

Architectural

No Report this month.

Charitable Solicitations

The Commission is sending letters and packets to all of the local hotels reminding them to give packets to the charities that they contract with. The commission is going to report to the Justice Department the LA City Police Canine Association that they are not a legitimate non-profit.

Cultural Heritage Commission

The State Historical Society visited Beverly Hills as part of a review of National and State Registered properties. At their September meeting, the commission will be looking into registering and nominating new properties for landmark designation.

Design Review

The Commission will be distributing restoration awards during 2012.

Fine Arts

The Commission will be working with City Council to bring the Fine Arts code and ordinances up to date. The Commission anticipates that a draft will be available in the next month or so. The Commission is working with the City to contract with an outside consultant for maintenance of the city owned art. The Commission is also reviewing the attributes of a sculpture park.

Health & Safety

This Commission recently coordinated the local events for National Night Out and emphasized the hazards of drinking and driving. The Commission will be working with the City and the School District on the Every 15 Minutes Program again this year and will be sponsoring two videos regarding behind the scenes of Every 15 Minutes. The Commission would also like to revitalize 1500 AM Radio.

Human Relations

October has been designated Bullying Prevention Month and the Commission will be developing a Public Service Announcement with the City of Beverly Hills as well as sponsoring a video competition with the topic of "What Role Do You Play?"

Planning

The Planning Commission, at their recent meeting, approved the LA Fitness on the southwest corner of Wilshire and Doheny. Three other projects were discussed: The Saks Casden Project is still pending; two electronic parking systems incorporated in new construction will be coming forward in the near future and the return of the 7-11. Later this year, the Commission will also be reviewing new residential, R1 standards, as it relates to massing, bulk, basements, and number of bedrooms, etc.

Public Works

The Commission has developed guidelines for setting timelines for decision making within the various Public Works related areas.

Recreation and Parks

The City Council unanimously approved Plan E for the new design for Roxbury Park. The movies in La Cienega Park and Concerts on Canon will continue for the month of August.

Mayor Brien updated the Commissioners regarding the following:

- The individual cities in the Westside COG, without the participation of the City of LA, will be discussing a bike sharing pick-up and drop-off program.
- Councilman Mirisch has been working with the Southeast Task Force to revitalize and reentify that portion of the City. The task force is looking into a variety of options including approaching retailers such as Trader Joes and Whole Foods.
- Major changes have been made in streamlining the City permit process as evidenced by an uptick in remodels and the opening up of new businesses faster.