



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

February 7, 2019
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 7, 2019 / 1:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Pressman, Spann, Sharifi, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Sherman
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Mark Odell, Georgana Millican, Karen Myron

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

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Spann, SECONDED by Vice Chair Bernstein to amend the order of the agenda, hearing item #4, 229 South La Peer Drive, ahead of item #3, 901 Whittier Drive (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pressman, Spann, Sharifi, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Sherman

NOES: None

CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Design Review Commission regular meeting of December 6, 2018.

2. 211 NORTH OAKHURST DRIVE (PL1820497)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new Two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Act (CEQA), the Design Review Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project. *(Continued from the December 6, 2018 Design Review Commission meeting and will be continued to the March 7, 2019 Design Review Commission meeting.)*

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Bernstein, SECONDED by Commissioner Sharifi to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pressman, Spann, Sharifi, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Sherman

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Item #4, 229 South La Peer Drive, was heard ahead of Item #3, 901 Whittier Drive.

3. 901 WHITTIER DRIVE (PL1820274)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City, north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Design Review Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project. *(Continued from the August 2, 2018 Design Review Commission meeting.)*

Project Planner: Georgana Millican, Associate Planner
Project Applicant: John Ruzicka, Architect
Applicant Representatives: Ben Reznik, Marco Piva
Public Input: Bruce Massman, Lucy Billett, Diane Gerry

The Commission took a recess at 3:10 PM.

The Commission reconvened at 3:21 PM.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Spann, SECONDED by Vice Chair Bernstein to direct staff to prepare a resolution denying the project, to be brought back for adoption at the March 7, 2019 Design Review Commission regular meeting (4-1).

AYES: Commissioners Spann, Sharifi, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Sherman

NOES: Commissioner Pressman

CARRIED

4. 229 SOUTH LA PEER DRIVE (PL1820496)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Design Review Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project. *(Continued from the December 6, 2018 Design Review Commission meeting.)*

Project Planner: Georgana Millican, Associate Planner
Project Applicant: Siavash Jazayeri
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Spann, SECONDED by Vice Chair Bernstein to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pressman, Spann, Sharifi, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Sherman

NOES: None

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

No items

STUDY SESSION

5. CONSIDERATION FOR REDUCING THE BULK AND MASS OF RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

Discussion of previous and potential future modifications to the Municipal Code, in conjunction with the refinement of the design for single-family residences in the Central Area of the City.

Project Planner: Mark Odell, Urban Designer
Ryan Gohlich, AICP, City Planner
Public Input: None

Staff presented information and a brief history of the City's means for addressing the issues of bulk and mass of residential projects, which included the establishment of the Design Review Commission in 2004, the associated Track 1 (staff-level) approval process, and the 2013-2014 Citywide Study to reduce the bulk and mass of single-family residential projects.

Specific points of discussion included the Commission's existing authority when reviewing and potentially approving projects, and the public perception of Commissioners' presence and testimony at other public hearings.

Chair Sherman inquired if a public forum to assist applicants in navigating the Design Review process could be scheduled. Staff will explore that and other opportunities for public outreach.

Additionally, the Commission will forward to staff, any comments that may be included in the Commission's design guidelines, which may be used in conjunction with the City's Residential Design Style Catalog.

Commissioner Pressman left the meeting at 4:49 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting**
 - This item was not discussed; meeting video is available online

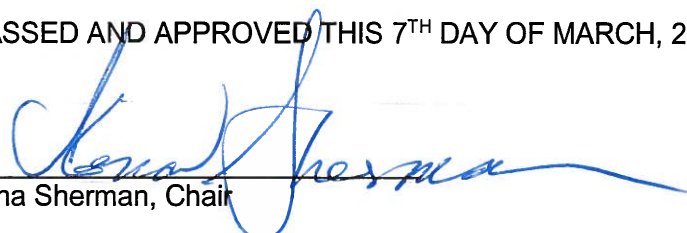
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- **Urban Designer Updates**
 - Staff reminded the Commission of the upcoming street closure in the 400 block of North Crescent Drive, which will begin the evening of Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Additional information on the closure is available on the City's website.
6. **2019 Meeting Schedule**
- Received and filed

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 7, 2019 / 4:54 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019


Ilona Sherman, Chair