

TO: Traffic & Parking Commissioners
FROM: Ira M. Friedman 
RE: July 14, 2010 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

The following is my report from attending the July 14, 2010 Mayor's Cabinet meeting conducted by Council Member Dr. Willie Brien, substituting for Mayor Jimmy Delshad.

1. Architectural Commission

The Hamilton Drive project is going through its third change re: molding.

They are trying to work with the design review commission for a smooth representation with other committees.

2. Charitable Solicitations Commission

Everything is posted on the website regarding some charities which are not netting 50% to charity. They are: 1) Advertising Industry Emergency Fund; 2) Beverly Hills Bar Association; 3) Los Angeles County Police Canine Association; 4) Woodbury University. The commission is working with them and has sent letter out if they do not have financial statements.

3. Design Review Commission

They are setting up a liaison meeting to streamline the process of applications. There is a style book that they have to use. They are trying to get cases from the staff quicker.

They have three vacancies on the commission with July 30th being the final date for applications.

4. Fine Arts Commission

There was no meeting in June. They plan to work with the City Attorney on a program for temporary borrowed art for both Santa Monica Boulevard and Burton Way and move some art pieces around that already exist.

5. Health & Safety Commission

They have looked into the mumps cases in the Jewish community and issued a statement that the public should be informed about mumps and contact their health care provider. They have also worked on tobacco ordinances and alcohol sales ordinances. They are taking nominations for with the application on the City's website and in the office of emergency management. They are looking into hazards and mitigation and what retrofitting will have to do with City codes and the street master plan. There will be no Health & Safety week this year, due to budgetary concerns.

6. Human Relations Commission

They have an annual calendar of opportunities for future programs. They are working on dealing with a guideline for elections as people get quite passionate and civility goes out the door. They expect to have some guidelines for civility at election time out by early February or late January at the latest.

7. Planning Commission

No report.

8. Public works Commission

Dedicated the Coldwater Park & Reservoir which holds 8.3 million gallons of water. They reviewed the FEMA Hazard Plan.

The big discussion in their commission had to do with alternatives to the present utility situation. They are studying the feasibility of Beverly Hills having it's own utility as some other municipalities have already, they are also reviewing the existing agreement with Southern California Edison, which being reviewed by City Attorney as it supposedly runs in perpetuity. They are also reviewing whether Edison is paying the correct amount of money to the City, based on the existing contract. There is some belief that Edison is only paying half of what they should to the City.

The staff is contacting vendors to reduce their existing prices by 10%.

9. Recreation & Parks Commission

They also were involved in the opening of Coldwater Park. They are looking into Gale & Tower Drive and the Canary Island Date Palms and may want to change them to some other type of trees. They are sponsoring the Concerts on Canon which is a series of concerts that are free to the public. With programs beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

The catering kitchen at Greystone has been completed and they are now interviewing potential caterers for that facility. Once a caterer has been selected they will be able to have more events with food at Greystone. The HVAC system is being worked on at Greystone. Friends of Greystone are putting on a concert with June Lockhart and the L.A. Lawyers Phil Harmonic.

The August 1st Farmers Market will be the 16th Annual Chili Cookoff. On August 7th from 1 - 4 p.m. at Roxbury Community Center there will be a preview of Fall season of programs that are available to the public. The adult softball league has 36 teams Monday - Thursday nights.

10. Traffic & Parking Commission

I reported on the hot button issues of 1) the tour buses, 2) handicap placards, 3) various "stings" conducted by the Police Department.

There was no report by the City Manager.