

## **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights Mon., May 2, 2016**

Below are highlights from the May 2, 2016 mayor's cabinet meeting, a monthly meeting with the mayor and City commission chairs or their representatives. Please note that this meeting is intended to exchange information on commission activities; no official actions are taken.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Architectural Commission (AC) – Chair Andrea Gardner Apatow**

No AC meeting was held since the previous cabinet meeting.

#### **Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) – Chair Karen Platt**

A total of 33 permits were considered and 10 financial statements were approved. A date was set for the liaison committee to meet and discuss changes to the Municipal Code. Beverly Hills is trying to coordinate with the city of Los Angeles; this would reduce staff time spent evaluating financial statements for charitable events that require permits to be filed in both jurisdictions.

#### **Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – Chair Lisa Greer**

The CHS would like to waive fees for property owners to apply for land-marking status; the cost can be as high as \$5,000. Work on land-marking the Gibraltar/Kate Mantilini building is complete and will go to the City Council. Properties that may be considered for land-marking include the Porsche dealership, the Lon Chaney house on Whittier and the lawn bowling field at Roxbury Park.

#### **Design Review Commission (DRC) – Chair Arline Pepp**

Three projects are under consideration that need considerable redesign work. The commission believes that counting basements as part of the allowable square footage could help reduce the bulk and mass of homes in Beverly Hills. The DRC would like to have purview over homes north of Sunset Boulevard where many massive residences are built.

#### **Fine Art Commission (FAC) – Vice Chair Alan Kaye**

There will be a reception May 17 for the installation of the donated Woods Davey sculpture at the Coldwater Fire Station. Jamie McCourt is offering to loan a sculpture to the City. Two Rodeo has asked of the City would consider subsidizing the installation of several Dali sculptures. The FAC is working on a new piece of art for purchase and a web submission form so that members of the community can suggest public art and artists.

#### **Health and Safety Commission (HSC) – Chair Lisa Kay Schwartz**

A high school math teacher received this month's HSC Award for helping to save the life of a student in his class. The Police Department warned the commission about a scam, in which someone tried to get into a house by posing as water conservation consultant sent by the City.

**Human Relations Commission – Chair Karen Popovich-Levyn**

The HRC reads the City’s civility statement at each meeting and suggested that other commissions could do the same. The HRC and CSC completed the evaluation of applications for City grants; their recommendations will be presented to the City Council. The HRC held a monthly hearing on tenant/ landlord cases. Tenants are coming forward, though they are fearful of no-cause evictions. HRC is considering changing the 60-day notice period for no-cause terminations. They are developing a registry of all apartment buildings.

**Planning Commission (PC) – Chair Alan Block**

The PC was to hold a special meeting that evening on the expired conditional use permit (CUP) for the L’Ermitage Hotel. The commission considered a request to build a three-story, 45-foot building on Olympic Boulevard between Palm and Maple drives; the request was continued. Among the concerns is the type of buildings that should be built on Olympic.

**Public Works Commission (PWC) – Chair Dr. Sandra Aronberg**

The PWC is looking at ways to change the penalty surcharge program so it is easier to administer but still reduce water use. A number of large residential water users have been able to cut back consumption drastically by working with the City to locate and fix leaks. Future water usage will be impacted by several big commercial projects both in West Hollywood and Beverly Hills; will-serve letters for large commercial projects may be subject to conditions as yet to be determined.

**Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – Chair Frances Bilak**

The RPC is considering reserving an area of some City parks on a periodic basis for people learning to ride bikes. Licensing requirements are being considered for personal trainers conducting classes in City parks. The dog park ground-breaking is May 3; Maria Heilpern is this year’s Older American of the Year. The Greystone Concours d’Elegance May 1 and Arbor Day were very well attended. Other upcoming events include the Mother-Son Dance, Tea and Talk, the Beverly Hills Art Show and Music in the Mansion.

**Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) – Chair Jake Manaster**

A new red light camera is operational at S. Beverly Drive and Olympic Boulevard. The bike share program ribbon cutting is May 10 at 1:30 p.m.

**Mayor’s Report**

Councilmember Willie Brien is resigning May 2.

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