

Architectural

The Commission schedule has been quite busy reviewing a variety of projects.

Charitable Solicitations

At the Commission's October meeting, they reviewed 14 new applications.

Cultural Heritage Commission

At their October meeting, the Commission will vote on 10 nominated properties for local landmark designation. 3 additional projects are expected to be voted on in November and 2-3 in January.

Design Review

In explaining the process that the Commission undertakes, the chair showed the progress of a particular project from the initial submission to the final approval. Within the coming months, the Commission will review the R-1 standards with the main goal of reducing mass and bulk. At this point, according to the Chair, their hands are tied because applicants build to the max and the Commission is restricted by the current standards.

Fine Arts

The Commission is working on a revision of the Fine Arts Ordinance which should be completed soon. Their goal is to make the ordinance understandable and they will be providing a brochure for the applicants. The "Plensa" that was commissioned by the City, is finished and will arrive in Los Angeles in November. This sculpture will be located Northeast of the Kussama where a Sculpture Park will be created.

Health & Safety

The Commission announced that the Great CA shakeout will take place on October 18th at 10:18. They also announced that the CERT program will begin again with two training courses for new people in January.

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, open to school families and residents with the topic of "What Role Do You Play?" The application process has begun and will conclude in February.

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. The resulting standards may reduce the FAR but will possibly count basements in the square footage. The Commission will begin meeting in a month or two with stakeholder groups. They are hoping to go to City Council next spring or summer. Parking issues, as a result of any changes in the R-1 standards will also be reviewed.

Public Works

No report this month

Recreation and Parks

The Recreation and Parks Commission is in support of the new Roxbury Park Design. The Beverly Gardens Park restoration project is moving forward with infrastructure work first including irrigation and drainage. The Commission is exploring an off leash dog park and is moving forward with an outdoor fitness area at La Cienega Park. According to the Chair, the first three Beverly Gardens Park projects to be completed are the fountains on Doheny, Santa Monica and Wilshire and the Lily Pond in front of the Beverly Hills Sign. It was also reported that the STAR Program has begun with over 120 classes being offered and that youth football is underway with 40% of the players being Beverly Hills Residents.

Mayor Brien explained the history of the Roxbury Park Project:

- The original plan calling for an expenditure of \$14 million for a community center was rejected
- The project was restarted in February, 2012 with a comprehensive review of the entire park and the entire Park Master Plan
- The current price of the project, including all construction costs, contingencies, cost of living increases and soft costs is \$15.4 million including a community center, fields, bathrooms and playground renovations.