



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

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
December 5, 2013
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: December 5, 2013 / 1:32 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Pepp, Strauss, Vice Chair Wyka, Chair Nathan.
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Hubschman.
Staff Present: William Crouch, Cindy Gordon, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss, second by Vice Chair
Wyka to approve the agenda as presented (4-0).
Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Nathan disclosed a meeting she attended with City staff, along with the applicants of item #6, 713 Arden Drive.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the Design Review Commission Meeting on November 7, 2013.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss, Second by Commissioner Pepp to
approve the minutes as presented (4-0).
Action: **The minutes were approved as presented.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. 144 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE (PL1318426)

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

(This project will be continued to the January 6, 2014 Design Review Commission Special Meeting.)

3. 601 NORTH CRESCENT DRIVE (PL1328885)

A request for an R-1 Design Review permit to allow a revision to a previously approved new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

This project will be continued to the January 6, 2014 Design Review Commission Special Meeting.)

4. 439 SPALDING DRIVE (PL1329095)

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 south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner:	Reina Kapadia, Limited Term Planner
Applicant :	Siavash Jazayeri – SIA Architectural Design
Public Input:	None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Pepp, Second by Vice Chair Wyka to approve the resolution with conditions (4-0).

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. 209 SOUTH LA PEER DRIVE (PL1331080)

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 south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Applicant: Naoum Helou; owner John Stewart
Public Input: John Gottfurcht

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Pepp, Second by Commissioner Strauss to return the project for restudy (4-0).

Action: The project was returned for restudy.

6. 713 ARDEN DRIVE (PL1331141)

A request for an R-1 Design Review permit to allow a revision to a previously approved façade remodel to an existing two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: 713 Arden LLC
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss, Second by Vice Chair Wyka to approve the resolution with conditions (4-0).

Action: The resolution was approved with conditions.

The Commission took a recess at 2:34pm.

The Commission reconvened at 2:40pm.

7. 718 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE (PL1331145)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel to an existing one-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Applicant: Cameron Yadidi Brock
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Wyka, Second by Commissioner Strauss to return the project for restudy (4-0).

Action: The project was returned for restudy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Pepp gave a report from the Mayor's Cabinet meeting on December 2, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER

- 2014 Meeting Calendar (**Tab 8**)
 - Commissioner Pepp advised she would not be present at the July 2014 meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: December 5, 2013 /3:18 PM



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

FINE ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
December 17, 2013
1:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 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

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Marshall Peck, resident, requested the Commission consider the concept of a work of art by Tom Otterness of a playground slide, evoking the Tin Man from Wizard of Oz, to be installed in Roxbury Park. The piece is made of bronze and needs to be installed in a shady area to mitigate the issue of a heated surface. The Commissioners asked qualifying questions and requested more information. Mr. Peck will research and return to the Commission.

2. DISCUSSION OF INVERTED BARRIER TO PROTECT THE KUSAMA

Staff presented updated drawings by the landscaping company of the inverted barrier solution to the long term protection of Kusama's *Hymn of Life*.

MOTION: Vice Chair Pressman moved that the Fine Art Commission support in concept the design of the inverted barrier, without the cords and posts, to protect Kusama's *Hymn of Life*. If the concept is acceptable to the City Council, the Fine Art Commission thereby approves the authorization to secure architectural renderings, enabling staff to send the project out to bid. Commissioner Smooke seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Kaye, Potter, Chair Chalom

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

CARRIED: 5/0

3. REQUEST FOR FINAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON THE REVISION OF THE FINE ART ORDINANCE

The Commissioners had no substantive suggestions for changing the document. Any punctuation and spelling changes to be made will be sent to staff to incorporate later.

Staff will inquire with the City Attorney's office as to their progress with the most recent submission. The next step is to take it to the Council Liaison and then the full City Council for approval.

4. 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. Deborah Butterfield installation.

Chinese New Year will bring forth the Year of the Horse. The Beverly Hills Visitors Bureau will kick off the Year of the Horse at the Annenberg Performing Arts Center. A loan from Deborah Butterfield is being proposed as a temporary loan to be installed at 2 Rodeo. Iconic, Ms. Butterfield's horses are mostly constructed of bronze pieces that look like driftwood, artfully arranged to emerge as a horse.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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

December 19, 2013
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Sherman, Linder, Nazarian, Chair Ginsburg

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Kyriazi

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. REGULAR MEETING OF November 21, 2013:

MOTION by Nazarian, SECONDED by Sherman to approve as presented (4/0)

AYES: Sherman, Linder, Nazarian, Chair Ginsburg

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

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.

Sergeant George DeMarois, from the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) was not present.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

1. Human Services finished their final presentation to the Fire Department. All three shifts were informed about services offered by the Human Services Division.
2. Update on Human Relations Commissioner interview process.
3. The Human Services position is filled and the new hire will be starting in January.
4. The subject of having blocked sites on the library's public computers is an issue that may come to the HRC.
5. Beverly Hills cable TV will be airing the Bullying Prevention winning videos.
6. Our Farmers' Market will be having their 20th year anniversary September 2014. City Council will be asked to cover expenses for the celebration. Profits from the event will be donated to provide services for individuals that are homeless in Beverly Hills.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Ginsburg reminded the HRC that the Mayor's monthly cabinet meeting minutes are provided in their packet and requested Commissioner Nazarian to attend the January meeting in her absence.

Tab 3. CIVIL CITY CAMPAIGN:

Administrator Latta and Commissioners reviewed and discussed what will be needed to complete the campaign:

- How to communicate to the public and have the message be heard; engage rather than preach; provide and invite scenarios
- Who is our core audience and how do we reach them?
- Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, City web page, City e-blast, City press release, school packet/email blast
- Visual Print: Local papers, Farmers' Market, Library (flyer, banners, posters)
- Face To Face: Schools, students, parents, PTA, local student bodies, Drivers Education
- Location: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Rodeo Drive Committee, Conference and Visitors Bureau (CVB), local businesses, restaurants, hotels, police department, courthouse bulletin board, small claims office, car dealerships
- Senior groups (Recreation and Park groups)
- Public Service Announcement (PSA) on local channels

A slogan/message was discussed to be used in crafting an outline for a group presentation:

- Civil City Civil Sidewalks
- Do Unto Others: Be Civil
- Walk City Council from the Chambers to the Street

Focusing on 4 issues: Bikes, motorists, pedestrians, cell phones

- Utilize the City's Danger-stoppers video.

Shield/Graphics:

- White background was agreed upon.
- Enlarge the shield and balance the white.
- Civil Streets Civil Sidewalk (2nd line) needs to be emphasized.

Flyers approved. Banners: ordered and install in anticipation of the January 28th Centennial Roll-out.

It was agreed that Chair Ginsburg draft the outline/presentation for the HRC to present and February 24th will be the new target date.

MOTION by Linder, SECONDED by Nazarian: Move that the HRC accept the details of the discussion we've had today in reference to the shield, stickers and banners for the Civil City Campaign, in addition to the roll-out date and discussion involving the City Council in a PSA about the Civil City Program and that we move forward as discussed during this meeting (4/0)

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

Tab 4. RENT STABILIZATION:

Senior Code Enforcement Officer Terence May provided the Commission with an overview of the City's rent stabilization ordinance.

Tab 5. HUMAN RELATIONS 2013-14 WORKPLAN REVIEW:

The proposed projects for 2014 was reviewed and discussed.

- 1) Civil City Campaign - current
- 2) Video Competition and the City-wide read are tied for 2nd project
 - o Civil City video or Bullying Prevention video
 - o Assistant Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey agreed to have the Library partner with the HRC in the City-wide read
- 3) Periodic Media profile from array of cultures in our community

An ad hoc was appointed with Commissioners Nazarian and Linder to review and upgrade the documents that were created for the Bullying Prevention Competition. The overall Civility theme needs to be restated as either two-pronged or expanded and a working calendar created.

Tab 6. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The current and pending agenda items were reviewed and discussed:

- Consideration of loan of Out Of Many One: LA by Nicole Malony
- New HRC responsibilities
- Work together with the Library on projects
- Video production direction

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Commission Sherman congratulated Commission Linder on being presented, during the December 17th City Council Meeting, with the "Champion of the Community" award, the highest honor given annually by California Parks and Recreations for dedicated non-parks officials.

Commissioner Nazarian informed the HRC about the Centennial Youth Art Contest. Young artists, who are residents of Beverly Hills, are welcome to participate by creating an original artwork in visual arts, film production or photography. The theme is: Beverly Hills 100 – What It Means To Me. Deadline for entries is April 11, 2014 at 5pm.

CALENDAR FOR 2014 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

ADJOURN

Chair Ginsburg adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.