



Design Review Commission Report

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015

Subject: Design Review Commission Priorities

Recommendation: Discuss priority projects and identify the Commission's top two priorities.

REPORT SUMMARY

Each year in December, the City Council holds a priority setting exercise to identify the City's top priorities that should be worked on in the coming fiscal year. As part of this exercise, the Community Development Department presents department-recommended priorities based on development trends, upcoming policy issues, Commission-identified matters, and the number of staff hours available each year to work on priority items. Similar to the City Council's priority setting exercise, staff seeks to identify the Design Review Commission's top priorities, so that they can be considered in making recommendations to the City Council regarding the Community Development Work Plan.

DISCUSSION

Projects included as part of the priorities discussion are those projects that require more staff time and resources than the regular daily activities of staff and commissions. Because these projects require additional time and resources, they must be weighed against the City's overall objectives, as well as the resources available to carry out such activities. The adopted City Council Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015-16 are provided for reference as Attachment 1; currently, there are no priorities that relate directly to the purview of the Design Review Commission.

In the previous year, the Commission identified its top priorities as the following:

- Extend design review into the Hillside and Trousdale areas of the City;
- Revise existing Residential Design Style Catalogue, and;
- Reduce number of new curb cuts permitted.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information provided above, staff recommends that each Commissioner identify any work items they'd like to have considered as a priority, and that the Commission discuss each item and reach a consensus as to the Commission's top two priorities for consideration in the coming year.

Attachment(s)

1. Fiscal Year 2015-16 City Council Priorities

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FY 2015-16 FINAL CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

TITLE/DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	LEAD DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Support Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project. Private fundraising effort will require support from City for coordination and inclusion of City's planned capital projects. Future phases will be accomplished over multiple years pending fund raising outcomes.	A	CS/CA	6/30/2020
Technology. Expand the use of technology to improve efficiency in all initiatives. Work plan items include completion of next phase of E-Gov, expansion of wired and wireless networks and initiation of Fiber to the Premise projects. Continue research and begin implementation on commercialization of City technologies and the feasibility of offering technology services to the public.	A	IT	6/30/2016
Santa Monica Blvd Reconstruction & Traffic Mitigation Plan. Oversee the engineering, construction and traffic mitigation planning for the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project.	A	CD/CA	6/30/2017
Small Business Task Force. Attract a balance of high-end, unique and community serving small businesses, and contract with the Chamber of Commerce to initiate develop small business support programs.	A	P&M	6/30/2016
Southeast Task Force. Complete short term recommendations of task force and incorporate long term objectives into CIP and work plans. Include evaluation of Arts & Theater synergy. Develop a long-range Urban Design plan.	A	CD/CA	6/30/2016

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Priority C – Other initiatives to be added to work plans as resources become available

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Community Visioning and Strategic Planning. Community based strategic planning process to develop a 5 to 10 year plan for prioritizing resource allocations, programs and service delivery aligned with the City's vision statement. Reach out to citizens not usually heard from and find out what the community would like the city to look like in 5, 10 or 20 years.	A	P&M	6/30/2016
Unfunded Liabilities. Identify approaches to reduce unfunded liabilities for retiree health care and pension costs.	A	ASD	6/30/2016
Public Safety. Continue to strengthen the ability of Police, Fire and Emergency Management to prevent and respond to incidents and emergencies. Work plans to include: Police facility upgrades, design and purchase of a new Command Center; train all Fire personnel in Tactical Emergency Medical Services, participate in the California Department of Health Care Services-sponsored Ground Emergency Medical Transportation reimbursement program; work with School District on updating disaster and safety plans, stockpiling of resources; Homeland Security Strategic Plan implementation.	A	PD/FD/P&M	6/30/2016
Open Space. Explore options to increase the City's green space, including pocket parks, LaCienega/Olympic site, recreational use of the Orange Grove Property in Franklin Canyon and other opportunities.	A	CS/CA	6/30/2020
Subway Coordination. Oversee Metro construction activity and coordinate planning efforts for area surrounding future station to provide pedestrian & transit circulation.	A	CD/CA	6/30/2016

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Advance Capital Investment in the City. Continue to transfer funds to the Capital Improvement Program budget to insure ongoing infrastructure maintenance and investment in opportunity projects for the future.	A	CA	6/30/2016
Dog Park. Provide an off-leash dog area for the City's dog owners. With completion of the public process, staff anticipates construction to begin in 2015.	A	CS/CA/CD	12/31/2015
La Cienega Park & Community Center Master Plan. Evaluate needs through a public outreach process and produce a master plan for the Park and Tennis Center.	A	CS	12/31/2016
Property Acquisition. Work with the Ad Hoc Committee to identify and acquire properties for parking, open space and other civic uses. Focus on the Southeast as a priority.	A	CA	6/30/2016
Water Enterprise Master Plan. Implementation of the plan, which includes short, mid and long range plans for the City's water system which will need to be implemented to ensure continued system reliability.	A	PWS	6/30/2016
City Sustainability Plan. The City will continue to implement and coordinate sustainability planning efforts, including water conservation, citywide.	A	PWS	6/30/2016
Moreno Traffic Mitigation. Evaluate mitigation strategies for anticipated traffic at and around the western City border at Santa Monica Blvd.	A	CD	6/30/2016
Gateways. Complete the three remaining designed gateways at Wilshire/San Vicente, Olympic/Spalding and Santa Monica/Doheny.	B	CS/CA	12/31/2015
R-1 Hillside Development Standards. Evaluate existing R-1 Hillside development standards and explore opportunities to modify code to address design, view and site modifications.	B	CD	6/30/2016

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Sign Code. Review and amend as appropriate sign code to ensure adequate business signage and provide streamlined review process.	B	CD	6/30/2016
Preservation Incentives. Further development of a package of incentives.	B	CD	6/30/2017
Citywide Bike Plan. Continue to develop acceptable enhancements to bike mobility throughout the City, including bike sharing.	B	CD	6/30/2016
Zero Waste Strategic Plan Diversion Program. Conduct a study to assess feasibility and cost implications for a zero-waste program that is beyond the State's current diversion requirements.	B	PWS	6/30/2016
Seismic Retrofit Program. Implement a voluntary seismic retrofit program.	B	CD	6/30/2016
Coldwater Park Master Plan. Evaluate park grounds and facilities for renovation needs.	B	CS/CA	6/30/2016
Homelessness & Panhandling. Explore opportunities to partner with the business community for enhanced services to address panhandling and homeless issues in business areas.	B	CS/P&M/PD	12/31/2015
Taxi, Valet, Preferential Parking Process. This analysis of administrative process would include exploring options to consolidate and streamline current processes.	B	PWS	6/30/2016
Ride-Share Regulations. Develop standards for Web-based ride businesses such as Uber and Lyft.	B	PWS	6/30/2016
L.E.D. Streetlights. Review LED streetlight options and product selection; develop a pilot program for implementation.	B	PWS	6/30/2016
Development of BHUSD Oil Revenue Replacement Projects. Coordinate with District to identify revenue generating projects to replace oil drilling revenues which discontinue in 2016.	C	P&M	6/30/2016

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