



Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Below are highlights from the February 12, 2013 Mayor's Cabinet meeting, a monthly meeting with the mayor and chairs of the City commissions. Please note that this meeting is intended to exchange information on commission activities; no official actions are taken.

REPORT FROM COMMISSION CHAIRS

Fine Art Commission – Terri Smooke

The Plensa sculpture was installed in Beverly Gardens Park. A fence surrounding the Kusama sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park will be installed. The Roxy Paine sculpture has been moved to another location in Beverly Gardens Park. All three sculptures are installed on the same block of Beverly Gardens Park, between Beverly and Rodeo, in order to create a sculpture garden. The commission is working on revisions to the Fine Art ordinance. Installation of the Millard Sheets mural at the Civic Center is scheduled to be complete in early April.

Design Review Commission – Arline Pepp

The Design Review Awards were given out at the Jan. 8, 2013 City Council meeting. Progress has been made on two projects pending before the DRC, on Canon and Arden drives.

Public Works Commission – Barry Pressman

Commission members visited the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility in order to evaluate potential avenues to respond to new urban runoff regulations. The commission worked with Cable TV staff to create an educational video on recycling in Beverly Hills.

Human Relations Commission – Ilona Sherman

Deadline for the Bullying Prevention in Video Contest has been extended to May 15. A workshop on how to prepare a video will be held in the Teen Center in early spring. The commission is designing a campaign to promote civility on the streets.

Planning Commission – Craig Corman

A taskforce is meeting to discuss revisions to R1 zoning requirements. No major projects are currently under active consideration.

Recreation and Parks Commission – Robert Anderson

Large pine trees are being trimmed. The teen dance for 6th and 7th graders was well attended. A snack bar and outdoor exercise equipment are being added to La Cienega Park. Beverly Hills Little League is starting. The Children's Library held its official grand opening this past weekend and has been very well received. The next Farmers Market will feature a showcase for the Community Services Department, including a storytelling booth.

Charitable Solicitations Commission – Jan Block

Commissioners Jan Block and Judy Henning will be retiring from the commission. The new commission chair will be Alyssa Roston. The latest list of charities that do not meet minimum requirements has been posted on the City's website.

Traffic and Parking Commission – Alan Grushcow

Traffic and Parking Division staff, in conjunction with City Council and the commission, will soon implement an administrative citation option for enforcement of taxi and valet parking operator violations. Disabled parking abuse is a high priority of the commission, which is working with state officials and City Council to develop new approaches for reducing abuse. Additionally, stepped up enforcement operations will be conducted on Beverly Hills streets. The commission has agreed on a recommendation for permit parking on the 300 block of S. Swall Drive.

Architectural commission – Zale Richard Rubins

New projects under consideration include Nespresso, Soulcycle, The Canon Club and the Bvulgari sign request. The Louis Vuitton project will be coming back before the commission. The commission is asking that the project place more emphasis on the building at the corner of Rodeo and Wilshire as it is the Gateway to Rodeo Drive.

Cultural Heritage Commission – Noah Furie

The commission staff intends to apply to the state to be a certified local government (CLG), which would open up new sources of funding and resources. Three more projects have been added to a list of recommendations for local historic site status. The former home of Elvis Presley may be coming up for consideration as a local landmark. The Landmark Assessment Report on the historic status of City Hall has been requested from the consultant and is expected to come to the commission in April.

Health and Safety Commission – Ka'ren Setian

CERT training is underway. The commission is working with the Cable TV Division to create a PSA on how to get through the flu season.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brien reported on the success of the opening of the Children's' Library and discussed the financial pressures driving proposed water rate increases.

The next scheduled Mayor's Cabinet meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 8:45 a.m. in City Hall, room 280-B.