



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

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
August 15, 2012
1:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: August 15, 2012 / 1:11 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Gardner-Apatow, Bernstein, Meyer, Vice Chair Blakeley, and Chair Rubins
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: William Crouch, Shena Rojemann, Cindy Gordon and Virgia Randall (Community Development Department)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Bernstein to approve the agenda as amended (Tab 7 moved before Tab 3). (5-0).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Speakers: Chair Rubins introduced and welcomed the new Urban Designer, Bill Crouch.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the Architectural Review Commission Meeting on July 18, 2012.

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair Rubins (5-0).
Action: **Approved as amended.**

CONTINUED ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Crescent Hotel – 403 North Crescent Drive

Request for approval of a façade remodel and a sign accommodation to allow a non-conforming use in a multi-family zone to have signage permitted in a commercial zone (PL1210212).

Planner: Cindy Gordan, Assistant Planner
Applicant: Greg Peck and Frank Weeks
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Gardner-Apatow; seconded by Commissioner Bernstein to approve the resolution (5-0).

Action: **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

(Taken out of Order)

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. 121 Spalding Drive

Request for approval of a new commercial building (PL121983).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Cory Taylor, Hal Balzberg, and Tom Levyn
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Gardner-Apatow to approve the resolution (5-0).

Action: **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

(Returned to Order)

3. Playboy – 9346 Civic Center Drive

Request for approval of a building identification sign (PL1211888).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Paul Salgado
Public Input: None.

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

Action: **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

4. Beverly Hills Visitor Center – 9400 South Santa Monica Boulevard

Request for approval of a sign accommodation to allow a building identification sign and business identification sign facing private property (PL1211967).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Steve Hoover
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Gardner-Apatow to return for restudy (5-0).
Action: **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

5. Flemings Steakhouse– 252 South Beverly Drive

Request for approval of a sign accommodation to allow multiple business identification signs (PL1211645).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Carol Sedensky
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Gardner-Apatow to deny the project (4-1, Bernstein).
Action: **The resolution was denied.**

6. Sugarfish – 212 North Canon Drive

Request for approval of a façade remodel and sign accommodation to allow an awning sign to exceed seven inches in height. (PL1211537).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Glenn Bell
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Blakeley to return for restudy (5-0).
Action: **The project was returned for restudy.**

8. 9955 Durant Drive

Request for approval of a façade remodel of an existing multi-family residential building (PL1211633).

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Assistant Planner
Applicant: Karen Lilegren and Nicole Stubblefield
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Gardner-Apatow to return the project for restudy (5-0).
Action: **The project was returned for restudy.**

9. 361 South Robertson Boulevard

Request for approval of a façade remodel (PL1211866).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: John Poindexter and Cameron Rye
Public Input: None.

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

Action: The project was returned for restudy.

10. EastWest Bank– 9378 Wilshire Boulevard

Request for approval of a new business identification sign and two window signs (PL1211806).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Steve Therriant and Sam Moon
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rubins; seconded by Commissioner Gardner-Apatow to deny the project (4-1, Bernstein).

Action: The resolution was denied.

PROJECT PREVIEW

11. 9265 Burton Way

Request for a preliminary review of a new multi-family residential project (PL1211959).

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner
Applicant: Ed Levin
Public Input: None.

Action: The Commission provided the applicant with feedback regarding the project design.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

No communication from the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

- Meeting Recap Discussion
- Architecture Day Discussion

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12. Staff level approvals

Action: Received and filed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: August 15, 2012 / 5:52 PM



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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

September 11, 2012
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Shooshani, Weinglass, Pressman and Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent: Foldvary

Staff: D. Gustavson, C. Theisen, C. Di Renzo, D. Cartagena, C. Burnley, D. Greene, R. Acaba

Guests: None

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Shooshani.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 9, 2012.

MOTION by Chair Pressman, SECONDED by Vice Chair Shalowitz to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 9, 2012

(4/0).

Ayes: Shooshani, Weinglass, Shalowitz, Pressman

Noes:

Abstentions: None.

CARRIED

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chair Shooshani asked staff to look into streamlining the emergency after-hour's phone recording as he had trouble understanding the message. He made several calls to Public Works after the small earthquakes that hit the Beverly Hills area on Labor Day. Mr. Gustavson stated that in the event of a significant earthquake, staff would be deployed to work and expected to respond. He added that the after-hour's phone message should direct callers to the Police Department's Watch Commander. Chair Pressman asked that staff ask Pamela Mottice, Director of Emergency Management, to speak at a future Public Works Commission meeting.

F. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

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

Rotation of Public Works Commission Chair – Commissioner Pressman rotated to Chair and Commissioner Shalowitz rotated to Vice Chair of the Public Works Commission. A special plaque will be presented to Commissioner Foldvary at the October meeting recognizing his term as Chair.

Oral Update on Utility-Related Marketing and Communications Activities – Mr. Di Renzo provided the Commission with updates on action items the Commission requested.

Introduction to NPDES Permits and the LA County Funding Initiative – Item tabled to the October 2, 2012 Public Works Commission meeting.

Review of the 2012 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Report –
Review of 2012 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Report: Exhibit A & B

MOTION by Chair Pressman to approve the 2012 City of Beverly Hills Conflict of Interest Code which requires that each local agency adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and determine with positions within the agency are subject to the Code. (4/0)

AYES: Shooshani, Weinglass, Shalowitz, Pressman,

NOES: None

CARRIED 4/0

Discussion of Resolution Establishing Rules and Procedures – Chair Pressman asked for a vote to approve sending the Resolution Establishing Rules and Procedures to the City Attorney's office with noted changes and include it in next month's Commission packet.

AYES: Shooshani, Weinglass, Shalowitz, Pressman,

NOES: None

CARRIED 4/0

Update on the Format of Minutes – Chair Pressman asked staff to include an action item box in the format of the minutes indicating the status/update of the action item.

Capital Improvement Program Projects under Public Works Management – Mr. Theisen informed the Commission that the monthly spreadsheet on CIP projects has been updated and was included in their packet and that the next part of the process will be individual meetings with staff and commissioners.

Save the Date – MWD Sponsored Hoover Dam Tour – Chair Pressman reminded the Commission of the upcoming Hoover Dam Tour sponsored by Metropolitan Water District.

G. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Weinglass commented on a newspaper blog from the Los Angeles County Bicycle Club regarding the issue of bike racks. Chair Pressman replied that he learned in the Mayor's Cabinet meeting that bike racks and bike tie-ups will be placed throughout the City. Mr. Gustavson stated that this subject matter falls under the purview of the Transportation and Parking Commission and that this project is in development.

Chair Pressman stated he was glad to be made aware of items such as staff's Tweets and the Solid Waste survey but asked that the Commission be made aware of any initiative that relates to the Public Works Commission in advance.

Due to a conflict in schedule, the next Public Works Commission meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

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

September 20, 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 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Kahn, Kyriazi

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2012:

MOTION by Sherman, SECONDED by Pease to approve as presented (3/0)

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

Commissioner Ginsburg arrived at 9:32 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Brian Goldberg from the Beverly Hills Unified School District was not present

Sgt. Gregg Mader from the Beverly Hills Police Department was not present.

Report from Officer James Keenaghan, the new bike patrol from the Beverly Hills Police Department.

Provided an update on:

1. No new reported hate crimes
2. State-wide, hate crimes are down 4% from last year.
3. Panhandlers need to be 15' from ATMs and City parking structure entrances. They are not allowed to ask outside diners for anything. PD must observe in order to enforce.
4. Reminder about the Nixle web-based program. Text your area code to 888-777 to receive updates on crime alerts, emergencies and weather data.

ADMINISTRATOR

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

1. This is our first video-taped meeting. It'll be available on the City's web site.
2. July 26th, Rudy Cole interviewed Chair Linder, Human Services Outreach Manager Julie Kahn, and Mason A. Sommers from The Maple Counseling Center, on his *Inside Beverly Hills* TV show.
3. August 7th was the National Night Out celebration.
4. September 10th was the Annual Senior Health Fair at Roxbury Park; sponsored by Cedars Sinai.
5. Wendy Hughes was introduced as the City's National Urban Fellow for this year. Wendy will be working with Staff on panhandling and outreach to visitors and the residential and business communities on the importance of making positive change not providing spare change.
6. Amendment to the Human Relations Commission Ordinance, regarding number of non-resident commissioners following the change from seven to five commissioners, was approved August 23rd.
7. Yar Meshkaty will be acknowledged at tonight's City Council for his six years of service on the Human Relations Commission.
8. City Election date March 5, 2012.
9. Distributed hand-out of ruling from Ninth Circuit Court, September 11, 2012: *Ninth Circuit Reaffirms Cities' Ability to Regulate Disruptive Speech at Public Meetings*.

CHAIR

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

Tab 3. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ROTATION:

Annual September rotation and election of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

MOTION by Linder, SECONDED by Pease: I nominate Commissioner Ilona Sherman to be the chair of our Human Relations Commission for the coming 2012 – 2013 session.
(5/0)

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

MOTION by Nazarian, SECONDED by Linder: I move that Commissioner Ginsburg take the roll of Vice Chair for the coming year. (5/0)

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

Tab 4. EMBRACE CIVILITY: BULLYING PREVENTION VIDEO COMPETITION STATUS REPORT:

The Commission plans to link their Bullying Prevention Video competition with the announcement of the City's new website in October 2012.

The Bullying Prevention Ad Hoc agreed to meet on October 1st from 2 pm to 3:30 pm to prepare for the October 2nd City Council 2:30 p.m. Study Session.

Tab 5. REQUEST FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG REMEMBRANCE:

A private citizen wants to contribute \$10,000 towards a request that will be made of the City Council for a remembrance of Raoul Wallenberg's 100th birthday.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of the requested contribution which will be submitted to Council.

Tab 6. PROMOTION PLAN FOR THE 2013 EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD:

The Commission reviewed the 2013 promotion plan for the next Embrace Civility Award.

Tab 7. REVIEW OF 2012 BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REPORT:

The Commission reviewed the 2012 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code.

MOTION by Sherman, SECONDED by Nazarian: I move that the code remain the way it is and that we have no change recommended. (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Linder, Nazarian, Ginsburg Sherman
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

Tab 8. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The Commission reviewed the status of pending items.

CALENDAR FOR 2012-13 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

No changes.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Commissioner Nazarian expressed her gratitude to Commissioner Meshkaty for his years of service and his dedication as he retires from the Commission. Also, congratulations to Commissioner Linder for her work as Chair and our new Chair Sherman and Vice Chair Ginsburg. We're looking forward to a wonderful year.

For anybody who is celebrating Rosh Hashanah, I wanted to wish everyone, whether they're celebrating or not, a very happy, healthy, sweet New Year and wonderful things to happen in the year to come.

Chair Sherman reminded the Commission to check out the City's new web site.

Outgoing Chair Linder thanked the Commission for her gift. The Demonstration Garden at Greystone now has a blog at: <http://greystonedemonstrationgarden.blogspot.com/>

Wendy Hughes, National Urban Fellow, informed the Commission that volunteers are requested for the City's Centennial. September 27th is a volunteer call-out at Greystone from 5pm – 7pm.

ADJOURN

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 11:37 p.m.