

Architectural

The Commission reviewed both new and revised sign requests for a variety of properties including the Crescent Hotel, Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and Flemings Steak House. The Commission would like to implement protocols to make their process more efficient including establishing an ad hoc committee to review signage only.

Charitable Solicitations

At their last meeting, the Commission reviewed 30 new applications, 24 financial statements were submitted. 7 charities failed to file their financial statements and 6 had results under 50%.

Cultural Heritage Commission

The Commission nominated 13 properties for local landmark designation. 3 properties were nominated by their owner.

Design Review

12 properties came before the Commission in July. The Commission is attempting to streamline their processes so that the projects can be approved faster. So far, the total review time has been reduced from 6 months to 3 months.

Fine Arts

The Commission will be working with City Council to bring the Fine Arts code and ordinances up to date and streamline their processes. The Commission is also working on the conservation and restoration of various art pieces.

Health & Safety

This Commission was dark in August.

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 Commission will be reviewing new residential, R1 standards, as it relates to massing, bulk, basements, and number of bedrooms, etc and the resultant effect on parking.

Public Works

The Commission is discussing a restructuring program and adding 6-7 ad hoc committees to address the various issues before them including analyzing potential savings.

Recreation and Parks

300 seniors participated recently in a Senior Health Fair in conjunction with Cedars-Sinai Hospital. The program checked the blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar of those that participated.

Mayor Brien updated the Commissioners regarding the Beverly Garden Project and retail sales:

- Pledges of approximately \$750,000 have been received.
- The first projects that will be completed will be infrastructure upgrades including drainage and irrigation.
- The Lily Pond will return.
- Property assessments this year are up 6.99% which is higher than almost any city in the region. This translates into \$1.6 million to the city.