



Planning Commission Report

Meeting Date: April 25, 2013

Subject: **Consider Request to City Council to Amend the Planning Division's 2013/14 Work Plan to Study Automated Parking**

Approve a letter from the Planning Commission Chair formally requesting that the City Council amend the 2013/14 Work Plan to include review of an amendment to the Zoning Code to allow automated parking with Planning Commission review.

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Beverly Hills

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission consider a motion to forward the request to the City Council.

REPORT SUMMARY

Pursuant to Planning Commission direction at its March 28, 2013 meeting, attached is a draft request to the City Council to consider amending the Planning Division's 2013/14 Work Plan to include review of an amendment to the Zoning Code to allow automated parking with Planning Commission review.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission review the attached letter, direct staff to make any changes as necessary, and direct staff to forward the letter to the City Council.

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Attachment(s):

1. Letter Request to City Council from Planning Commission Chair

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Craig Corman
Planning Commission Chair

April 25, 2013

Honorable John Mirisch
Mayor, Council of the City of Beverly Hills
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

RE: Planning Division Work Plan for FY 2013/14

Dear Mayor Mirisch,

This letter serves as a formal request to the City Council to amend the Planning Division's intended work plan for the upcoming 2013/14 fiscal year to include an additional project to consider a Zoning Code amendment to allow automated parking garages for certain types of projects, with Planning Commission review.

The need for the change to existing development standards was most recently brought to the attention of the Planning Commission by a planning commissioner impressed by the latest automated parking technology successfully installed in a commercial building located in Santa Monica. Project applicants in Beverly Hills have discussed automated parking with staff in the past, although no project applications have been filed that include automated parking. More recently, City Public Works staff members have begun studying automated parking facilities.

Recognizing the need to update the Zoning Code to reflect new and updated technologies with regard to parking garages and to allow for greater flexibility for future development, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to seek City Council support for amending the Planning Division's work plan. I hope that the Council shares the Commission's view that studying automated parking in the City is worthy of staff and Commission time and effort, and that the City Council will provide staff with the direction needed to undertake this effort to develop regulations to allow automated parking to be constructed in a transparent and responsible manner.

Mayor Mirisch
Beverly Hills City Council
April 25, 2013

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I am available if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Craig Corman
Planning Commission Chair