

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
SYNOPSIS

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

November 23, 2009

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Aronberg, Kopeikin, Judelson, Setian, Millan, Vice Chair Landau,
 Chair Seidel

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Judelson.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Aronberg, SECONDED by Landau to approve the minutes of the meeting on
 October 20, 2009, with minor change (7/0)

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident Mark Elliot spoke to the Commission about repeated leaf blower violations within the City. He requested the Commission's assistance in addressing this ongoing issue. He provided the Commission with a list of violations which he has observed. Mr. Elliot stated he has worked with Community Development in the past but would like more to be done. He also suggested that all landscaping/gardeners addresses be obtained from the business license and send letters reminding them about the enforcement. Mr. Elliot also stated that he could assist in these efforts of enforcement since the department does not have enough inspectors.

Chair Seidel stated the Commission has addressed this issue at previous meetings and had a representative from Building and Safety speak about their enforcement efforts. Chair Seidel briefly responded to Mr. Elliot by stating that the Commission has a work plan with specific areas of focus. Currently this issue is not an area of focus in the work plan.

The Commission offered support in the following ways:

- Suggested Community Outreach be completed (cable, In Focus article, newspaper). The Commission feels this is an easy way to spread the word and a perfect time since many trees are losing their leaves and gardeners are more likely to use banned blowers.
- Advise Community Development if they are interested in relooking at the ordinance the Commission would assist in research, suggestions and re-writes.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – November 11, 2009 – No meeting due to holiday.
- Other items of interest.
 - Chair Seidel noted that in attending BHUSD's recent Facilities Advisory Committee meeting, he learned that the City should coordinate with BHUSD before it completes any construction work on or near school property.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Report from Myra Lurie, Beverly Hills School District Board Member – did not attend/no report given.
- Information Only: Holiday Postcards- no comment.
- Other Items
 - a) H1N1 Update
 - Chair Seidel said that a case of H1N1 was confirmed at his son's school.
 - Commissioner Millan noted that on the Department of Health's website, you can select your ZIP code and it will tell you about POD's in your area.
 - It was noted that there is a lot of misinformation circulating regarding H1N1. The Commission should work to give out correct information to residents.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK

The Commission had a brainstorming session regarding Health and Safety Week and the Health and Safety Expo. Strengths, weaknesses and areas of improvement were discussed. The Commissioners agreed Health and Safety Week and the Expo were an overall success, and the Expo especially should be held again in the future. Due to the low turnout for this year's speaker, the Commission will revisit whether or not it should host a speaker again. Also, the Commission decided that Health and Safety Week and the Expo should focus on people, and the pet aspect should be given over to Community Services Department to cover in their "Woofstock" event.

2. COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTMENTS

On November 17th, the City Council recommended the reappointments of all seven of the Health and Safety Commissioners, and will formally approve the reappointments of all Health and Safety Commissioners at the December 1, 2009 meeting.

3. HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARDS

This item is on the Commission's work plan to complete between January and June 2010.

Commissioner Judelson noted that the CPR program used to give an award to a civilian who saved someone's life or helped in some way. She will find out if CPR intends to continue giving this award. If they don't, the Commission could now give this award or a similar award.

Commissioner Millan said that an application process for awards should be discussed. Chair Seidel said that an award for a group could be developed, and that the Commissioners should research what awards already exist with applicable processes that the Commission could use as models to build from.

This item will be discussed further at the January, 2010 meeting.

4. WORK PLAN FY 2009-2010 & FY 2010-2011

The Commission had a brainstorming session regarding their work plan, which included the following highlights:

- Don't change the Commission's existing overall goals
- Focus and persistence with Commission's mission
- Look at secondary tasks
- Look at previous audience/public's comments, such as leaf blowers/ordinance

Work Plan items will be discussed further at the December 14th meeting.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Millan noted that the "Every 15 Minutes" program will take place next year on May 24th and 25th.

Commissioner Setian suggested that the Commission invite the city's middle school principals to a commission meeting so that participation among middle school students in the "Every 15 Minutes" program can be encouraged. Commissioner Setian passed out a handout of an article discussing the DUI laws.

Peter Landau informed the Commission that a DUI checkpoint will take place on December 11th.

Chair Seidel passed out the letter that he gave to his neighbors and suggested all Commissioners can do something similar.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room 280-A**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009
1:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Bus Tour: No Bus Tour
Formal Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL 1:08 PM

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: D. Jerex, I. Nguyen, R. Gohlich, and C. Bond (Community Development).

GUEST SPEAKER

Stephen Kanner is the third member of his family to run Kanner Architects, currently based in Santa Monica. A practicing architect for almost 30 years, Mr. Kanner is an AIA Fellow with a broad portfolio ranging from residential to large scale commercial projects.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Item 2 was placed at the end of the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair's Report from Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting.

**Approved as presented.
Weiss-Strauss/5-0**

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item was taken out of order.

2. 264 South Rodeo Drive (PL 093 2605)

A resolution conditionally approving a request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow fence and wall revisions to a previously approved two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at **264 South Rodeo Drive**.

A resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit was adopted as presented. Weiss-Szabo/3-1 Strauss-No Gabbay recused.

Returned to order.

3. 306 North Maple Drive (PL 093 0434)

A resolution conditionally approving 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 **306 North Maple Drive**.

A resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit was adopted as presented. Strauss-Gabbay/5-0

4. 423 South Peck Drive (PL 095 1479)

A resolution conditionally approving a request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a second story addition to an existing one-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard at **423 South Peck Drive**.

A resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit was adopted as presented. Strauss-Gabbay/5-0

CONTINUED CASES

5. 825 North Roxbury (PL 093 2655)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel and new landscaping for an existing two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **825 North Roxbury Drive**. (*Continued from the meeting of October 1, 2009. Public hearing remains open.*)

Staff to prepare a resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review permit for consideration at the January 7, 2010 meeting. Weiss-Szabo/5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. 225 South Palm Drive (PL 095 4906)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a major remodel and 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 **225 South Palm Drive.**

That the project be returned to the meeting of January 7, 2010, by Order of the Chair.

7. 304 South Wetherly Drive (PL 095 4641)

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 **304 South Wetherly Drive.**

That the project be approved preliminarily, with conditions, to be returned to the meeting of January 7, 2010. Weiss-Szabo/5-0

8. 252 South Almont Drive (PL 095 4558)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a second story addition to an existing one-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard at **252 South Almont Drive.**

That the project be returned for restudy by Order of the Chair.

9. 705 North Bedford Drive (PL 095 5076)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow an addition to an existing single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **705 N Bedford Drive.**

That the project be returned for restudy by Order of the Chair.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Director's Report / Good and Welfare

ADJOURNED AT 4:55 PM