

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room 280-A**

**Thursday, September 2, 2010
1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 1:10 PM

Commissioners Present: Commissioners M. Weiss, H. Szabo, H. Gabbay, Vice Chair G. Gilbar, and Chair S. Strauss.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: S. Keene, D. Jerex, S. Rojemann and C. Bond (Community Development). Barry Brucker, Vice Mayor, was also in attendance for the latter portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Members of the public may address the Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Chair's Report from Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- Report on DRC interviews for expiring terms

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the July 1, 2010 Meeting.

The minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Szabo and seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

AYES: Commissioners Szabo, Weiss, Gabbay, Vice Chair Gilbar and Chair Strauss.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: Vice Chair Gilbar.

CARRIED.

2. Minutes of the August 5, 2010 Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Szabo and seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Szabo and seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

AYES: Commissioners Szabo, Weiss, Gabbay, Vice Chair Gilbar and Chair Strauss.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: Vice Chair Gilbar.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Items This Month.

CONTINUED ITEMS

None.

BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REPORT

3. State law requires that the Commission review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years. A copy of the reporting requirements are attached for the Commission's review and vote. *(This item was continued from last month to allow the Commission sufficient time for review.)*

The Conflict of Interest Code was approved as presented.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Szabo and seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

AYES: Commissioners Szabo, Weiss, Gabbay, Vice Chair Gilbar and Chair Strauss.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. 926 North Beverly Drive (PL# 102 0001)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **926 North Beverly Drive**.

Speakers: Lotfi Mehdian, property owner
Robert Salice, Designer
Bonnie Fein, Josephine Bescigno, Jennifer Steinberg, Marianne Berkonell, Judi Martino and Donna Rosen, neighbors

ACTION:

The Commission was not supportive of the Beaux Arts design and recommended a re-design. Returned for re-study by Order of the Chair.

5. 625 North Elm Drive (PL# 101 7220)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **625 North Elm Drive**.

Speakers: Behnam Partiyeli, property owner
Jacques Mashihi, Designer

ACTION:

The Commission was not supportive of the design and recommended a re-design. Returned for re-study by Order of the Chair.

6. 126 North LeDoux Road (PL# 101 8453)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard at **126 North LeDoux Road**.

That the resolution conditionally approving the R-1 Design Review Permit be drafted.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Weiss and seconded by Commissioner Szabo.

AYES: Commissioners Szabo, Weiss, Gabbay, Vice Chair Gilbar and Chair Strauss.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

CARRIED.

7. 627 Arden Drive (PL# 101 8539)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **627 Arden Drive**.

This item was pulled from the Agenda as Historical Review is required.

8. 601 North Crescent Drive (PL #102 0643)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence, located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **601 North Crescent Drive**.

Speakers: Hamid Omrani, Designer
Shahriar Yadegari, Designer

ACTION:

The Commission was not supportive of the design and recommended a re-design. Returned for re-study by Order of the Chair.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Urban Design Program Manager's Report / Good and Welfare
- DRC/CC Liaison Meeting: September 1, 2010
Chair Strauss, Vice-Chair Gilbar and staff met with Council liaison members Brien and Brucker to discuss the Commission processes and goals.

- Discussion of Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10.3-4402 (Design Review Commission). This section allows the City Council to appoint a landscape architect to fill the position of professional architect in the event no person who is a resident of the city is eligible for appointment as a licensed architect. The Commission consensus was that a licensed architect was necessary on the Commission and that the proposed text amendment language should be amended to reflect that position.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:25 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER OF 2010.

Susan Strauss, Chair

Submitted by Shena Rojemann, Secretary