



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 18, 2014
To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Donielle Kahikina, Project Manager
Alan Schneider, Director of Project Administration
Subject: Gateway Project Update
Attachments:

INTRODUCTION

This report provides status of the Gateway project and advises of a site observation on March 4, 2014 at the Wilshire and San Vicente gateway location unless directed otherwise by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

On August 20, 2013, the City Council provided direction to proceed with the approved conceptual gateway design concepts at the Wilshire and San Vicente Boulevards, and Olympic Boulevard and South Spaulding Drive sites presented by the consultant, Gruen Associates. The approved design at Wilshire and San Vicente includes a tower structure, approximately 40 feet tall with up-lighting and landscaping at the base. The tower will include the City shield, which will be backlit with illuminated letters to be seen upon entering the City. The tower will include the City seal at the backside, visible upon exiting the City.

On November 19, 2013 the agreement with Gruen Associates was approved by the Council for the design services necessary to prepare plans and specifications for public bidding and an award of contract for construction. Gruen is proceeding with design development at both gateway locations, and has suggested that the City affirm its acceptance of the proposed 40' high tower structure at Wilshire and San Vicente. To simulate the tower height a marker will be temporarily attached to one of the existing palm trees at 40' at the approximate siting of the tower.

Site observation the Council of the 40' marker is available prior to the March 4, 2014 Study Session at 2pm. A shuttle bus will be provided for transportation to and from the Wilshire and San Vicente site.

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Subject to the City's response to height simulation Gruen will complete the documents with bidding to occur in May 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council perform a site observation, scheduled for March 4, 2014, to affirm the proposed 40' high gateway tower height.

David E. Lightner 
Approved By