

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES - STUDY SESSION
June 4, 2013
Council Chambers
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Mirisch
Vice Mayor Bosse
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Gold
Councilmember Krasne
Jeff Kolin, City Manager
Larry Wiener, City Attorney
Lolly Enriquez, Assistant City Attorney
Daniel Cartagena, Senior Management Analyst
Byron Pope, City Clerk
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager
Megan Roach, Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager
Steve Zoet, Director of Community Services

A - DIRECTION

1. Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Roxbury Community Center City Council will visit the Roxbury Community Center for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Council attended a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Roxbury Community Center. The Community Center is scheduled to reopen in twelve months.

2. Sacramento - San Joaquin Bay Delta Update
The City Council to receive an update from Dr. Robert Wunderlich, the City of Beverly Hills Representative to the Metropolitan Water District Board, on issues involving the Sacramento - San Joaquin Bay Delta water infrastructure and eco-restoration.

Senior Management Analyst Daniel Cartagena introduced Dr. Robert Wunderlich, the City's representative to the Metropolitan Water District Board (MWD). Dr. Wunderlich presented the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) which is intended to address the reliability of Southern California's water supply and restore the Bay Delta's ecosystem.

The BDCP's strategic plan will accomplish the following:

- Construct a new conveyance tunnel to protect California's water supply;
- Improve the Delta ecosystem through habitat restoration; and
- Remove pollutants, invasive species and other "stressors" harming the Delta environment.

He discussed the BDCP's estimated costs as well as how alternative proposals to the BDCP will be evaluated for cost effectiveness. The conveyance facility and mitigation costs would be paid for by MWD users, such as the City. The rest of the project would be paid through the issuance of bonds.

Mr. Cartagena responded to questions regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Council provided their support for the project.

3. Reconfirming City Council Meeting Dates Through December 2013 The meeting schedule is being brought forward for reconsideration of certain meeting dates for the remainder of the year which present a potential conflict with Councilmembers' schedules.

Council discussed future City Council meeting dates. Vice Mayor Bosse indicated that she has conflicts with the July 16 and November 5 meetings.

Councilmember Krasne cited the Beverly Hills Municipal Code section 2-1-1 which addresses the day and time for City Council meetings.

City Manager Kolin responded to concerns regarding the change of the start time of Study Session meetings.

Councilmembers Gold and Brien will check their schedules to confirm their available for November 7 so that the November 5 meeting can be rescheduled.

The August 6 meeting will remain on the calendar.

4. Approval of the Design Elements Associated with the Historical Renovation of Beverly Gardens Park and Review of Environmental Assessment
Staff seeks City Council approval of the proposed plans for the renovation of sections of Beverly Gardens Park. Initial efforts will address the restoration of the Electric Fountain and the lily pond adjacent to the Beverly Hills sign, inclusive of surrounding landscaping, and other improvements. Staff will also present findings regarding their environmental review of the project.

Vice Mayor Bosse recused herself from the discussion.

Director of Community Services Steve Zoet provided a brief background on the Beverly Gardens Park restoration and its lead benefactor Steve Gordon.

Landscape Architect Mia Lehrer reviewed the proposed design elements proposed for the park.

Council approved the construction plans for reconstruction of the lily pond and related site improvements associated with Phase I development.

5. FY 2013-14 Tourism and Marketing Budget and Programs Overview This item provides an overview of the FY 2013-14 tourism and marketing budget and programs funded through the transient occupancy tax.

Item not discussed.

6. Status Report on 2014 Centennial Celebration and Update on Proposed Centennial Retail Store

This item provides an update on the City's Centennial Celebration including City Council-approved events and initiatives, budgetary update, and a business plan for the proposed Centennial retail store.

Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling and Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Megan Roach presented the status report and update on the proposed Centennial Retail Store.

The presentation included the following elements related to the Centennial Celebration:

- Vision
- Objectives
- Community-Wide Partnerships
- Accomplishments
- Budget Overview
- Events and Initiatives
- Volunteer Committees
- Calendar of Events
- Partner Organization Requests

The proposed Centennial Retail Store was reviewed including estimated costs as well as the pros and cons. The proposed store would be located at 9400 Santa Monica Boulevard and would open in the fall of 2013.

Council expressed concern with the cost of the Centennial events and store. The item will return to the June 18 Study Session for further discussion and possible funding allocation.

B - ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (Time Permitting)

No items.

C - INFORMATION

No items.

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The Study Session adjourned at 6:18 p.m. to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting. The Closed Session concluded at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 18th day of June, 2013



BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JOHN A. MIRISCH, MAYOR

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