



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Municipal Gallery

Sunshine Task Force Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, June 23, 2016
5:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: June 23, 2016 / 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Mayor John A. Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Dr. Charles Aronberg, Sonia Berman, Ed Brown, Fred A. Fenster, Murray D. Fischer, Marilyn Gallup, Marcia Hobbs, Gerald Lunn, Myra Lurie, Alissa Roston, Dr. Stella Sarraf, Gloria Seiff, Thomas White, Victoria Talbot, Debbie Weiss, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling, City Attorney Larry Wiener, Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Chief Information Officer David Schirmer, Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez

1) Oral Communications

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Ms. Debbie Weiss stated that she had questions regarding the hillside ordinance that she wanted to ask about but was told that this meeting was not the forum for that item.

2) Legislative Advocate Form Enhancements – David Schirmer

Chief Information Officer David Schirmer provided handouts (Attachments 1 and 2) and presented a PowerPoint and oral report on the enhancements that were made on the online legislative advocate form.

Fred A. Fenster and Gerald Lunn reported that they haven't met as a Committee but will be working on the form.

3) Prioritizing Legislative Advocate Issues for Council Review

Mr. Schirmer also presented a list of policy issues that need to be presented to City Council for consideration before changes can be instituted. The group was polled and agreed that all items are priorities and need to be presented to the Council (Attachment 1, page 3).

Some of the items discussed in detail include:

- Other third party contact – examples cited of other third party contacts are the Chamber of Commerce and lawyers/facilitators who just provide information. It was pointed out that some of the third party contacts are not directly paid as lobbyists but stand to gain from the business generated from connections made.
- Add ability to search for outcome of lobbying efforts
- All meetings conducted by staff should be logged on a calendar to have a means of tracking if staff met with lobbyists.
- Capture contacts with staff (even information gathering)
- Definition of a lobbyist (people not getting paid)
- Client privacy rules should be established. LLCs must register with the state of California
- Establish a “watch list” online of people who would like to be notified by email every time a certain lobbyist files a form or an amendment.
- The process for amending a form after a compensation is received after the fact
- There was a request to consider changing the state requirement period that a former Councilmember can become a lobbyist from 30 months to five years.
- There was also a request to put “old” (prior to 2013) legislative advocate forms online.

4) Adjournment

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