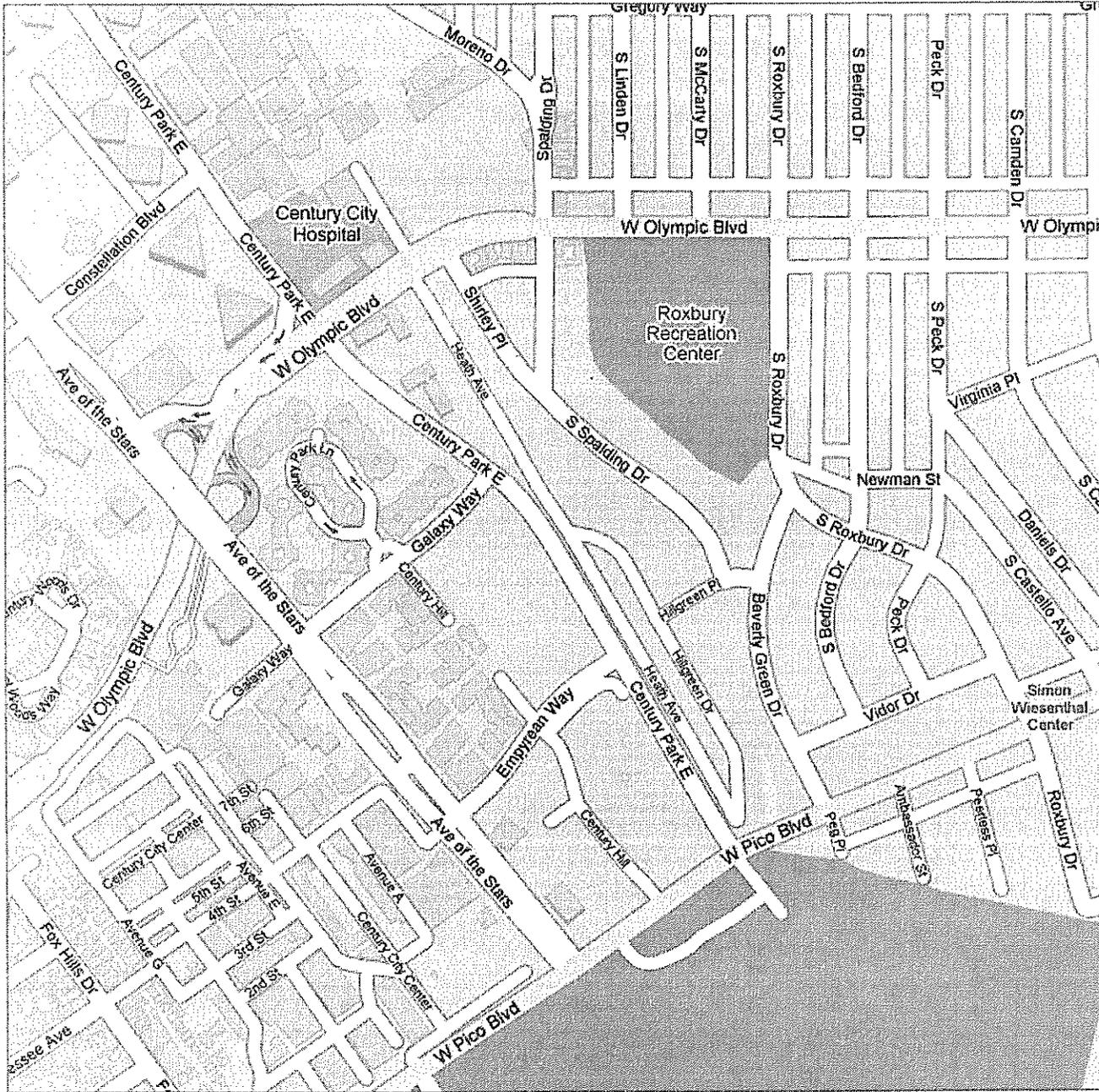
Should the City Council decide that the placement of this fence is in the best interest of the City of Beverly Hills and further delay is not desirable, staff is prepared to make it happen.

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