



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210
Commission Meeting Room 280-A

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2015
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: July 23, 2015 / 1:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman (*arrived 1:32*), Vice Chair Shooshani, Chair Block

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Michele McGrath, Timothea Tway. Andre Sahakian, Karen Myron, David Snow, Ken Pfalzgraf

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented (4-0-1, Corman absent).

Action: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of July 9, 2015.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Fisher, Second by Commissioner Gordon to approve the minutes as presented (3-0-2, Shooshani, Block abstain).

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

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

2. 8955 West Olympic Boulevard

Conditional Use Permit

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a vehicle sales and service use (O’Gara Coach Company) to be established in a C-3T-2 zone; to allow renovations to an existing building that would result in an increase in height; and to allow a reduction in the required number of parking spaces. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioner Fisher disclosed a conversation with Murray Fischer, an email exchange initiated by Andrea Grossman, and a text message from Jake Manaster; Chair Block disclosed a conversation with Murray Fischer as well as the receipt of emails from Andrea Grossman and Linda Roberts; Commissioner Gordon disclosed responding to an email initiated by Andrea Grossman and a conversation with an unnamed resident of Almont Drive. The Commissioners affirmed that no decisions had been made as a result of their ex parte communications.

Vice Chair Shooshani left the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Planner: Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner
Applicant: Murray D. Fischer
Public Input: Jake Manaster, AJ Wilmer, Michael Goldberg

Commissioner Fisher left the meeting at 2:39pm.

The Commission took a recess at 2:59 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 3:22 pm.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Commissioner Gordon to adopt the resolution as amended (3-0-2, Fisher, Shooshani absent).

Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.

3. Synthetic Turf in Residential Front Yards

Adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council an ordinance amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to allow synthetic turf in residential front yards. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for the amendment.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioners Gordon, Corman, and Chair Block disclosed speaking with former Beverly Hills Mayor Charles Aronberg, MD.

Planner: Timothea Tway, Associate Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: Jake Manaster, Tom Gallop, Peggy Simons

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Commissioner Gordon to continue the item to the August 13, 2015 Planning Commission meeting (3-0-2, Fisher, Shooshani absent).

Action: The item was continued to the August 13, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided updates on City Council's recent actions regarding the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Disaster Recovery Ordinance, and the upcoming appeal regarding the Planning Commission's denial of the project at 310 N. Crescent Drive.

4. Upcoming Projects List

Action: Received and filed.

5. Building Permit Activity Report – 6/1/15 thru 6/30/15

Action: Received and filed.

6. 2015 Conflict of Interest Review

Action: With consensus of the Commission, Chair Block signed and approved the 2015 Conflict of Interest Review, including Exhibits A and B.

