

Architectural

The Commission schedule has been quite busy reviewing a variety of projects. The Commission will be recommending a sign policy as it relates to the upcoming Roxbury Park project.

Charitable Solicitations

At the Commission's October meeting, they reviewed 43 new applications.

Cultural Heritage Commission

At their recent meeting, the Commission adopted seven additional properties that had been on the National Registry. There are two more properties on hold. Going forward, the Commission will be reviewing religious institutions as landmark properties. As explained, there is a tax incentive for homeowners to have their homes included as a historical property as there is a slight reduction in property taxes.

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 the unveiling will be on January 24th.

Health & Safety

The Commission is involved with a holiday tree that represents good choices.

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 denied the 7-11 that was proposed at Robertson and Olympic under the ordinance recently passed by the City Council regarding high impact convenient stores. The proposed new residential R1 standards, as it relates to massing, bulk, basements, and number of bedrooms, etc and the resultant effect on parking was also discussed. As explained, the maximum current build out, citywide, for a residential property is 40% of the total + 1,500 square feet, not including basements. The commission will also consider if these standards should be equal in both north and south of Santa Monica Blvd. The chair further explained that the 9900 Wilshire project is coming back with minor changes.

Public Works

The Chair explained that there will be changes to the water tracker on the city website. Currently, the notification process is by hand. New software additions will allow this process to be automated. Furthermore, future likely projects will include automated surveys of our streets searching for necessary repairs.

Recreation and Parks

There are a number of upcoming senior events including the Active Adult Thanksgiving Party on November 19th

There was no report from the Mayor this month.