



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

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**CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
October 8, 2014
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: October 8, 2014 / 1:44 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Pynoos, Waldow, Furie, Vice Chair Greer, Chair Beck
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: William Crouch, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron, David Snow.
Jan Ostashay (City Historic Consultant)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented (5-0).

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Landmark Nomination Proceedings for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Resources of the property at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Adopt a resolution recommending City Council designate the property at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark, and finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioner Furie disclosed a conversation he had with Steve Webb, the applicant's attorney, regarding a request for continuance of this item.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer
Owner Representative: Steve Webb
Public Input: None.

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- Motion:** Motion by Order of the Chair to continue this item to January 15, 2015 and to assign Commissioners Waldow and Furie to an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with staff and the applicant's representative to discuss the item (5-0).
- Action:** **The item was continued to January 15, 2015, and Commissioners Waldow and Furie were assigned to an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with staff and the applicant's representative.**

Citing property ownership by a family member, Commissioner Furie recused himself from item #2, 625 Mountain Drive.

2. A Resolution to memorialize a tied vote of the Commission for the Landmark Nomination of the residence at 625 Mountain Drive, Beverly Hills.

Consideration of a resolution to memorialize a tied vote for the nomination of the residence at 625 Mountain Drive, Beverly Hills, as a local landmark, and finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

- Planner:** William Crouch, Urban Designer
Owner Representative: Steve Webb
Public Input: None.

- Motion:** Motion by Chair Beck, Second by Vice Chair Greer to approve the resolution as presented (4-0-1, Furie recused).
- Action:** **The resolution was approved as presented.**

The Commission took a recess at 2:05 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 2:08 pm, with Commissioner Furie returning to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW BUSINESS

3. Initiation of Nomination Proceedings for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of Kronish House at 9439 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Forward the Initiation of the Kronish House at 9439 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills to the Director for a report and recommendation.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioner Furie disclosed a conversation he had with the architect currently working on the property.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Beck, Second by Commissioner Pynoos to initiate nomination proceedings for inclusion on the Local Register of Historic Properties (5-0).

Action: Approved to initiate nomination proceedings.

4. Initiation of Nomination Proceedings for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of Will Rogers Memorial Park at 9650 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Forward the Initiation of Will Rogers Memorial Park at 9650 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills to the Director for a report and recommendation.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Greer, Second by Chair Beck to initiate nomination proceedings for inclusion on the Local Register of Historic Properties (5-0).

Action: Approved to initiate nomination proceedings.

5. Initiation of Landmark Nomination Proceedings for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Resources of "Celluloid", a monument celebrating the independence of the City of Beverly Hills, by artist Merrell Gage on Olympic Boulevard at Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.

Forward the Initiation of "Celluloid", a monument celebrating the independence of the City of Beverly Hills, to the Director for a report and recommendation.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Waldow, Second by Vice Chair Greer to initiate nomination proceedings for inclusion on the Local Register of Historic Properties (5-0).

Action: Approved to initiate nomination proceedings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Governmental Relations & Legislation Subcommittee
- Landmark Nominations Advisory Subcommittee
- Historic Resource Survey Subcommittee

- Community Outreach and Education Subcommittee
- Preservation Incentives Subcommittee

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair Beck shared recent newspaper articles regarding Historic Preservation in nearby communities.
- Chair Beck shared with the Commission that Thom Mayne, the architect of the property at 9111 Wilshire Boulevard, will be receiving an award as a 2014 Presidential Honoree by AIA Los Angeles on October 29.
- Commissioner Furie suggested scheduling a meeting of the Preservation Incentives Subcommittee before the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting, to discuss the implementation of potential fee waivers and/or reductions for historic properties.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER

- Urban Designer William Crouch introduced Interim City Planner Jay Trevino to the Commission, and provided an update on an upcoming meeting with the owner of 805 North Linden Drive.
- Associate Planner Reina Kapadia provided an update on the City's upcoming Historic Preservation video series, and an update on a zone text amendment application filed on the recently landmarked property at 1000 N. Crescent Drive.

6. Project Log Involving Master Architect Properties

Action: Received and filed.

7. Historic Property Nomination Log

Action: Received and filed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: October 8, 2014 /2:53 PM



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455 N. Rexford Drive
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**ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
October 15, 2014
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: October 15, 2014 / 1:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kaye, Peteris, Blakeley, Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Chair Bernstein

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: William Crouch, Cindy Gordon, Georgana Millican, Karen Myron

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Commissioner Blakeley to approve the agenda as amended, removing item #2 - Door to Door Valet Cleaners, and #3 - Beverly Hills Synagogue, from the Consent Calendar; additionally, item #8 - Beverly Hilton Conference Center, and #7 - Waldorf Astoria, were moved immediately after item #1 – Approval of Minutes (5-0).

Action: The agenda was approved as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the Architectural Commission regular meeting on September 17, 2014, and the Architectural Commission special meeting – Training Retreat on October 7, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

(Taken out of Order)

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. BEVERLY HILTON CONFERENCE CENTER (PL1426831)

9876 Wilshire Boulevard

Request for approval of a new conference center at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The City Council previously certified a Final Environmental Impact Report for the project on April 21, 2008 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and no further environmental review is required at this time.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Applicant: Kent Warden – Alagem Capital
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Kaye to approve the resolution as amended (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as amended.

7. WALDORF ASTORIA (PL1408652)

9876 Wilshire Boulevard

Request for approval of landscaping and lighting for the New Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The City Council previously certified a Final Environmental Impact Report for the project on April 21, 2008 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and no further environmental review is required at this time.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: Kent Warden – Alagem Capital
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Kaye to approve the landscape resolution as amended (5-0).

Action: The landscape resolution was approved as amended.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow to approve the lighting resolution as amended (5-0).

Action: The lighting resolution was approved as amended.

The Commission took a recess at 4:03 pm

The Commission reconvened at 4:12 pm

(Return to Order)

2. DOOR TO DOOR VALET CLEANERS (PL1426751)

9849 South Santa Monica Boulevard

Request for approval of a façade remodel, business identification signage, and a sign accommodation to allow business identification signage to face private property. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: Michael Palmer – MPA Architects
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Peteris to approve the resolution as amended (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as amended.

3. BEVERLY HILLS SYNAGOGUE (PL1427006)

9261 Alden Drive

Request for approval of a business identification sign and a sign accommodation to allow business identification signage to face private property. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: Mitch Chemers – Sign All
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow, Second by Commissioner Blakeley to approve the resolution as amended (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as amended.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. 9725 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD (PL1407104)

Request for approval of a façade remodel. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

(This project will be continued to the November 19, 2014 Architectural Commission meeting)

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS, CONTINUED

5. PET FOOD EXPRESS (PL1426621)

9153 Olympic Boulevard

Request for approval of a façade remodel and a revision to previously approved business identification signage. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: Jacob Webster – All American Permits
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Vice Chair Gardner Apatow to approve the resolution as amended, and to assign Commissioners Peteris and Kaye to an Ad Hoc Committee for final approval of the paint color on the masonry wall (5-0).

Action: The resolution was approved as amended, and Commissioners Peteris and Kay were assigned to an Ad Hoc Committee for final approval of the paint color on the masonry wall.

Vice Chair Gardner Apatow left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

6. EH NATIONAL BANK (PL1426639)

8484 Wilshire Boulevard

Request for approval of a sign accommodation for multiple building identification signs. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: Raffi Varozian – Ampersand Contract Signing Group
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Blakeley, Second by Commissioner Kaye to continue the item to the November 19, 2014 Architectural Commission regular meeting (4-0-1, Gardner Apatow absent).

Action: The item was continued to the November 19, 2014 Architectural Commission regular meeting.

PROJECT PREVIEWS

9. O'GARA COACH COMPANY (PL1426989)

8955 Olympic Boulevard

Request for preliminary review of a façade remodel and business identification signage for an automotive dealership.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate planner
Project Agent: Andrew Althaus – Behr Browers Architects, Inc.
Owner Representative: Murray Fischer
Public Input: None.

Action: The Commission reviewed the project and provided feedback, but took no formal action on this item.

10. THE CLOUD (PL1426852)

425 North Palm Drive

Request for preliminary review of a new five-story condominium building.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Agent: Joe Peterson and Patrick Perry
Public Input: None.

Action: The Commission reviewed the project and provided feedback, but took no formal action on this item.

DISCUSSION

Request from Commissioner Blakeley to present and discuss a prepared letter regarding business identification signage and code enforcement procedures.

Action: This item was continued to the November 19, 2014 Architectural Commission meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Report (Tab 11)
- Chair Bernstein gave a report from the Development Review Chairs' Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER

- Staff-level Approvals (**Tab 12**)
- Urban Designer William Crouch informed the Commission that staff will be opening the discussion for priority setting at the next meeting.
- Associate Planner Cindy Gordon briefed the Commission on the next steps for the upcoming Architectural Awards.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: October 15, 2014 /7:06 PM

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

October 16, 2014
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, 280-A
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Ginsburg

Commissioners Absent: Blumenfeld

Staff Present: Latta, Anderson, Kyriazi

Tab 1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF September 18, 2014:

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman to approve as presented (4/0)

AYES: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Ginsburg
NOES: None
ABSENT: Blumenfeld
ABSTAIN:
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Howard Goldstein, from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD), provided an update:

- Reviewed activities from each school.

Sergeant Kurt Haefs, from the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD), provided an update:

- Two hate crimes were reported.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

- The Ad Hoc Commission Structure Review Committee continues to work on various issues before returning to City Council for approval.
- Even though the State and Assembly passed legislation lowering the gift limit to \$200, Governor Brown vetoed the bill keeping the gift limit at \$440.
- The Beverly Hills Public Library is officially a “cooling station” for when the weather gets very hot.
- Emergency Operations Center staff receive Family Assistance Center (FAC) training. See attached executive summary and missing person form.
- Menorah Housing Foundation requests talk on housing safety for Crescent senior housing residents.
- General Municipal Election taking place on March 3, 2015.

CHAIR REPORT:

The report was included in the packet.

Tab 3. THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT:

The procedures for the state's 10:16 a.m. Great California Shakeout were reviewed.

Tab 4. HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER:

Marisol Arzeta, Director of Outreach and Public Education for the Housing Rights Center (HRC) reviewed how the HRC promotes fair housing and combats discrimination in Los Angeles County.

Tab 5. RENT STABILIZATION:

Nestor Otazu, Code Enforcement Manager, reviewed the City's revisions to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC 4-6-5). Per the Code revisions, effective December 18, 2004, at least twenty-four hours prior to the execution of a lease or rental agreement by a tenant, the landlord shall provide written notice to the prospective tenant, in the form and languages by the city.

Tab 6. 2014 EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD:

The program time-line and submissions were discussed.

Tab 7. THE BULLY PROJECT

The Commission discussed their role and options in maintaining anti-bullying as a project, as October is National Bullying Prevention month.

Tab 8. ONE BOOK, ONE CITY:

The Commission reviewed the success of the One Book One City event.

Tab 9. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The current and pending agenda items were reviewed and discussed:

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chair Ginsburg thanked all staff and community for their involvement with the success of the One Book One City event.

Staff presented Chair Ginsburg with an orchid thanking her for the concept and her extra personal efforts on the One Book One City Event.

Commissioner Friedman additionally thanked Chair Ginsburg for her impressive presentation and introduction of author Daniel Brown during the One Book One City event.

CALENDAR FOR 2014 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

ADJOURN

Chair Ginsburg adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.