



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
November 20, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 280-B at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, H. Fisher
Absent: J. Stabler, S. Weinglass
Guests R. Wood, P. Noonan
Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, F. Simonson, R. Hickman, A. Eason

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Succession Planning

Rod Wood, City Manager, addressed the Commission on Succession Planning. He began by stating that it is his intent to speak to all Commissions to give them an insight as to what is going on "inside" the City and to share what he believes is valuable for the citizens to know. Mr. Wood feels that Commissions are the City's best window to the community.

Sustainability Master Plan

Ms. Epstein explained the Sustainability Master Plan. Ms. Epstein stated that the Sustainability Task Force consists of staff from a number of departments in the City who meet on a monthly basis.

Ms. Epstein introduced Peter Noonan, Associate Planner in the Planning Division to the Commission. Mr. Noonan is tasked with the Sustainability Master Plan. Mr. Noonan stated that the goal today was to receive feedback from the Commission as to the goals and policies and implementation in the plan. Mr. Noonan gave the Commission a handout on the outlining of the implementation as well as short and long term goals.

Water Audit of Public Sector Buildings

Ms. Eason, Management Analyst spoke to the Commission and stated that beginning in the summertime, Public Works had applied for the Public Sector Program (PSP) for water audits offered by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) at no cost to member agencies. Ms. Eason explained that for the past couple of months, water audits have been performed on City and park facilities including irrigation system and restroom facilities to identify more efficient ways to conserve water. Ms. Eason stated that the PSP program provides incentives for various water-use efficiency devices.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Special meeting of October 23, 2008.

MOVED by: Chair Foldvary and SECONDED by Commissioner Fisher to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of October 23, 2008.

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Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani and Fisher

Noes: None.

CARRIED

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Shooshani brought the Commission a small bottle of water from a local hotel he visited. He wanted to show how important packaging a product was. He noted that this small glass bottle of water sold for \$6.00.

Ms. Epstein stated that 6% was saved since water conservation began. She stated that staff will keep monitoring this effort and will keep the Commission updated. Ms. Epstein also gave an update on the new water meter installation program. She stated that all meters, 2" or smaller, will be installed by the holidays. The larger meters will take a bit longer. She also stated the software is working fine.

Mr. Gustavson told the Commission that the ground floor remodel was completed and that the ground floor is now the first floor and the first floor is now the second floor, etc. He offered to take the Commission on a tour after the meeting.

Commissioner Shooshani gave staff a copy of an article stating that the City of Pasadena is a leader in solar energy and what the City of Pasadena is doing.

The Commission would like it noted in the minutes that the trip to the State Water Project which was provided by Metropolitan Water District, was very informative and they appreciate it very much.

Chair Foldvary gave the Commission a brief update from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting. He stated that the following was discussed:

- Chair Foldvary told about Public Works Commissioner's representation at the Affaire in the Gardens and at the Farmer's Market and about their trip to the State Water Project.
- Reviewed the Southern California Shake Out drill the City participated in.
- Updated Water Meter Installation Program
- Updated Retrofit Ordinance

Chair Foldvary stated that residents would like more easily accessible information on how to be 'green' compliant, specifically, with fixtures such as the Smart controllers. Residents would like information as to who makes them, installs them, and where to get them. Ms. Epstein replied that there is information on the City's website that lists various manufacturers that do meet compliance regulations and also where they can be purchased. There is a link on the City's website to Be Water Wise.com which has a list of compliant manufacturers

Chair Foldvary stated that recycling is another issue that constantly comes up.

The next Public Works Commission meeting will be held on December 18, 2008.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
December 18, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 280-A at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, H. Fisher, J. Stabler, S. Weinglass

Absent: J. Stabler, S. Weinglass

Guests R. Wood, P. Noonan

Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, C. Theisen, F. Simonson, P. Noonan, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Sustainability Master Plan

At the request of the Commission, Mr. Peter Noonan, Associate Planner in the Planning Department returned to discuss the City's draft version of the Sustainability Master Plan. Mr. Noonan began his presentation by discussing what "sustainability" is. He stated that sustainability is environmentally sensitive, socially equal and economically sound.

Mr. Noonan went over the following goals and policies which were arranged by topic:

1. Climate Protection and Air Quality
2. Energy
3. Water
4. Land Use, Transportation and Open Space
5. Materials and Waste
6. Environmental and Public Health
7. Sustainable Local Economy
8. Social Equity
9. Community Education and Civic Participation

Mr. Noonan stated that of those listed above, the goals and policies which affect Public Works are the following:

1. Climate Change and Air Quality
2. Energy
3. Water
5. Materials and Waste
6. Environmental and Public Health
7. Sustainable Local Economy

Commissioners gave staff their recommendations/suggestions as to changes in wording and to the order of priority for long term and short term policies and actions and goals. Mr. Noonan noted them all.

Commission and staff then discussed the issue of which, if any, Commission would take the lead responsibility for advising and guiding the City Council and staff on the Master Plan's community wide elements. Commissioners expressed their concerns and after much discussion, decided to make the following recommendation.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to recommend to City Council that the Public Works Commission be the lead Commission for advising and guiding the City Council and staff on the Master Plan's community wide elements.

MOVED by: Commissioner Fisher and SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani

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Ayes: Shooshani, Fisher, Stabler and Shooshani

Noes: Foldavry

CARRIED

Chair Foldvry asked that item #6, under Short Term Policies and Actions (allocating funds for an Environmental expert) be revisited.

Mobile Car Washes

Ms. Epstein explained the Municipal Code section regarding mobile car washes, and she also stated that the number of business licenses issued to mobile car washes is somewhat vague as many of them are registered under other categories. Ms. Epstein stated that there are two Environmental Program Inspectors in Public Works who estimate that they report approximately two to three incidents per month of urban runoff by mobile car washes. They do try to encourage mobile car wash vendors to divert all water toward vegetation areas. Ms. Epstein noted that the Municipal Code on Mobile Car Washes does not pertain to washing your car on private property.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Special meeting of November 20, 2008.

MOVED by: Chair Foldvary and SECONDED by Commissioner Stabler to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of November 20, 2008.

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Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Fisher, Stabler and Shooshani

Noes: None.

CARRIED

Report from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Chair Foldvary gave the Commission a brief update from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting. He stated that the following was discussed:

- Mayor Brucker spoke about the Southern California Shake Out drill, the City participated in. He stated that the Public Works and Transportation Department did very well.

Commissioner Stabler commented about an article regarding the recent Yorba Linda fires and the low water pressure they experienced causing more homes to burn as a result. Ms. Epstein stated that staff keeps careful watch and that Zone 9 has an emergency connection agreement with the City of Los Angeles.

The next Public Works Commission meeting will be held on January 8, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I

Public Works Commission Synopsis
December 18, 2008



**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008
4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 280-A**

ROLL CALL

All present except Commissioner Smooke arrived at 4:16 p.m.

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of November 20, 2008 approved with one correction.

REPORT BY CHAIR

Chair Kanter reported on some of the highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Staff updated the Commission on the Cell Phone Audio Tour; the Roxbury Park Master Plan; the Cultural Master Plan; the *Sisyphus*; the Fine Art Fund; and the Deadline is January 5, 2008 for materials to be included in the January 15, 2008 Commission Packet.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Review of City Council Liaison Meeting

The Commission was updated on the City Council/Fine Art Commission Liaison meeting held on December 17, 2008.

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

None

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 Subcommittee (Chalom, Gersh, Shepard) *None*
- Cell Phone Audio Tour Subcommittee (Leonard, Chalom, Smooke) *None*
- Education Subcommittee (Friedman) *None*
- Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Subcommittee (Kanter, Smooke, Shepard) *None*
- Resident Art Exhibit Subcommittee (Friedman, Chalom, Smooke) *None*

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room A**

**SYNOPSIS
Regular Meeting**

**Monday, January 12, 2009
2:30 P.M.**

BUS TOUR

There was no bus tour scheduled.

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 2:34 P.M.

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: M. McGrath, D. Jerex, R. Gohlich, G. Millican,
I. Nguyen, and L. Goor (Department of Community
Development)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 4. was taken following Item 1.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the December 4, 2008 Design Review Commission meeting.
Strauss-Gabbay/5

That the minutes of December 4, 2008 Design Review Commission be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. 603 North Linden 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 603 North Linden Drive. (*Continued from October 2, 2008; public hearing closed.*)

Szabo-Gilbar/4-1 Gabbay against

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

3. 205 South La Peer 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 205 South La Peer Drive. (*Continued from November 6, 2008; public hearing closed.*)

Gilbar-Weiss/5

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

4. 225 South 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, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at 225 South Crescent Drive. (*Continued from November 6, 2008; public hearing closed*)

Weiss-Strauss/4-0 Gabbay abstaining

That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted with removal of the porthole/window.

CONTINUED CASES

5. 620 Walden Drive

A request for a revision to an approved 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 620 Walden Drive. (*Continued from December 4, 2008; public hearing remains open*)

Strauss/Szabo/4 Gabbay abstaining

That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted with Option Three for 12-inch columns with the second story

columns on pedestals and that the two trees in front be 48-inch-box cherry trees.

6. 604 North Camden 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 604 North Camden Drive. (*Continued from November 6, 2008; public hearing remains open.*)

Gabbay-Weiss/3-2 Gilbar and Szabo against

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. 804 North Camden Drive

A request for a revision to an approved 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 804 North Camden Drive. (*Continued from October 2, 2008; public hearing remains open.*)

This item has been continued to the meeting of February 5, 2009

8. 713 North Crescent Drive

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, one-story single family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at 713 North Crescent Drive. (*Continued from December 4, 2008; public hearing remains open.*)

This item has been continued to the meeting of February 5, 2009

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Szabo discussed the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Extension of Review Boundary Area to Hillside and Trousdale Areas of the City, and Transfer of Review Authority from Planning Commission to DRC (Recommendation to be forwarded to City Council for Consideration). **The Commission reviewed this item and it was suggested all areas be included in the Study Session for discussion. Staff will be scheduling a Joint Architectural/DRC briefing from the City Attorney regarding the Brown Act, Commissioners were invited to attend.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report / Good and Welfare
- Design Awards – **it was noted these will be presented this week for selection.**
- Annual Conflict of Interest Reports for 2008 (*Due April 1, 2009*)

ADJOURNED AT 4:15 P.M.