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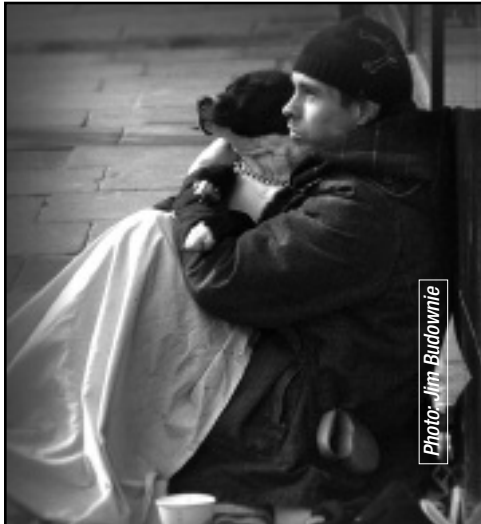
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Council reverses stand amidst resident complaints

Approved ordinance targets Beverly Hills homeless

Proposed program establishes standards of conduct on public property

By Elisa Osegueda



Beverly Hills is not the only city facing homelessness issues. Approximately 80,000 homeless people reside in LA county.

The cause and effects of homelessness have been issues the City of Beverly Hills has tried to amend. After hearing both the residential and business communities the City has decided to move forward with the adoption of an ordinance that would limit the conduct of homeless people in public property.

At Tuesday's formal meeting the Council voted unanimously in support of the ordinance that may go into effect as early as January of 2008.

According to Director of Human Services Maria Rychlicki, the Human Relations Commission and staff recommended to the City to support the CLASP: Changing Lives and Sharing Places program that would help address all community concerns regarding homelessness.

"A large number of the homeless people in Beverly Hills have a mental illness or suffer from paranoia, which makes them not want to go into any program. They may have also had a bad experience at a shelter, which at times they magnify into something they can't get over," said Rychlicki. "By having an outreach team that is trained to work with these types of homeless people we have a better chance of getting them into these services."

Vice Mayor Barry Brucker says the ordinance will help "curve criminalization, because what good is it to throw someone in jail and have them released back in the street and be no better off."

The first step according to Rychlicki is to get homeless people to try to engage in the

rehabilitation program. The second step is where the ordinance comes into effect.

"The second step is the ordinance, which allows the police department to site homeless people who are exhibiting behaviors that have an impact on others. Such as defecating on the parks, washing themselves in public bathrooms, and sleeping in parking structures. All these things make people who live here or who are visiting nervous," said Rychlicki.

The Human Relations Commission in a staff report expressed that the homeless needed viable alternatives to jail time or fines and recommended to look for ways to build a network of support services for the homeless to complement the ordinance prior to moving forward.

"Our homeless population is extremely small compared to other cities. There are 88,000 homeless people in LA County, there are more than a 1,000 estimated to be in Santa Monica," said Rychlicki.

It is estimated that approximately 30-35 chronically homeless people live in the parks, doorways, parking structures, alleys and shrubbery. This is why the Human Relations Commission recommended a

six-month pilot program of alternative sentencing rather than establishing an independent court. During the pilot program the city will work closely with "Step Up on Second."

"Step Up on Second is a very well respected organization that has its roots in Santa Monica so they have vast experience working with homeless people," said Brucker.

The six-month pilot program with "Step Up on Second" will cost the city \$33,400.

"This organization will have professionals come in and make contact with these people and help them get into a rehab/transitional center," said Councilmember Nancy Krasne. "We know who are homeless people are, they are regulars. I think it's appropriate to step up and deal with them."

Another issue brought up to the Human Relations Commission was panhandling.

"There is a constitutional right to panhandle, but it is very intimidating when people are being approached by a panhandler when they are at the ATM machine, or

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE: November 29, 2007

TIME: 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: Commission Meeting Room A
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2007, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

A request for a Hillside R-1 Permit to allow a wall within the front yard to exceed 3-feet in height and two Variances 1) to construct retaining walls in access of 7 feet in height and 2) exceeding the building height by encroaching into the building envelope in conjunction with the proposed construction of a new residence located at 1293 Monte Cielo Drive.

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City, and no significant environmental impacts are anticipated; therefore, a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission. Comments on the proposed Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to the Planning Department within 21 days from the date of this notice and written or oral comments will be accepted at the Planning Commission meeting at the date and time noted above.

If you challenge the Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Planning Department at 310.285.1123. Copies of the applications, plans and project materials are on file in the Planning Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 9357 West 3rd Street, Beverly Hills, CA. 90210.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCY

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCY: SOLICITATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill one vacancy on the Solicitations Advisory Commission. The initial term of office for the position is two years. At the discretion of the City Council, the Commissioner may be reappointed to a second term of four years. The appointee will be required to file an initial and an annual "Statement of Economic Interests" financial disclosure.

In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Chief of Police. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or the members of the Solicitations Advisory Commission regarding the vacancy.

Application forms for the Solicitations Advisory Commission, along with a description of the duties of a Commissioner, and filing details are available for pickup in the City Clerk's Office, Room 190, 455 N. Rexford Drive, or call 310.285.2400 to receive an application and information by mail or by email.

The deadline for filing applications is Friday, January 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

BYRON POPE, CMC
City Clerk

focus on listings within the "Golden Triangle" retail district, as well as neighboring areas such as Brentwood, Melrose/Robertson, and Santa Monica.

The new BRC Beverly Hills office will be located at 9744 Wilshire Boulevard. Headquartered in Los Angeles and founded in 2004, BRC Advisors is a full-service commercial real estate brokerage, with seven offices in California, Arizona, and Texas.



Beverly Hills Senior Leader Frances Rabinowitz Passes at 97

Born in January 10, 1910 in the eastside of Manhattan, New York Frances Rabinowitz, the youngest of 11 children, came to Beverly Hills in the early 1970s.

While some remember her youthful years as a dancer and chorus girl, Beverly Hills residents remember Rabinowitz for her work with the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club. She served a president of the club and also taught dance classes at the Parks and Community Center until her mid 80s.



Beverly Hills Fire Department Relief Fund Receives \$1,000

Diving Imaging Inc. a small business that

sells safety and survival gear, office products and supplies under contracts with the Federal and State governments donated to the Beverly Hills Fire Department Relief Fund \$1,000.

Pictured above, left to right (front row): James Banks, Sharon Guevara, Aleks Khalfin, Dawn Nero, Divine Imaging President Kimberly Devane, Dennis Figueroa, Beverly Hills Fire Captain Ray Navarro, and Xenia Almendarez. (Back row): Fire Captain Craig Reinhardt, Art Stephens, Ralph Mundell, Dave Perusse, Dave Gonzales, Kerry Gardner, Greg Vitali, Dean Viana, Richard Solomon, Alan Coffield, Jim Doersam, Dean Guccione

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BHUSD commenced with an \$80 + million bond issue in 1993, followed by a second bond issue, and improvements and new construction throughout the District for more than 10 years. Sol Levine was the initiating superintendent and there were several other [interim superintendents] between Sol and the superintendents mentioned in your editorial. There were also a number of Board members unmentioned. All of us participated in the process and all were equally important and involved.

What is important is the restoration of the physical plant of the District, not whose name appears on a plaque.

*Richard A. Stone
Board of Education member 1991-99
Beverly Hills*

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entering a parking structure and they are taking money out or while they wait for the bus or outdoor dining. The city can't prohibit panhandling but they can limit where and how you panhandle," said Rychlicki.





The ordinance would allow the police department to have a more active role in handling homeless people.

"It is really important that no one walk away thinking we are criminalizing or trying to penalize or shove homeless people out of the community," said Rychlicki.

Brucker believes the ordinance will bring a positive change to the city.

"If we can touch them emotionally through resources, then maybe of the 30 that we have maybe half of them can find an alternative lifestyle. This town has a big heart and I think that is one of our strengths," said Brucker.

**Beverly Hills Unified School District
Tuesday November 6 Election
Official Votes Cast**

Precincts	Registration	Ballots Cast	Steven Fenton 	Myra Lurie 	Alissa Roston 	Brian Goldberg 
Beverly Hills Hotel	1892	74	52	47	32	30
Absentee	0	204	145	116	111	78
Total	1892	278	197	163	143	108
Beverly Hills Hotel	1825	136	93	77	57	65
Absentee	0	247	187	138	105	118
Total	1825	383	280	215	162	183
716 North Hillcrest	1930	172	140	99	91	60
Absentee	0	189	127	89	77	84
Total	1930	361	267	188	168	144
Sunrise-City Hall	2234	92	61	63	42	40
Absentee	0	152	101	61	53	88
Total	2234	244	162	124	95	128
Hawthorne	1843	114	92	53	34	56
Absentee	0	218	182	103	98	96
Total	1843	332	274	156	132	152
Beverly Hills Unified District Office	2185	141	110	83	74	56
Absentee	0	237	160	138	133	107
Total	2185	378	270	221	207	163
Beverly Vista	2254	142	94	69	67	79
Absentee	0	159	107	89	85	81
Total	2254	301	201	158	152	160
Horace Mann	2386	209	156	94	95	127
Absentee	0	190	151	74	77	90
Total	2386	399	307	168	172	217
Roxbury Park	2215	207	147	104	117	94
Absentee	0	225	154	110	118	122
Total	2215	432	301	214	235	216
Temple Emanuel	2303	64	47	28	37	38
Absentee	0	153	93	74	76	83
Total	2303	217	140	102	113	121
Precinct Total Vote	21067	1351	992	717	646	645
Absentee Total Vote	0	1974	1407	992	933	947
Late Absentee			305	229	204	207
Grand Total Vote	21067	3325(+late votes)	2704	1938	1783	1799

*Shaded areas represent precincts where challenger Brian Goldberg defeated incumbents Myra Lurie and Alissa Roston.



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