



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

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 25, 2016
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 25, 2016 / 1:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman, Vice Chair Shooshani
Commissioners Absent: Chair Block
Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Masa Alkire, Timothea Tway, Cynthia de la Torre,
Karen Myron, Carol Lynch

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Speakers: Dr. Woodrow Clark

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of the January 28, 2015 Planning Commission regular meeting minutes

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Corman, SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman, Acting Chair Shooshani
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chair Block

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. 1023 Hillcrest Road View Restoration Permit

Request for a View Restoration Permit by the View Owner at 1023 Hillcrest Road for the trimming and continued maintenance of nine trees located on a neighbor's property at 1017 Hillcrest Road (Foliage Owner) to a maximum height of 15'. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

Ex parte communications: Commissioner Fisher disclosed receiving a phone call from the View Owner, requesting to continue the item.

Staff noted the receipt of a request from the View Owner's representative to continue the item to the March 24, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

Planner: Cynthia de la Torre, Assistant Planner
Applicant: Branden and Rayni Williams
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Fisher, SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon to continue the item to the March 24, 2016 Planning Commission meeting (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman, Acting Chair Shooshani
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chair Block

CARRIED

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

3. Regulation of Discontinued Legally Nonconforming and Conditionally Permitted Uses

Consider a resolution recommending to the City Council an ordinance amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code for the establishment of time limits for legally nonconforming and conditionally permitted uses once they have been discontinued for more than five years. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for the amendment.

Planner: Timothea Tway, Associate Planner
Applicant: City Initiated Project
Public Input: Murray Fischer, Steven Weinglass, Dr. Woodrow Clark, Julian Javor

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Gordon, SECONDED by Commissioner Corman to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman, Acting Chair Shooshani
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chair Block

CARRIED

After the initial motion, Commissioner Corman requested clarification that specific language amendments will apply to both Beverly Hills Municipal Code sections 10-3-3806(A)(1)(a) and 10-3-4101(C)(1)(a)(i).

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Gordon, SECONDED by Commissioner Corman to adopt the resolution as amended, including clarifications stated by Commissioner Corman (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman, Acting Chair Shooshani
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chair Block

CARRIED

STUDY SESSION

No items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Committee Reports

Action: No Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

4. Upcoming Projects List

Action: Received and filed.

5. Building Permit Activity Report – 1/1/16 thru 1/31/16

Action: Received and filed.

6. 2016 Meeting Schedule

Action: Received and filed.

- City Planner Updates
City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided updates on the following items:
 - The Lexus/Infiniti project on Olympic Boulevard is scheduled to be heard at the March 1, 2016 City Council meeting.
 - Amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance have gone through their second reading by the City Council, and will soon become effective.
 - The draft EIR for the Wanda project at 9900 Wilshire Boulevard will soon be released; discussion of the draft EIR is tentatively scheduled for the March 24, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 25, 2016 / 2:15 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY of MARCH, 2016

Farshid Joe Shooshani, Vice Chair