



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chamber

**PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

October 19, 2016
1:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: October 19, 2016 / 1:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Licht, Fisher, Vice Chair Gordon, Chair Shooshani
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Block
Staff Present: Susan Healy Keene, Ryan Gohlich, Masa Alkire, Andre Sahakian, Karen Myron, David Snow, Andrew Contreiras

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.

Because the public hearing for item #1, 9900 Wilshire Boulevard – One Beverly Hills, had been closed, comments from the applicant team as well as the public were heard at this time.

Speakers: Ted Kahan, Benjamin Hanelin, Rohan a Beckett, Dale Goldsmith, Jay Newman, Michael Palladino

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

No items

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. 9900 Wilshire Boulevard

Specific Plan Amendment, Development Agreement, and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Request for amendments to the 9900 Wilshire Specific Plan and associated Development Agreement to convert a portion of the previously approved project from condominiums and retail space into a luxury hotel with ancillary uses. The proposed project also includes rooftop amenities, open air dining, and a new motor court access from North Santa Monica Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Commission will also make recommendations regarding a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Continued item from the October 13, 2016 Special Planning Commission Hearing.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioner Licht disclosed a conversation with former Mayor Barry Brucker, at which time Mr. Brucker shared his thoughts on the project; Commissioner Licht advised that he continues to have an open mind regarding the project. Commissioner Fisher also disclosed a conversation with former Mayor Brucker regarding items unrelated to the project. Chair Shooshani spoke to the City Treasurer as well as multiple former Mayors regarding procedural operations.

Planner: Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner
Applicant: Wanda Beverly Hills Properties, LLC
Public Input: None

The Commission took a recess at 2:39 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 3:07 pm.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Fisher, SECONDED by Commissioner Licht to adopt the resolution as amended (3-1-1).

AYES: Commissioners Licht, Fisher, Chair Shooshani
NOES: Vice Chair Gordon
ABSENT: Commissioner Block

CARRIED

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

No items

STUDY SESSION

No items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided updates on the following:
 - Mayor Mirisch had requested a City Council call up of the Planning Commission's decision on the Conditional Use Permit for the Ducasse project at 250-260 North Canon Drive; there was not support from the City Council to do so. The associated Zone Text Amendment will still be heard by the City Council as a matter of course.
 - The Mayor has also requested to call up the Planning Commission's decision to approve the project at 332-336 North Oakhurst Drive. Tentative information has been received indicating that the CEQA lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles for the project at 332-336 North Oakhurst Drive has been denied. Final documentation of this decision has not yet been received.
 - Due to the number of additional Planning Commission meetings recently held, along with expected absences of Commissioner Block and Chair Shooshani at the upcoming meeting on October 27, 2016, staff recommends cancelling the meeting. The Commission supported the cancellation of the meeting; the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: October 19, 2016 / 3:40 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY of OCTOBER, 2016

Farshid Joe Shooshani, Chair