



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: July 24, 2011
Item Number: H-7
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Byron Pope, City Clerk
Subject: ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT (HAMID GABBAY)
Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint Hamid Gabbay to the Architectural Commission for the term to begin July 25, 2012 and end on July 24, 2014. Mr. Gabbay will be eligible for reappointment per Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 2-2-105.

INTRODUCTION

This report transmits the formal request to appoint Hamid Gabbay to the Architectural Commission for the term provided.

DISCUSSION

Staff presented the Architectural Commission Interview Panel Report to the City Council on July 3, 2012 at the Study Session. This action will formally approve the appointment presented to the City Council at that meeting. During the discussion of this appointment, there was concern regarding the commercial projects that Mr. Gabbay is currently working on that will potentially come before the Architectural Commission for review/approval. Mayor Brien has spoken to Mr. Gabbay about this matter, and will share the conclusion of that conversation with the Council. The City Council also requested the City Attorney to draft an ordinance allowing the Architectural Commission architect and/or the Design Review Commission architect to be available for cases that come before those Commissions which would require the sitting architect to recuse themselves.

Staff has spoken with Mr. John Wyka (the current architect on the Design Review Commission) and he has indicated that he would not be interested in serving in this capacity due to the time commitment for the DRC along with his private practice schedule.

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If the options discussed by the Liaison and at the City Council Study Session on July 3, 2012 don't prove to be feasible, then staff will work with the Liaison on other possible options and will bring forward to the City Council when the ordinance allowing the substitution is presented for consideration.

City Attorney Lawrence Wiener will draft the ordinance based on the City Council direction.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Byron Pope
Approved By

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