



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

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**TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
October 3, 2013  
9:00 AM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: October 3, 2013 / 9:03 AM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Friedman, Steinberg, Vice Chair Licht, Chair Grushcow.  
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Levine.  
Staff Present: Aaron Kunz, Chad Lynn, Martha Eros, Bijan Vaziri, Karen Myron

**STUDY SESSION**

1. **Police Department Report**
  - Sergeant Mader provided an update on the Police Department Report.
2. **Commission Chair Report**
  - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting of September 9, 2013.
3. **Transportation Engineering Quarterly Report**
  - Senior Transportation Engineer Bijan Vaziri provided information to the Commission and answered questions regarding the Transportation Engineering Quarterly Report.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Review Resident Request to Change the Zone Designation on the 300 Block of El Camino Drive**

Resident-initiated petition to modify the current Zone "C" designation on the 300 block of El Camino Drive. Staff recommends changing the zone designation only to Zone "D", which exists on the 200 block of El Camino Drive. Staff also offered the following 3 Options:

Option 1 – Incorporate into existing Zone "D", similar street characteristics, current number of permit zones: 72.

Option 2 - Create new Zone "BT", exclusive on-street parking for 300 El Camino Drive, restricts parking on Gregory Way.

Option 3 – Retain existing conditions; no change.

Planner: Martha Eros, Transportation Planner  
Lead Petitioner: Myra Demeter, PhD  
Public Comment: Franklin Weigold (support), Lisa Kilman (oppose), Jeff Berkett (oppose), Marybeth Berkett (oppose), Joan Rosen (oppose), Gregg Bond (oppose), Stu Rosen (oppose).

**Motion:** Motion by Vice Chair Licht, Second by Commissioner Friedman recommending adoption of Option 2, creating new Zone "BT" in the 300 block of El Camino Drive (2-2).

Ayes: Commissioner Friedman, Vice Chair Licht.

Noes: Commissioner Steinberg, Chair Grushcow.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Steinberg, Second by Chair Grushcow recommending Option 3, retaining existing conditions (2-2).

Ayes: Commissioner Steinberg, Chair Grushcow.

Noes: Commissioner Friedman, Vice Chair Licht.

## STUDY SESSION, CONTINUED

### 4. Status Report

- Director of Parking Operations Chad Lynn provided an overview of guidelines established by the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the use of "Transportation Network Companies".
- Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz provided an update on the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project.
- Staff briefed the Commission on the reorganization of the City's Public Works and Community Development Departments.
- Parking Services Manager Russell Platamone provided an update on parking operations during Halloween, as well as handicap placard enforcement in the City.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Traffic & Parking Commission Special Meeting on September 12, 2013.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Steinberg, Second by Vice Chair Licht to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).

**Action:** **The minutes were approved as presented.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: October 3, 2013 / 11:47 AM



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

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 22, 2013  
2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Bilak, Gersh, Friedman, Vice Chairperson Rosoff  
Commissioners Absent: Anderson  
Staff Present: Zoet, Hunt-Coffey, Angel, Meyerowitz, Pfalzgraf, Knebel

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Tab 1. Adjourned Regular Meeting of September 26, 2013**

MOVED by Friedman, SECONDED by Bilak to approve with correction. Text revised on second paragraph of Tab 3 starting with "Moved by." (4/0)

AYES: Bilak, Gersh, Friedman, Rosoff  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: Anderson  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**Tab 2. Reintroduction of New Recreation Supervisor Tim Duerr**

Recreation Manager Teri Angel introduced Recreation Supervisor Tim Duerr who returned to the City of Beverly Hills after a brief employment with another local jurisdiction.

**NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**Tab 3. Finalization of Roxbury Playground Amenities**

Staff presented information regarding the completed bid process for the multi-use sports field project and irrigation mainline replacement as well as the upcoming bid process for the field restroom. Diagrams for the playground were shown. The following motion was made with regard to the presentation in order to meet project timelines.

MOVED by Rosoff, SECONDED by Bilak to accept the Kompan proposed designs for both the 2- 5 and 6 – 12 year old play areas. The following changes are requested: Change the “Hopper” to the “Blazer” in the 2 – 5 year old area; change the “Glacier” to the “Crest” in the 5 -12 year old area; work with a design configuration to enable expansion of playground with either prescribed or non-prescribed play pieces based on user preference and an additional rotating dish in the 5 – 12 year old area; and secure add/alternate bids for a shade structure for both playground sections. (4/0)

AYES: Bilak, Gersh, Friedman, Rosoff  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: Anderson  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
CARRIED

**Tab 4. Discussion Regarding Dog Park.**

Commissioners Bilak and Friedman commented on the recent Ad Hoc Meeting held where different areas in the City were discussed as possible off-leash dog areas. No specific action is being taken at this time.

**Tab 5. Discussion Regarding Teen Programming and Facility Options**

Commissioners Bilak and Gersh met with staff and received an overview of teen programming. Discussion occurred with the whole Commission regarding current and future programs.

**Tab 6. Capital Improvements Project Updates**

Community Services Director Steve Zoet reviewed the following Capital Improvement Projects:

- City Council approved design options for the Gateway Signage projects and are scheduled to award an agreement for design services on November 19. Based on the proposed schedule, a mid-2014 completion is foreseen.
- Hamel Mini Park re-dedication occurred Sunday, October 13. City Council, Commissioners and neighbors were in attendance.
- The Greystone Public Restrooms project construction has begun. Completion by early May 2014 is anticipated.
- Roxbury Park Community Center construction continues on schedule and is progressing. Construction documents are being finalized for the field restroom and playground renovation. The field renovation and irrigation mainline replacement project has been bid and awarded to Landscape Support Services, Inc.
- Construction at the Beverly Gardens lily pond is continuing. A ceremonial groundbreaking occurred on October 13 and completion is expected by late January 2014.

## **Tab 7. Director's Report**

Community Services Director Steve Zoet and Staff updated the Commission on the following: Fall Art Show, Design Showcase House Gala, Gran Fondo Update, Beverly Canon Gardens Improvements, Millard Sheets Event Reminder, Soccer RFP, Teen Advisory Committee Introduction, Event Calendar and Meeting Dates.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

## **Tab 8. Ad Hoc Chairperson Reports**

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Anderson/Rosoff) – Vice Chairperson Rosoff reported on the October Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.
- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Gersh/Friedman) – No discussion.
- c. Farmers' Market (Anderson/Bilak) – Recreation Manager Brad Meyerowitz briefed the Commission on the modification of the Farmers' Market Annex rules to allow health related organizations to have booths. This was a result of the recent "Be the Match" request.
- d. Fine Arts (Anderson/Gersh) – No discussion.
- e. Gateway Signage Project (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- f. Community Charitable Foundation (Anderson/Bilak) – No discussion.
- g. Greystone Park (Anderson/Gersh) – No discussion.
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Rosoff/Friedman) – No discussion.
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Gersh/Friedman) – No discussion.
- j. Special Events/Concert Series (Rosoff/Gersh) – No discussion.
- k. Sports (Friedman/Bilak) – Commissioner Gersh requested and Recreation Manager Teri Angel provided an update on the two youth football entities.
- l. Street Tree Master Plan (Rosoff/Friedman) – No discussion.
- m. Teens (Gersh/Bilak) – Discussed in TAB #5.
- n. Beverly Gardens Restoration (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- o. Off-Leash Dog Area (Friedman/Bilak) – Discussed in TAB #4.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
OCTOBER 24, 2013  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: October 24, 2013 / 1:34 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Block, Corman, Yukelson, Vice Chair Fisher.  
Commissioners Absent: Chair Rosenstein.  
Staff Present: Jonathan Lait, Ryan Gohlich, Karen Myron, David Snow.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Order of Acting Chair Fisher to approve the agenda as presented (4-0).  
Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

**EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting on October 10, 2013.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Block, Second by Commissioner Corman to approve the minutes as presented (3-0-1 Yukelson abstained).  
Action: **The minutes were approved as presented.**

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

### **2. 1021 North Roxbury Drive Central R-1 Permit**

Request to construct a single-story accessory structure with a maximum height of 19' within a required side and rear setback.

Planner: Ryan Gohlich, Senior Planner  
Applicant: Steve and Kathy Needleman  
Public Input: Larry Larson (written correspondence)

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Block, Second by Commissioner Yukelson to approve the resolution as presented (3-1 Corman).

Action: **The resolution was approved as presented.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Single Family Residence Bulk and Mass Standards
- Zoning Code Reorganization
- Planning Commission / Cultural Heritage Commission Joint Subcommittee
- 1006 Laurel Way Subcommittee
- Planning Staff Reports Subcommittee

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Vice Chair Fisher mentioned comments from the recent Mayor's Cabinet Meeting regarding the size and term limits of the City's Commissions, and staff provided clarification on the topic.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER**

- City Planner Jonathan Lait briefed the Commission on the following items:
  - The evening's upcoming meeting on the Central Area Single-Family Home Bulk and Mass study.
  - City Council's decision regarding the Gateway project.
  - An upcoming City Council liaison meeting, including requested agenda items.

**3. Active Case List**

**Action:**               **Received and filed.**

**3. Building Permit Activity Report – 9/1/13 through 9/30/13**

- After questions from the Commission, staff explained basements' relation to the Bulk and Mass study.

**4. 2013 Meeting Schedule Calendar**

- Staff indicated the possibility of both an afternoon and evening session at the November 21, 2013 Planning Commission meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time:                       October 24, 2013 /2:06pm



Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
SYNOPSIS

FINE ART COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 29, 2013  
3:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Kaye, Smooke, Potter, Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

Absent: none

Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, P. Acuna, L. Foraker

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**1. COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Minutes of September 17, Special Meeting, were approved as amended.

**2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker)**

• **Information only**

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$878,288.21.
- B. Due to schedule conflicts of Commissioners involved and City Council member Gold, the follow up meeting has not been calendared. This is expected to be further examined in November.
- C. Staff met with the General Manager of 2 Rodeo. The proposal put forth by the Fine Art Commission, to reinstall the columns on the property, was not enthusiastically supported. Other avenues are being considered.
- D. Staff reported on the pieces of art in the City collection that have been fully restored.

• **Other Items**

None

**CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**3. PRESENTATION OF REED EXPOSITIONS FRANCE TO HOST A 2015 FIAC EVENT IN BEVERLY HILLS**

Staff introduced Mr. Scott Stover, former Fine Art Commissioner, as a representative of Reeds Exposition to present the overview of the event to the Commission for their consideration.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved that the Fine Art Commission endorse the idea that the City work with REED Expositions France with the aim of bringing FIAC to the City of Beverly Hills to enhance art and culture in the City. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Kaye, Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**4. CONSIDERATION OF LOAN OF *OUT OF MANY ONE:LA* BY NICOLE MALONEY**

The artist, Ms. Maloney, presented her work, a spinning, interactive aluminum cube of 3 interconnected layers featuring photos mounted in a grid pattern, highlighting the diversity of our community as well as the interconnectedness of us all. The Commission looks very favorably to the concept of this project, and feels, due to the nature of the message that the Human Relations Commission has an inherent interest in the project and should be consulted as well. Ms. Maloney will make contact and present at their next meeting

**5. DISCUSSION OF MILLARD SHEETS MURAL DEDICATION**

The event to celebrate the installation of the Millard Sheets mural on the façade of the Civic Center Parking structure will take place on Saturday, November 2 at 2 pm. JP Morgan Chase is underwriting the event. After the dedication ceremony, guests will retire to the Boat Court for a fiesta.

**6. FOLLOW UP ON CONSIDERATION OF ARTWORK FOR ACQUISITION**

Carol Bove's work, *Prudence*, was purchased by another party; her representative countered with an opportunity for Ms. Bove to create a similar piece specifically for purchase by the City of Beverly Hills. The difference in the original price and the adjusted price was too great, causing the Commission to lose interest. The Commission will bring forth works by other artists for consideration to the November meeting.

**7. FEEDBACK FROM CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ABOUT ORDINANCE REVISIONS**

Staff met with City Attorney to go over proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance. The desire of the Commission to capture tenant improvements other than the ones to outside of buildings is proving to be problematic. There are too many legal restrictions to make that feasible. Staff entered all the changes suggested by the City Attorney into a revised document. The Commission accepted most points presented, with the exception of putting a monetary cap on the value of proposed donations before it comes to the Commission for acceptance as a gift to the City.

**8. DISCUSSION OF PROTECTION FOR KUSAMA'S HYMN OF LIFE**

While the long term solution for protecting Kusama *Hymn of Life*, called a ha ha, works its way through channels, the Commission received word from Rosa Lowinger's firm that small fissures are appearing in the surface of the piece, necessitating an emergency

stop-gap measure prior to the long term solution being developed. Staff presented a short term solution of a mesh like fencing that still allows for the sculpture to be visible.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved that the Fine Art Commission authorize the creation of a 4' enclosure of netting with a price not to exceed \$7500 to protect the Kusama. Vice Chair Pressman seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioners Kaye, Potter, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

Staff presented Robbie Anderson's solution for protecting the Kusama.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved that the Fine Art Commission does not accept a temporary elastic band and decomposed granite as the long term choice in protecting the Kusama. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Kaye, Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

## **9. UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ART AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCELERATION OF ART RESTORATION PROCESS**

During a previous Fine Art Commission meeting, when the price tag associated with each restoration project was presented, the Commission expressed curiosity as to why *Celluloid* was so costly. Rosa Lowinger's firm revisited the site to verify that the estimate was accurate. Due to the location of the piece, the deteriorated condition, the exposure to constant traffic in close proximity, the height of the piece, necessitating scaffolding, and permits associated with that scaffolding, the price tag mounts up, thereby resulting in the 20% increase over their initial proposal.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Potter moved to proceed forward with the restoration and maintenance of Celluloid by Merrill Gage. Commissioner Smooke seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Kaye, Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

## **10. UPDATE ON STATUS OF INSTALLATION OF CENTER OBELISK BY JOAN BROWN**

Now that the Tishman Speyer check has arrived and has been deposited in a trust account to provide for the moving, restoration, installation, and maintenance of the obelisk, the Commission is being asked to allocate funds from that endowment to begin that process.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved to authorize staff to seek bids to move, restore and re-install Joan Brown's Center Obelisk in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Vice Chair Pressman seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioners Kaye, Potter, Chair Chalom.

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**11. UPDATE ON PROVIDING DECOMPOSED GRANITE AROUND ARTWORK AND REQUEST TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR SOLUTION AROUND *HUNTER AND HOUNDS* AND *CELLULOID***

Discussion ensued regarding the continued water damage to City owned art installations, resulting in continued maintenance fees due to that damage. City park staff will need to relocate sprinkler heads and adjust landscaping to guarantee protection.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Potter moved to install decomposed granite around *Celluloid* and *Hunter & Hounds* to protect the pieces and to eliminate their proximity to water. Commissioner Smooke seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Kaye, Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Chalom adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.