



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

## **DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

April 9, 2018  
7:00 PM

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

Date/Time: April 9, 2018 / 7:02 PM

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Pressman, Spann, Vice Chair Sherman, Chair Sharifi  
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Bernstein (*recused*)  
Staff Present: Susan Healy Keene, Ryan Gohlich, Mark Odell, Fernando Solis, 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**

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

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

No items

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

None

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

No items

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No items

## STUDY SESSION

### 1. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGN REVIEW EXPANSION BEYOND THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY

Conduct a public meeting and provide comments to the Planning Commission in consideration of this issue.

Project Planner:	Mark Odell, Urban Designer
Project Applicant	City Initiated
Public Input:	Ilene Nathan, Frieda Berlin – Trousdale Estates Homeowners Association, Alan Berlin – Trousdale Estates Homeowners Association, Ron Richards, Karen Platt, Debbie Weiss, Shahram Melamed, Franny Rennie, Mark Elliot

The Commission received the staff report and public comment, and provided comments to be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Summary of the Commission's comments on the respective elements were as follows:

- The Trousdale Estates Area of the City should not be included in the expansion of Design Review (unanimous)
- All sides of proposed buildings should be reviewed, rather than only street-facing elevations (unanimous)
- Permissibility of exemptions for certain lots, due to their limited or lack of view from the street(s) (split decision)
- Hillside Area-specific required findings should be developed, with focus on retaining walls. Revised findings should not replace existing findings, but should build on them (unanimous)
- Story poles should be required on a case-by-case basis at the determination of staff (unanimous)
- For projects that require review by both the Planning Commission and the Design Review Commission, each Commission should serve in its respective capacity. The order in which reviews should take place could remain as currently practiced, with Planning Commission review taking place first (split)
- Accessory elements should be included as part of the Commission's review, in a holistic / overall perspective. Exemptions for smaller elements that are not associated with a new house may be evaluated by staff to determine if Commission review is warranted (unanimous)
- Unless determined by staff to be impactful, trash enclosures should be exempt from Commission review (unanimous)
- The current Track 1 (staff level) / Track 2 (Commission level) system should be preserved, provided the Design Style Guide is updated to include specific provisions that are relevant to Hillside Area projects (unanimous)
- Timeline and staffing impacts will be evaluated as the process progresses
- Twice-monthly meetings will be scheduled as necessary; increased frequency will be evaluated as appropriate
- 500' public notice of projects is sufficient; bus tours will be integrated as appropriate (unanimous)

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

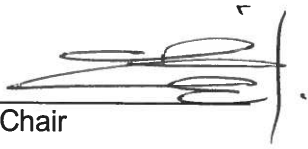
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: April 9, 2018 / 9:09 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2018

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Mahnaz Sharifi, Chair

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