



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**SYNOPSIS**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 12, 2010**

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: H. Fisher, P. Foldvary, J. Shooshani, J. Stabler and S. Weinglass  
 Absent: None.  
 Guests: M. Olson, C. Tubbs  
 Staff: D. Gustavson, C. Theisen, S. Epstein, A. Maloyan, J. Descalzo, A. Eason, and R. Hickman.

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Southern California Edison (SCE) Presentation – Mr. Mark Olson, SCE Representative presented the investments SCE has recently made in Beverly Hills. He gave SCE's plan for the future to help meet the region's growing energy demands which include the following:

- Advanced Technologies
- Environmental
- Smart Homes and Smart Meters
- Generation

Mr. Olson updated the Commission as to what SCE has been doing in Beverly Hills. He stated that SCE continuously upgrades their electric system and SCE does work with the City to get necessary permits. Mr. Olson stated that mainly SCE's scheduled work has been replacing and/or upgrading high voltage cables and high voltage switches which has little impact to the community. Mr. Olson then discussed future Edison enhancements and SCE's special programs and services empowering customers to save energy and money.

Mr. Olson spoke to the Commission on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). He stated that CCA Legislation (AB117) allows cities and counties and joint powers of authority made up of cities and/or counties to aggregate customers load for the purpose of procuring electricity (generation). He also stated that customers have the right to opt out

of the program and continue to be served as a bundled SCE customer. Mr. Olson added that SCE continues to provide transmission, distribution, metering, billing and customer-care services. He stated that Marin County has started Community Choice Aggregation but currently there are no cities in Southern California who have begun CCA. Mr. Olson then discussed the responsibilities of both SCE and CCA.

**C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None.

**2) COMMISSION MATTERS**

None.

**D. COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Health Code Report** –Ms. Epstein reported that the Public Health Code Report was approved by City Council on July 1, 2010. City Council requested that this report be shared with the Public Works Commission as well as the Health and Safety Commission. Mr. Josette Descalzo, Water Quality Specialist, stated that he was at the meeting to present the final draft of the Public Health Goal (PHG) report.

Mr. Descalzo stated that as part of this report, the City was required to provide Best Available Treatment (BAT) that may reduce these constituents to meet the PHG levels. For this report, staff provided the BATs for each constituent and estimate costs for each BAT.

Mr. Descalzo concluded his presentation stating that six constituents were detected above the PHGs or MCLGs between 2007 and 2009. None exceeded the water quality standards required by CDPH and USEPA. Four of these constituents are present in our groundwater wells but fortunately Beverly Hills groundwater goes through a reverse osmosis treatment plant before distribution which can lower the existing levels. Mr. Descalzo noted that BATs are designed to meet MCLs and not PHGs. He stated that at this time staff does not recommend additional work on these chemicals.

**Update on Stage B Implementation** – Ms. Arnetta Eason, Management Analyst, reported on the water violations and she stated that Stage B was implemented in July. Warning notices of the 10% reduction were sent to residents. Ms. Eason stated that six employees

were sworn in to issue water violations on various mandates. She said to date 209 violations were written, 144 made payments and 34 requested a hearing. Ms. Eason noted that there have been 3 appeals hearings with the rest pending. Ms. Epstein explained the appeals process.

Vice Chair Stabler asked staff about the utility bill redesign. Ms. Eason replied that the change is still being reviewed and that she will follow-up on the status. Chair Weinglass and Vice Chair Stabler asked staff to add the new bill redesign to next month's agenda. Mr. Gustavson added that the City is in the process of looking into a new financial software system and that he will give the Commission an update at a later date.

**Capital Improvement Project Update** – Mr. Ara Maloyan, Deputy City Engineer, provided the Commissioners with an update on the City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). He stated that he has listed all the projects that have been completed, or in construction or in design as of December 2009.

**Energy Initiatives** – Ms. Epstein recommended that the Commission get information on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) from the attorneys that assisted Marin County with CCA rather than SCE. Ms. Epstein added that she will ask Mr. Noel Marquis to speak to the Commission on the SCE franchise fee. Chair Weinglass and Commissioner Shooshani stated that Councilmember Krasne would like a forensic audit of the SCE franchise formula. Mr. Gustavson stated that Administrative Services would have to make this request as they are the department that deals with the proceeds; he added that City Council would have to approve it and the City would have to pay for this audit. Mr. Gustavson stated that he will verify that SCE is complying with the franchise agreement and he will have the language interpreted.

Ms. Epstein said that she will arrange a tour of the Los Angeles County Waste Energy Plant. Ms. Epstein stated that Culver City is interested in a future discussion of a partnership with Beverly Hills and that the City of Santa Monica is interested in emissions as they are rebuilding their transfer station in a public/private partnership.

Ms. Epstein told the Commissioners she would like to prioritize their goals regarding energy initiatives and she asked for their input. The Commissioners replied that they would like more information regarding risks before prioritizing. Ms. Epstein replied that she will have Mr. David Nahai return to speak to the Commission at the next meeting.

Chair Weinglass asked staff about the use of solar energy on public buildings. Mr. Gustavson replied that 331 Foothill Road has solar panels and that there is a Request for

Proposal to install panels on Civic Center buildings as well as City parking structures. He added that he will ask Mr. Alan Schneider, Director of Project Administration to speak to the Commission on the use of solar energy on City buildings.

**F. COMMISSION MINUTES**

Consideration of the Regular Minutes of July 8, 2010

MOVED by Chair Weinglass and SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 8, 2010.

5/0

Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler, and Weinglass

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**G. COMMISSION MATTERS**

None.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Mayor's Cabinet Meeting* – No meeting held.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Weinglass, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.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**

**Thursday, September 2, 2010  
1:00 p.m.**

**SYNOPSIS**

**OPEN MEETING**

**ROLL CALL AT 1:10 PM**

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: S. Keene, D. Jerex, S. Rojemann, and C. Bond (Community Development). Barry Brucker, Vice Mayor, was also in attendance for the latter portion of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF 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  
Report on DRC interviews for expiring terms

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the July 1, 2010 Meeting.

*The minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.  
Weiss-Szabo/4-0, Vice Chair Gilbar abstained.*

2. Minutes of the August 5, 2010 Meeting.

*The minutes of the August 5, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.  
Weiss-Szabo/4-0, Vice Chair Gilbar abstained.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### CONSENT CALENDAR

No Items This Month

### BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REPORT

3. State law requires that the Commission review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years. A copy of the reporting requirements are attached for the Commission's review and vote. *(This item was continued from last month to allow the Commission sufficient time for review.)*

***The Conflict of Interest Code was approved as presented.  
Szabo-Weiss/5-0.***

### CONSENT CALENDAR

None

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. **926 North Beverly Drive (PL# 102 0001)**  
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 **926 North Beverly Drive**.

***Returned for re-study by Order of the Chair.***

5. **625 North Elm Drive (PL# 101 7220)**  
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 **625 North Elm Drive**.

***Returned for re-study by Order of the Chair.***

6. **126 North LeDoux Road (PL# 101 8453)**  
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 **126 North LeDoux Road**.

***That a resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be drafted. Weiss-Strauss/5-0.***

**7. 627 Arden Drive (PL# 101 8539)**

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 **627 Arden Drive.**

***Pulled from the Agenda as Historical Review is required.***

**8. 601 North Crescent Drive (PL #102 0643)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **601 North Crescent Drive.**

***Returned for re-study by Order of the Chair.***

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Urban Design Program Manager's Report / Good and Welfare
- DRC/CC Liaison Meeting: September 1, 2010
- Discussion of Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10.3-4402 (Design Review Commission). This section allows the city council to appoint a landscape architect to fill the position of professional architect in the event no person who is a resident of the city is eligible for appointment as a licensed architect.

**ADJOURNED AT 4:25 PM**