

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

**CITY HALL ROOM 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

MINUTES

TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

January 10, 2013

9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL – 9:00 AM*

PRESENT: FRIEDMAN, STEINBERG, LEVINE, LICHT, GRUSHCOW
ABSENT:

STUDY SESSION

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sergeant Mader presented an informational update. Commissioner FRIEDMAN inquired if a written document as to how the Enforcement Index is calculated could be provided at the February 7, 2013 Commission meeting.

Commissioner LEVINE asked if it is legal for bicyclists to speak on cell phones while riding. Sergeant Mader answered that it is not legal to do so.

2. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – December 11, 2012

Chair STEINBERG provided Minutes of the meeting.

3. PANHANDLING INITIATIVE REPORT

Wendy Hughes, Special Assistant to the City Manager, and Julie Kahn, Human Services Outreach Manager, gave a presentation to the Commission. Chair GRUSHCOW suggested creating a poster to address both homeless and panhandlers so the public is aware of the difference.

4. TRAFFIC ENGINEERING QUARTERLY REPORT

Bijan Vaziri, Traffic Engineer, provided the report and answered queries.

Commissioner STEINBERG inquired about the type of mid-block crosswalk to be placed on Wilshire Boulevard, between Swall and Clark Drives. She asked if there will be flashing lights in the crosswalk to alert drivers. Deputy Director of Transportation, Aaron Kunz, informed Commissioner STEINBERG the crosswalk will be a pedestrian activated crosswalk.

Chair GRUSHCOW asked if traffic was impacted negatively by the opening of the temporary Ice Skating Rink on Crescent Drive. Mr. Vaziri stated there were few difficulties.

5. 2013 WORK PLAN

The Commission discussed staff's proposed Traffic & Parking Commission 2013 Work Plan developed to meet priorities established by the City Council.

Chair GRUSHCOW requested staff to modify the Work Plan to include the City Council priorities pertaining to technology and to list technologies the Transportation & Parking department would like to champion, working with the Information & Technology department.

6. STATUS REPORT

- a. Permit Parking on 300 Block of South Swall**
- b. UCLA Internship Program Results Follow-up**
- c. Correspondence**
- d. Traffic and Parking Commission Project Matrix**

Informational updates.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident Susan Mishler apprised the Commission about the Red Curb situation at the corner of Maple Drive (west side) and Olympic Boulevard.

Resident Andrea Grossman updated the Commission on her efforts to obtain a petition to modify the permit parking request on the 300 block of South Swall Drive.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS (ORAL)

Commissioner STEINBERG inquired about an update of the Red Light Camera sequencing. Staff will respond.

Commissioner LEVINE asked Director of Parking Operations, Chad Lynn, to comment on the parking deficit article in the Beverly Hills Weekly that touched upon various potential upgrades in parking technology. Mr. Lynn apprised that this information is being taken into consideration and will be further discussed as part of the FY 2013-14 budget process.

Vice Chair LICHT commented about a pending Assembly bill that would prevent cities from charging vehicles parked at broken meters. Mr. Lynn will track this legislation as it moves forward.

Chair GRUSHCOW read a portion of the California Vehicle Code defining how a bicyclist is identified and, in part, bicycles are not allowed to park in parking structures. Mr. Lynn informed Chair GRUSHCOW that some of the new parking structures in the City have areas designated for bicycle parking. Mr. Lynn will research the implications of the California Vehicle section pertaining to bicycle parking in structures.

ACTION ITEMS

1. BICYCLE RACK DESIGN

Transportation Planner Martha Eros and Art Director Aram Chobanian presented the Commission with drawings that displayed bicycle rack options. The designs are based upon the stainless steel Post-and-Loop style approved by the City Council at the November 13, 2013 meeting.

Staff presented two options:

Option 1: A center face plate shaped like a shield with an outline of the shield with the letters "BH" in the upper left-hand corner, and a bicycle rider symbol in the center.

Option 2: Graphic plate insert with a triangular shape with a bike rider symbol in the center and "BH" underneath.

The Commission also added a third option for consideration:

Option 3: Graphic plate insert with the same triangular shape as option 2, with the Beverly Hills shield and "BH" in the center of the shield, and a bike rider symbol under the shield.

Commissioner FRIEDMAN prefers Option 1, then Option 3

Commissioner STEINBERG prefers Option 3, then Option 1

Commissioner LEVINE prefers Option 1, then Option 3

Vice Chair LICHT prefers Option 1, then Option 3

Chair GRUSHCOW prefers Option 2, then Option 3

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by LICHT, seconded by STEINBERG

5/0 To approve the December 6, 2012 minutes

AYES: FRIEDMAN, STEINBERG, LEVINE, LICHT, GRUSHCOW

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 12:02 PM*

***TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**