

SYNOPSIS
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A

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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2009

4:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Setian, Judelson, Vice Chair Landau, Chair Seidel

Commissioners Absent: Kopeikin, Aronberg

Commissioner Aronberg arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Guests: Detective Ebrahim Ashabi

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, D. Cartagena, K. Lichtig, Lt. T. Lee, Sgt. S. Davis,
Ofc. A. Guvlekjian, Capt. B. Lessing

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Landau, SECONDED by Judelson to approve the REVISED minutes of the meeting on March 23, 2009 (6/0)

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

Noes: None

Absent: Kopeikin

CARRIED.

MOVED by Aronberg, SECONDED by Landau to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 27, 2009 (6/0)

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

Noes: None

Absent: Kopeikin

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING – No report, next meeting will take place on May 26th.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Chair Seidel reported that Vice Chair Landau recently received the Police Department's Lawrence Shapiro Award for his dedication to volunteerism.
- Commissioner Setian briefly told the Commission about the Vahagn Setian Charitable Foundation event which took place on May 3rd.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

- Chair Seidel read the following report from Myra Lurie, who could not attend the meeting:

I'll be attending the California School Board Association's Legislative Action Conference in Sacramento on Monday.

There is not much to report regarding the schools at the moment, other than a few Measure E bond program updates:

1. Horace Mann School's Annex building and the Rotunda building will be removed and the board voted on Tuesday to replace them and some of the modular classrooms with a new structure that will also add a multi-purpose room to the campus. The new structure is currently planned to provide 21,312 square feet. This project is important for the health and safety of our students inasmuch as the Annex building had issues of creosote (rendering it uninhabitable except for the restrooms) and the Rotunda Building has foundation issues.
2. The Board voted to site the Alternative Education Center in the Annex building on the District Office parcel. That structure will be remodeled and rehabilitated, thus recycling the major portions of the structure. This new campus addresses a safety issue inasmuch as it removed the continuation students and adult education students from the main campus.
3. The Board voted to begin the design development process on a new high school building. This building is part of an overall high school remodel that addresses the issues of undersized classrooms and the need to route visitor traffic through a single, monitored access point for the security and safety of the student population.

We continue to advertise the CPR Family night event on June 7 and hope to see our district's families participate.

That's all I had to report for the moment. Please convey my apologies to the Commissioners for my having to miss the meeting. It's always my pleasure to attend and pass on the interesting information that I learn.

All the best,
Myra Lurie

Director Mottice Muller provided to the Commission documents including information on the 4.7 earthquake which occurred on 5/17/09.

- INFORMATION ONLY:
 - a) Commission Calendar – no discussion
- OTHER ITEMS
 - Neighborhood Watch Meetings – Commissioners briefly discussed the lack of publicity for the meetings. Despite the lack of publicity, the Commission noted that all those attending were very interested in the program. Twenty-five Neighborhood Watch meetings have taken place. Commissioners Aronberg and Judelson received mass notification phone calls about the meetings. Commissioners Millan and Setian noted that their phone numbers are unlisted, so they did not receive the call. A meeting notice appeared once in the Beverly Hills Weekly and in the Community Newsletter.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION ON ISLAMIC TERRORISM - DETECTIVE EBRAHIM ASHABI OF THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Ebrahim Ashabi was introduced by Sgt. Shan Davis. Detective Ashabi presented information on terrorism as it relates to Al Qaeda, Pakistan, Europe, Iran, Somalia, North and South America, Mexico, and Southern California. Commissioner Millan asked Det. Ashabi what individuals can do to make a difference when it comes to terrorism. Detective Ashabi responded that everyone should educate themselves on past and current situations, as well as to prepare themselves and their families for a disaster (including such preparedness items as food, water, first aid, etc).

2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH – no discussion

Commissioner Judelson left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Millan attended the Farmer's Market on May 3rd to hand out materials on H1N1 Flu and to answer questions from residents. It was noted that residents were not panicked about the situation and appreciated the information.

Commissioner Millan expressed concern about budget cuts that will result in reduced safety in the community. The Commission agreed to monitor such situations to be prepared to give recommendations in the future and the possibility of supplementing program cuts in some way.

Commissioner Aronberg asked about the status of developing a Health and Safety award. Director Mottice Muller noted that this will be a work plan item for fiscal year 2009-10 and will be added to the July agenda.

Vice Chair Landau reported that following Sunday night's earthquake, a DCS Net check-in took place.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.



FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS
Thursday, May 21, 2009
4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 280-A

ROLL CALL
All present

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of April 16, 2009 approved, with two corrections.

REPORT BY CHAIR

The Chair brought to everyone's attention that Kusama is exhibiting simultaneously at The Gagosian Galleries in New York and Beverly Hills; the show based around 6 flowers. There is a plan being considered to organize a Beverly Hills Public Art Party to coincide with the Beverly Hills Kusama show on a weekend in July. Many features, activities, and relationships with other local art organizations are being considered.

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Erratic update information includes the revised shipping costs for the piece, which is less than originally quoted. Roxy is arriving May 26 to site the piece. Paul Schimmel, Senior Curator of MOCA, will join the Fine Art Commission, and Staff in walking the various sites under consideration. The Beverly Hills Cable Channel will be there to interview Roxy, which can also be used as part of the cell phone walking tour once the piece is installed. Ways to protect the Roxy Paine work were discussed. Since the piece will be in a public park The City is limited in ways we can protect the art. The public must have access to it. The plants that are truly effective in keeping people away are libelous. All manner of security measures were discussed; more exploration will be forthcoming. Chair Kanter reported on the unassembled Guy Dill work that was discussed last month. Fine Art Fund was reported on. Reminder that June 8th is deadline for June packets. Beverly Hills Cable will document installation of *Erratic*.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION AT 9460 WILSHIRE BLVD.

Art Consultant, Tiffany Lendrum, representing Universal Properties and AREA presented a work by Guy Dill as the work selected by the developers to be installed in front of 9460 Wilshire to satisfy their requirement for Public Art. The work is 7' tall, including the base. The Commission chose to put off the vote until such time as they could discuss in more detail.

4. PROPOSAL TO REVISE SCOPE AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE PHONE TOUR WITH SANDPAIL PRODUCTIONS

Staff reported on revisiting the Cell Phone Tour project with Sandpail Productions with regard to initially presenting a smaller number of pieces as a means of testing the program first for overall patron satisfaction and use before committing to the larger, more expensive project. The revised project will center on 3 pieces; Kusama, Roxy Paine and the Tony Smith. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the \$9500 price quote for the 3-piece Cell Phone Tour.

5. PRIORITY EXERCISE – PROPOSED ARTISTS/ACQUISITIONS/COMMISSIONS

It was decided that the priority exercise should be postponed until such time that the Commission and Staff are able to commit an extended period of time that is separate from the regular Fine Art Commission meeting, to sit around a table and go over the artists in greater detail than we would be afforded this afternoon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

Chair Kanter reported on an offer by The Andrew Krepps Gallery of New York for a series of 4 large scale figurative sculptures by artist Robert Melee, which have been in residence in City Hall Park in New York City and they are being offered as a loan to the City of Beverly Hills for exhibition. The City would be expected to cover all transportation and installation costs. The Commission will consider the offer more fully at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Chalom brought forth for our enjoyment two articles from **Art + Auction** on Kasuma and Roxy Paine, both detailing the impact and importance of these two artists and their bodies of works on the international art scene. The City of Beverly Hills is fortunate enough to possess works by each of these internationally recognized artists.

2009 COMMITTEE ROSTER/ COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS (point person in **bold**)

- Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Committee (Kanter, **Shepard**, Potter)
- Cell Phone Audio Tour Committee (Smooke, **Chalom**, Potter)
- Education (Arts-4-All/BHUSD) Committee (**Friedman**)
- *Erratic* Installation/Reception Committee (Smooke, Pressman, **Potter**)
- Outreach/Public Art Tour Committee (Shepard, Chalom, **Pressman**)
- Public Art Maintenance and Preservation Committee (**Kanter**, Pressman)
- Weisman Art Foundation Committee (Friedman, **Smooke**)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

SYNOPSIS
Thursday, May 21, 2009
9:30 a.m.
City Hall
Conference Room 280-A

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of April 16, 2009

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Nazarian to approve as presented (6/0)

Present: Meshkaty, Sherman, Nazarian, Linder, Yousem, Goldsmith
Absent: Ginsburg
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

Commissioner Ginsburg arrived 9:39 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Beverly Hills resident Mr. Nourafshan addressed the Commission and staff regarding the City's Municipal Ordinance Code 5-1-205 (Sound Amplifying Equipment).

Commission requested that staff place item on a future agenda for Commission review and discussion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Report from Administrator: James Latta
 - Good and Welfare: Time would be allotted to discuss and update the Commission on the status of each Ad Hoc Committee
- Announcements
 - Commission was apprised of the Community Services Department's Organizational and Management Analysis.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Report from Beverly Hills Unified School District: Dr. Brian Goldberg
There was not report; Dr. Brian Goldberg was not present.

- ◆ Report from Beverly Hills Police Department: Captain Mitch McCann
Captain McCann noted:
 - No hate crimes to report

- ◆ Mayor's Cabinet Meeting: No report as the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting had not taken place and was scheduled for May 26, 2009.

AD HOC/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community Task Force Advisory Committee
Committee Chair: Nazarian Commissioners: Goldsmith, Ginsburg

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Committee Chair Nazarian's inquiry on whether this Committee had completed its task and should be dissolved.

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Nazarian that the Community Task Force Advisory Ad Hoc Committee have a meeting to consider the next steps for going forward with a panel or forum and bring back to the full commission in June for discussion and approval. (6/1)

AYES: Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Nazarian, Yousem, Goldsmith
ABSENT: None
NOES: Linder
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

- Multicultural Advisory Committee
Committee Chair: Sherman Commissioners: Meshkaty, Linder

Committee Chair Sherman gave a detailed account of the *Celebrate Your Heritage* week-long celebration.

Commission was advised this program was not being funded next fiscal year due to budget cuts. There was brief discussion on possible ways to have event without City funding.

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Yousem that the Human Relations Commission submit to City Council a recommendation that the *Celebrate Your Heritage Week* of 2009 be repeated in 2010. (6/1)

AYES: Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Nazarian, Yousem, Goldsmith
ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT at 1:06 p.m.

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Yousem to adjourn meeting at 1:06 p.m.
(6/0)

AYES: Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Yousem, Goldsmith

ABSENT: Nazarian

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
May 21, 2009

The Special 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, J. Stabler, and S. Weinglass
Absent: H. Fisher
Guests: None.
Staff: D. Gustavson, C. Theisen, F. Simonson, C. DiRenzo, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Farmers' Market Commission Participation - Mr. DiRenzo asked the Commission for their feedback on volunteering their time to the Farmers' Market. The Commission agreed to participate once a month with no more than two Commissioners at a time. Chair Foldvary thought it would be a good idea for a Commissioner to be at the Farmers' Market at this time as there may be heightened interest after the water rates go up. Commissioner Stabler added that this would also be a good opportunity to push water conservation.

Street Maintenance Program Update – Mr. Fred Simonson, Maintenance Operations Manager, updated the Commission on the core activities of the Street Maintenance Division including pavement and sidewalk maintenance programs for fiscal year 2008/09 and shared work plan objectives for FY 2009/10.

Fiscal Year 2009/10 Department Budget – Mr. Gustavson gave the Commission a brief overview of the department’s draft budget for FY 2009/10.

Vice Chair Shooshani expressed his concern over residents being properly informed about future rate increases and penalties. He suggested an inexpensive way of relaying this information is by sending “robo” messages to every resident explaining these rate increases. Mr. Gustavson said he would discuss this with the Communications Office.

MOTION BY Vice Chair Shooshani to look in to the “robo” call communication option concerning rate increases. Commissioner Stabler made an amendment that this motion also include communicating the water conservation ordinance.

MOVED by: Vice Chair Shooshani and SECONDED by Commissioner Weinglass

4/0

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Weinglass

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of April 9, 2009

MOVED by: Commissioner Shooshani and SECONDED by Commissioner Weinglass to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 9, 2009.

4/0

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshai, Stabler and Weinglass

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Foldvary reported that the Mayor’s Cabinet did not have their regular scheduled meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING**

455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room 280-A

Thursday, June 4, 2009
2:30 p.m.

**SYNOPSIS
Regular Meeting**

Bus Tour: No Bus Tour
Guest Speaker: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Formal Meeting: 3:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 2:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: G. Gilbar.

Staff Present: S. Healy Keene, J. Lait, L. Sakurai, D. Jerex, G. Millican, R. Gohlich, and C. Bond (Department of Community Development).

GUEST SPEAKER

Architect Michael Palladino discussed his work and the importance of promoting good designs in all forms and styles of architecture, with a focus on the private residences he and his firm have designed. Mr. Palladino has been affiliated with Richard Meier & Partners since 1979 and has worked closely with Richard Meier on many award-winning commercial and residential projects throughout the world, including The Getty Center (Los Angeles); the Decorative Arts Museum in Frankfurt; the Museum of Television & Radio, Gagosian Gallery, and 9900 Wilshire (all in Beverly Hills); the Broad Center at UCLA, and the High Museum in Atlanta, among many others.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion by a member of the Design Review Commission or by a person in attendance, with the concurrence of the Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

"I move the adoption of the Consent Agenda as listed" or

"I move the adoption of the Consent Agenda as listed except Item #"

1. **823 Cinthia Street** (PL 090 7024)

A resolution conditionally approving 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 **823 Cinthia Street**.

Approved as presented; Strauss-Szabo/4-0

CONTINUED CASES

2. **617 North Camden Drive** (PL 090 0852)

A request an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two story single-family residence, with a full basement on the property located at **617 North Camden Drive**. (Continued from meeting of May 7, 2009 and June 4; public hearing is closed.)

Returned for restudy by Order of the Chair.

PROJECT PREVIEW

3. **702 Alta Drive** (PL 091 7131)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence with a full basement located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **702 Alta Drive**. Noted Architect, Bill Bernstein, gave the preview presentation.

The project was previewed and will return July 2, 2009.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Director's Report / Good and Welfare
- L. Sakurai gave the Power Point presentation on the Transfer Ordinance regarding the transfer of authority from the Planning Commission to the Design Review Commission for certain planning reviews.

ADJOURNED AT 4:40 P.M.