



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455. N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING SYNOPSIS
April 12, 2012
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: April 12, 2012/ 1:35 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Fisher, Yukelson, Cole, Vice Chair Rosenstein, and Chair Corman.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Lait, Michele McGrath, Ryan Gohlich, Peter Noonan, Dorina Mohan, and David Snow (City Attorney's Office).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Approved by Order of the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Consideration of the Action Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of March 22, 2012.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Yukelson; seconded by Commissioner Fisher. (5-0).

Action: Approved as amended.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. 1141 Summit Drive and 1138 San Ysidro Drive – Variance and Lot Line Adjustment

(Applicant: Amy Studarus). Request for a variance to allow a lot line adjustment between the properties located at 1141 Summit Drive and 1138 San Ysidro Drive that would result in the property located at 1138 San Ysidro Drive being nonconforming with regard to minimum lot size and depth as set forth in BHMC §10-2-303. (Ryan Gohlich, Associate Planner)

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Planner: Ryan Gohlich, Associate Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: Amy Studarus and Alan Schimmel, representing the property owner, presented the project to the Commission.
Jean Pierre Thubschamn, owner, spoke on behalf of the project.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Yukelson; seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the resolution. (5-0).

Action: The request for variance was approved as amended.

- 3. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Recommending that the City Council Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Development Standards for Single Family Properties in the Central Area of the City and Amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.** (City Initiated). Proposed amendments to the Beverly Hills Municipal code regarding street side yard and rear yard setbacks for single family residential corner lots located south of Santa Monica Boulevard, rear yard setbacks for single family residential lots in the Central Area of the City, and the permitted height of fences in front yard setbacks where certain encroachments have been permitted in the front yard setback of single family residential properties. (Peter Noonan, Associate Planner)

Planner: Peter Noonan, Associate Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: Murray Fischer and Jake Manaster spoke in support of amending the development standards.
A letter from Design Review Chair was read into the record. Chair Pepp addressed various development standards such as FAR, garages, fences and setbacks which she identified required additional review.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Yukelson; seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the resolution. (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as amended.

- 4. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Recommending that the City Council Adopt an Ordinance Requiring Convenience Stores to Obtain a Convenience Store Conditional Use Permit and Amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.** (City Initiated). Adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance requiring new convenience stores to obtain a Conditional Use Permit. (Peter Noonan, Associate Planner)

Planner: Peter Noonan, Associate Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Rosenstein; seconded by Chair Corman to approve the resolution. (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as amended.

5. **A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Recommending that the City Council Adopt an Ordinance Deleting the Requirement to Accept Dedicated Property Within One Year and Amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.** (City Initiated). Adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance deleting the requirement that the City accept dedicated property within one year. (Peter Noonan, Associate Planner)

Planner: Peter Noonan, Associate Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Cole; seconded by Vice Chair Rosenstein to approve the resolution. (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration and/or establishment of new policy or project-related Planning Commission subcommittees and reports from existing subcommittees.

- a. Gateway Liaison (Yukelson/Corman)
- b. Other contemplated subcommittees

Action: No discussion on subcommittees.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

No communications from the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

Acting Principal Planner McGrath announced the study session discussion regarding evening and televised Planning Commission meetings would be before the City Council on April 17, 2012.

6. Active Case List

Action: Received and filed.

7. 2012 Meeting Calendar

Action: Received and filed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: April 12, 2012 / 6:00 PM

Decisions of the Architectural Commission may be appealed to the City Council within fourteen (14) days of the Architectural Commission action by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk. Appeal forms are available in the City Clerk's office. (Note: Appeal Fee Required.)

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

City Council Chambers

Commission Meeting Room 280-A

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

1:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING *The meeting was called to Order @ 1:06 PM*

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gardner-Apatow, Bernstein, Meyer, Cohen, Vice Chair Rubins, and Chair Rennett

Absent: Commissioner Blakeley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Rennett-Rubins/6-0
Approved as Amended*

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. Meeting of March 21, 2012

*Rubins-Cohen/6-0
Approval as Amended*

CONSENT ITEMS

2. DIOR

309 North Rodeo Drive

Request for approval of a façade remodel and sign accommodation to allow multiple business identification signs.

(PL120 5063)

Motion 1 (Architectural):

Rubins-Cohen/6-0

Approval with Conditions

Motion 2 (Barricade):

Cohen-Bernstein/6-0

Approval as Presented

CONTINUED ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. 435 NORTH BEDFORD DRIVE

Request for approval of a façade remodel

(PL120 1611)

Cohen-Rubins/6-0

Return for Restudy

4. 309-325 SOUTH ELM DRIVE

309-325 South Elm Drive

Request for approval of a landscape plan, balcony details and signs for a new four story condominium building which was previously conditionally approved by the Architectural Commission.

(PL112 2707)

Cohen-Bernstein/6-0

Approval as Presented

5. LEXUS DEALERSHIP

9230 Wilshire Boulevard

Request for approval of a new four-story commercial building.

(PL120 3682)

Rubins-Cohen/6-0

Approved with Conditions

NEW BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. 155 NORTH CRESCENT DRIVE

Request for approval of a façade remodel, a new business identification sign and a custom designed fountain.
(PL120 5500)

***Rubins-Cohen/6-0
Return for Restudy***

7. UTA

9336 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE

Request for approval of building identification signs, a monument sign and a sign accommodation to allow a building identifications sign facing private property.
(PL120 5347)

***Rubins-Bernstein/6-0
Approval with Conditions***

8. EAST WEST BANK

9378 Wilshire Boulevard

Request for approval of business identification signs and a building identification signs.
(PL120 4882)

***Meyer-Rennett/6-0
Return for Restudy***

9. 9301 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Request for approval of a façade remodel of the building entry and of an existing monument sign.
(PL120 5075)

***Meyer-Cohen/6-0
Return for Restudy***

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

- Meeting Recap Discussion

No action taken on this item

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Staff level approvals (TAB 10)
- Report from the City Planner

No action taken on this item

Architectural Commission Meeting Synopsis
April 18, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:05 PM

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 North Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
SYNOPSIS**

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Block, Friedman, Rosoff, Chairperson Gersh

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairperson Anderson

Staff Present: Zoet, Hunt-Coffey, Meyerowitz, Angel, Knebel

Tab 1. Public Comment

None

Tab 2. Roxbury Park Community Center Project

Assistant Director of Community Services reviewed information disseminated since the last Regular Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting. A detailed update of the Roxbury Park Community Center Project was presented and Staff responded to Commission inquiries.

Tab 3. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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Beverly Hills, California 90210

**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING SYNOPSIS
April 26, 2012
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: April 26, 2012/ 1:30PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Fisher, Yukelson, Cole, Vice Chair Rosenstein, and Chair Corman.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Lait, Michele McGrath, Cindy Gordon, Dorina Mohan, and David Snow (City Attorney's Office).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Approved by Order of the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Mastro's In-Lieu Parking (Applicant: Kiyoshi Graves)

Request for in-lieu parking to allow 32 in-lieu parking spaces to accommodate a restaurant expansion of the existing Mastro's restaurant. (Cindy Gordon, Assistant Planner)

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Assistant Planner

Applicant: Kiyoshi Graves

Public Input: Kiyoshi Graves, Jason Miranda, and Franco Checcini addressed the valet operations of the expansion.

Traffic Engineer, Brian Marchetti provided an overview of the methodology which was used for the parking study.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Cole; seconded by Vice Chair Rosenstein to approve the resolution. (5-0).

Action: Approved the resolution as presented.

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2. Capital Improvement Program (Applicant: City of Beverly Hills)
Annual Planning Agency Review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Consistency with the General Plan. (Michele McGrath, Acting Principal Planner)

Planner: Michele McGrath, Acting Principal Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: Deputy City Manager Lightner provided clarification on various projects in the capital improvement program.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Yukelson; seconded by Chair Corman to approve the resolution. (5-0).

Action: Approved the resolution as presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration and/or establishment of new policy or project-related Planning Commission subcommittees and reports from existing subcommittees.

- a. Gateway Liaison (Yukelson/Corman)
- b. Other contemplated subcommittees

Action: No discussion on subcommittees.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

No communications from the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

City Planner Lait announced the May 10th Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. He noted the R-1 Standards Ordinance would be before the City Council on May 15th and the televised/evening Planning Commission meetings discussion would take place on May 1st. Mr. Lait provided an update on the progress of the Urban Designer recruitment.

4. Active Case List

Action: Received and filed.

5. 2012 Meeting Calendar

Action: Received and filed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: April 26, 2012 / 2:50 PM



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455. N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**REGULAR DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING SYNOPSIS
May 3, 2012
1:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: May 3, 2012/ 1:10PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wyka, Strauss, Szabo, Vice Chair Nathan, and Chair Pepp

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shena Rojemann, Cindy Gordon and Candice Bond
(Community Development Department).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Approved by Order of the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Consideration of the Action Minutes of the Design Review Commission Meeting of May 3, 2012.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Pepp; seconded by Commissioner Szabo. (5-0).

Action: Approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. 516 North Bedford Drive (PL# 120 5632)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow an addition and remodel of the existing one-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Audio recordings of the Design Review Commission's meetings are available online within three days of the meeting. Visit www.cityofbeverlyhills.org to access those recordings.

Planner: Shena Rojemann
Applicant: John Sofio
Public Input: There was not public input for this item.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss; seconded by Commission Wyka to return the project for restudy (5-0).

Action: Return for restudy.

3. 510 Alpine Drive (PL# 120 6056)

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.

Planner: Shena Rojemann
Applicant: Hamid Gabbay
Public Input: There was not public input for this item.

Motion: Motion by Chair Pepp; seconded by Commissioner Nathan to return the project for restudy (5-0).

Action: Return for restudy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

- Meeting Recap Discussion
- Action:** No action taken on this item

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Report from the City Planner
 - Speaker Jerry Rosenthal addressed the Commission regarding the revising of R-1 Development Standards.
 - Design Review Candidates List (**Tab 4**)
- Action:** No action taken on this item

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: May 3, 2012 /4:10 PM



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room – ROOM 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
SYNOPSIS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2012

8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, Weinglass, Pressman, Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: D. Gustavson, C. Theisen, C. DiRenzo, D. Cartagena, R. Hickman

Guests: J. Hobbs, J. Mackie

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Foldvary

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Pressman noted a correction to the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting. Approval of minutes tabled to meeting in June with noted corrections.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Foldvary reviewed the items which were discussed by the other Commissions at the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

F. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Pilot Project of "Smart manhole Covers"

Ken Gettler, Drainage Maintenance Supervisor, spoke to the Commission about the pilot project of replacing approximately ten manholes made of cast iron with light weight composite. Mr. Gettler introduced Mr. Justin Hobbs with Hadronex who gave a presentation on the new "smart" manhole covers. As a Fiscal Year 2012/13 work plan item, the pilot program is scheduled for commencement in July. Mr. Gettler will provide the Commission an update on the project about six months after it has begun.

Public Works Regular Commission Meeting
Synopsis
May10, 2012

Refuse Truck Signage

Mr. Di Renzo handed out a color copy of the proposed recycling logos for refuse trucks. The Commission chose the third logo. Chair Foldvary asked if the trash receptacles could be updated with similar logos. Commission Pressman asked staff for the cost of replacing the labels which are on the bins. Mr. Gustavson stated this item will be placed on a future agenda.

Discussion of Water Utility Revenue Requirements for FY 2012/13 and FY 2013/14

Mr. Di Renzo spoke to the Commission on the Water Utility Revenue requirements. He stated that there would be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, and invited the Commission to join staff. Mr. Di Renzo mentioned the following significant rate increase drivers:

- Conservation Mandate
- City Reserve Policy
- Debt Service and Bond Covenant Requirement

Mr. Di Renzo presented two revenue options and their impact to fund balance, and stated that staff's recommendation was for a 7% increase for FY 2012/13 and 7% for FY 2013/14.

Mr. Gustavson told the Commission that the meeting staff held with HOA owners was very well received and that they gave staff their full support for the 7% rate increase for both years.

Commissioner Pressman made a MOTION to support staff's recommendation of a 7% rate increase.

Commissioner Shalowitz 2nd the MOTION.

Ayes: Foldvary, Pressman, and Shalowitz,

Noes: Shooshani and Weinglass

Abstentions: None.

CARRIED 3/2

Update from Second CIP Subcommittee Meeting

Vice Chair Shooshani made reference to Mr. Theisen's memo regarding the second CIP Subcommittee meeting and stated he would still like to negotiate service contracts even after a bid had been awarded. Commissioner Pressman said that according to Mr. Maloyan, state law prohibits this. Mr. Gustavson stated that the City Attorney has also confirmed this. Commissioner Pressman asked if the wording on the fourth bullet point on Mr. Theisen's memo could reflect "when possible". Mr. Theisen added that a summary page on CIP projects would be included in every Public Works Commission packet.

Update from Public Works Commission/City Council Liaison Meeting

Mr. Theisen stated that there was a discussion amongst staff and city council liaisons with respect to providing timely notifications to customers affected by water leaks. Mr. Theisen stated that various staff along with software consultants are investigating ways to capture leaks to reduce large water bills. Mr. Gustavson also noted that appeals of high water bills will be brought an appeals board which will consist of two members of the Commission and some staff members.

Public Works Regular Commission Meeting
Synopsis
May10, 2012

Public Works Commission meetings to be videotaped and posted on City website

Mr. Theisen stated that this was an informational item only and that staff training will be held in June. Actual videotaping would begin sometime in the summer.

G. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Weinglass commented that Mr. Noel Marquis told him that the software for the new utility bills was about to be implemented. Mr. Gustavson responded that to his understanding, the contract to purchase the new software had not been finalized.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS**

May 17, 2012
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, Room 280-A
9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Pease, Ginsburg, Nazarian, Sherman, Linder

Commissioners Absent: Meshkaty

Staff Present: Latta, Kahn, Kyriazi

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2012:

MOTION by Nazarian, SECONDED by Pease to approve as presented (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Ginsburg, Nazarian, Sherman, Linder

NOES: None

ABSENT: Meshkaty

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Dr. Brian Goldberg from the Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Provided an update on:

1. Safe School Ambassadors program, that the PTA has funded; staff of El Rodeo will be providing a report on their efforts in time for the Commission's June meeting. Hoping to integrate district wide.

2. Currently in negotiation with bargaining units. If state tax initiatives fail, public education will take a huge hit. Board of Education will make to make serious decisions. Will not be issuing new permits to allow students into the district; only employees of the district and the City of Beverly Hills.

Report from Sgt. Gregg Mader from the Beverly Hills Police Department.
Provided an update on:

1. No hate crimes to report.
2. No spike in late night noise calls to report.

ADMINISTRATOR

Report from Human Services Administrator James R. Latta, L.C.S.W.

1. Community Disaster Summit meeting.
2. During meeting break, photos for updated access cards will be taken.
3. Distributed flyer for the new Del Rey Square (Los Angeles/Culver City) for affordable housing for low-income seniors.
4. Distributed letter that was mailed out to businesses and residents on Olympic Blvd. from the City's Urban Forest Manager, Ken Pflanzgraf, on the Ficus Tree Master Plan – tree removal and replacement.
5. Video taping of Commission meetings will begin after staff training in June.
6. Distributed Rudy Cole's column from last week's Beverly Hill Weekly where civility was discussed again.
7. March 5, 2012 election; filing is November 12 – December 7.

CHAIR

Chair Linder gave a brief update on the Mayor's Cabinet meeting.

Tab 3. EMBRACE CIVILITY: REPORT FROM THE BULLYING PREVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Staff Latta gave an update on the Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on May 7, 2012. Vice Chair Sherman and Commissioner Ginsburg met with staff and recommended that the Commission develop a PSA that invites people to participate in a contest for people of all ages to submit a one-minute video that address a prompt within a message created by the Commission that speaks to the bystander.

Examples:

1. Everyone plays a role in bullying
2. Choose to do the right thing
3. Let's not wait for a tragedy to act
4. Be part of the solution not the problem
5. Make a difference by stepping forward

The winner would be awarded a special Embrace Civility Award created in recognition of Bullying Prevention Month. Tie the contest and award to October since it is Bullying Prevention

Month. If the Commission is interested, recommended that this is sole focus and time spent on this issue.

MOTION by Linder, SECONDED by Sherman: Move that the Commission undertake the project that our ad hoc committee has proposed to us that we advertise to the community as soon as possible a YouTube video competition on the subject of Bullying Prevention (5/0)

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

Tab 4. EMBRACE CIVILITY: AWARD UPDATE:

The Commission discussed and reviewed the nominations and voted on a winner. Letters will be sent to all nominees and those who made the nomination.

MOTION by Ginsburg, SECONDED by Linder: Because Nominee #7 meets all of the criteria established by the Human Relations Commission for the Embrace Civility Award, I move that nominee #7 be granted the first Embrace Civility Award to be given by this Commission. (5/0)

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

Tab 5. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

1. Pending motion from January 19, 2012, to pursue working with Fine Art Commission on the Plensa III sculpture. Not applicable at this time.
2. Commission's appearance at the May 20th Farmers' Market is cancelled due to conflicting schedules.
3. Election process begins in November. Opportunity to pursue civility statement.

Tab 6. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:

Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, discussed how social media is utilized by the City, which included a power-point presentation which was presented to City Council last November.

CALENDAR FOR 2012-13 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

Commissioner Nazarian will be absent for the July meeting.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Commissioner Ginsburg suggested initiating a policy of beginning meetings with a statement of civility and suggesting, request, require to all people who are in charge of presiding over a meeting that takes place under the City banner begin the meeting with an oral recitation or reminder of the civility statement that the City has adopted. This would include City Council and Commission meetings and hearings.

MOTION by Ginsburg, SECONDED by Nazarian: Move that this Commission actively pursue the possibility of requesting that all chairs of commissions, committees or groups that gather under the aegis of the City include in their opening statements a review of the civility policy that has been adopted by the City. (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Ginsburg, Nazarian, Sherman, Linder

NOES: None

ABSENT: Meshkaty

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

GOOD AND WELFARE:

None.

ADJOURN

Chair Linder adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

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City Hall Room 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
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SYNOPSIS

FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2012
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Shepard, Pressman and Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: Potter, Vice Chair Chalom
Staff: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker

B. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by, SECONDED by to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2012.

Ayes: Commissioners Friedman, Shepard, Pressman, Chair Smooke

Noes: None

Absent: Potter, Chalom

CARRIED. 4/0

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. William Seelig introduced himself as a representative of California District 24 of the American Legion, outlining their intention to form a Beverly Hills Chapter, specific to the residents of Beverly Hills who have served in the Armed Forces.

D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chair Chalom attended the Mayor's Cabinet meeting on May 9th. Chair Smooke read from the notes taken at that meeting.

Other Items:.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY-no comment

- a) The Fine Art Fund is reported at \$1,045,749.63.
- b) The letter to neighbors along the Park Way border of Beverly Gardens Park between Rodeo and Beverly Drives was discussed. This letter is to inform the neighbors of the concept to develop critical mass on that block.
- c) The structural engineering report has been presented; the front of the Civic Center Parking structure can support the weight of the mural. Next will be to determine who shall install and restore the mural after installation. The project will be put out to bid to qualified art restoration companies.
- d) Guy Dill's *Egalmah*, *The Great Palace*, will be removed from its present location atop one of the City's reservoir locations, deconstructed into 2 smaller tableaus, and reinstalled on Burton Way, between Palm and Oakhurst Drives, assuming all goes well with the Public Works report on that block to be able to support the installation.
- e) The purchase of Plensa's *Untitled*, from *The Endless* series, has been approved by City Council. The Purchase Order is making its way through channels, after which the funds will be transferred to The Richard Gray Gallery, at which time the artist will commence work on the piece.

- f) The Fine Art Commission was provided with a list of functions that have been set for the Centennial Celebration of the incorporation of the City of Beverly Hills, which will occur on January 28th, 2014. Beginning in the summer of 2013, an 18 month celebration will commence.

OTHER ITEMS:

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

3. CONVERSATION WITH ROSA LOWINGER'S FIRM
Two of Ms. Lowinger's employees discussed the schedule of which pieces would be worked on first, since Ironwood would be restoring Kusama's *Hymn of Life*, due to their contractual obligation to do so.
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FRIEND'S ENCHANTED WOODS PROPOSAL
The members of the Friend's of the Beverly Hills Public Library were unable to attend.
5. DISCUSSION SURROUNDING IRONWOOD'S PROPOSAL TO RESTORE *HYMN OF LIFE*.
Ironwood, fabricator of the *Hymn of Life*, is asking that the Fine Art Commission share the costs of the restoration of this piece, the City's share of which would come in at \$4516. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Chair Smooke moved that Ironwood fulfill its warranty obligation to refurbish and repair Kusama's Hymn of Life without cost to the City of Beverly Hills.

Commissioner Shepard seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Pressman, Friedman

Noes: none

Absent: Potter, Chalom

Carried: 4/0

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING FOR *UNTITLED*, AND *THE HYMN OF LIFE*
Two bids have come in for this project; Staff is waiting for the 3rd bid. This discussion and vote will be tabled until the June meeting of the Fine Art Commission.
7. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ART ORDINANCE
The Commissioners continued to discuss the proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance that was begun earlier in the day at the Special Meeting from 2pm to 4pm.

G. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Smooke adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.