



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
City Council Chamber  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

## **PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

April 19, 2017  
7:00 PM

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: April 19, 2017 / 7:01 PM

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Corman, Licht, Block, Vice Chair Gordon, Chair Shooshani

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Healy Keene, Ryan Gohlich, Masa Alkire, Cindy Gordon, Karen Myron, David Snow

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Speakers: None

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

No items

#### **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

None

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. **1260 LAGO VISTA DRIVE**  
Hillside R-1 Permit

Request for a Hillside R-1 Permit to allow more than 1,500 cubic yards of earth material to be imported or exported from a site in the Hillside Area that is immediately adjacent to a street that is less than twenty four feet (24') wide. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

*Commissioner Corman stated that while not on the Commission when the item was originally agendized, he had thoroughly studied all materials, and was fully prepared to participate in the hearing.*

*Ex Parte Communications:*

- *Commissioner Corman disclosed the following:*
  - *A meeting with residents Peter Ostroff, Ron Richards, and Debbie Weiss*
  - *Being copied on an email exchange sent to staff by Peter Ostroff*
  - *Receipt of an email from Ben Reznik, which prompted Commissioner Corman to call Debbie Weiss to inquire if she was still represented by Mr. Reznik*
  - *A site visit to the project on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, with Jason Somers and Neil Cox from the applicant team, and City Planner Ryan Gohlich*
- *Commissioner Block disclosed the following:*
  - *A meeting in February, 2017 with members of the applicant team and staff at the project site*
  - *A meeting on Friday, April 14, 2017 with Debbie Weiss, Peter Ostroff, and Ron Richards at the project site*
- *Commissioner Licht disclosed the following:*
  - *A meeting with a group of residents on Thursday, April 13, 2017 – the content of the meeting's discussion is covered in the correspondence included in the agenda packet*
  - *A meeting the afternoon of Thursday, April 13, 2017 with members of the applicant team and City Planner Ryan Gohlich*
- *Vice Chair Gordon disclosed the following:*
  - *A meeting with applicant team members Jason Somers and Neil Cox at the project site*
  - *Receipt of a phone call from resident Peter Ostroff*
- *Chair Shooshani disclosed the following:*
  - *A meeting with members of the applicant team at the project site (staff was also present)*

Project Planner:	Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner
Project Applicant:	Maggie Cookman, Crest Real Estate, on behalf of Sagebrook Investments, LLC
Applicant Team:	Jason Somers, Noah Walker, Jorge Arreola, Aaron Green, Neil Cox, Ben Reznik

*The Commission took a recess at 8:58 PM*

*The Commission reconvened at 9:12 PM*

Public Input:	Robert Tanenbaum (Beverly Hills North Homeowners Association), Nancy Krasne, Nelson Moy, Steven Weinglass (Municipal League)
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of Beverly Hills), Julie Glucksman, Renee Young, Franny Rennie, Thomas Schulhof, Herb Reston, Jan Martin, Anne Ostroff, Dana Cole, Adrian Lorimer, Debbie Weiss, Peter Ostroff, Michael Schlesinger, Ronald Richards, Larry Murphy, Dr. Woodrow Clark,

*The Commission took a recess at 11:10 PM*

*The Commission reconvened at 11:18 PM*

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Corman, SECONDED by Vice Chair Gordon to direct staff to prepare a resolution denying the request for a Hillside R-1 Permit, to be presented for adoption at the May 11, 2017 Planning Commission regular meeting (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Corman, Licht, Block, Vice Chair Gordon, Chair Shooshani

NOES: None

CARRIED

**PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW BUSINESS**

No items

**STUDY SESSION**

No items

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: April 20, 2017 / 12:01 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY of MAY, 2017



Farshid Joe Shooshani, Chair