

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting - January 8, 2013
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Architectural Commission

1. Signage for new surgery center at 9231 Olympic deemed non-conforming: rejected.
2. Fresh and Easy has pulled out of their proposed Robertson location (Blockbuster).
3. Reviewing staff request to allow staff more latitude to approve signs without bringing matter to the Commission or Council; speeds up the process.

Charitable Solicitation Commission

1. Certain charities that repeatedly fail the Commission's rule to have at least 50% net proceeds are requesting that the rate be reduced.
2. Three consecutive net proceeds violations are noted on the City website.

Cultural Heritage Commission

1. Recently nominated properties include Witch's House, Waverly Mansion (9401 Sunset), Hilton Office Building (9990 Santa Monica Blvd.).

Design Review

1. Presenting their annual awards for good design to 618 N. Alta (restoration) and 701 N. Alta (new).

Fine Arts Commission

1. Considering a new public art maintenance contract and reviewing maintenance priorities.
2. Fine Art ordinance under review.
3. Lighting will be upgraded for night viewing of public art.

Health & Safety Commission

1. The CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) Program restarts in February,

Human Relations Commission

1. A bully prevention film completion has been initiated.
2. Civility in the upcoming elections is being emphasized.
3. A community-wide campaign to promote public awareness of civility has been initiated.

Planning Commission

1. A cycle spinning exercise club (Soul Cycle) is under consideration for the NW corner of Beverly and Wilshire.
2. The Commission and Council are considering the degree of latitude staff should be permitted to exercise when approving deviations from various planning and building standards.

Public Works Commission

1. Staff is in the process of evaluating all street surfaces for future maintenance scheduling.
2. Evaluating storm drain water quality to prepare for future state mandated standards.
3. Reviewing sidewalk-placed news vending machine ordinance.

Parks and Recreation Commission

1. Turf grass renovation project planning underway.

Mayor Brien

1. The process of streamlining the City interfaces with residents and the business community is definitely improving the experience for all concerned.
2. 97 percent of the Business Triangle is leased.
3. The South East revitalization planning process is underway.
4. School safety is being reviewed with all stakeholders.
5. City revenue is increasing at a higher rate than expected.