Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Rodeo Drive/Special Events/Holiday Program Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

CITY HALL
455 North Rexford Drive
4th Floor Conference Room A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Thursday, April 18, 2019
2:00 PM

AGENDA

1) Public Comment
   a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

2) Donation of Peace and Love by Ringo Starr

3) Adjournment

Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk

Posted: April 15, 2019

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Mr. Ringo Starr has offered to donate one of his sculptures to the City and to pay for the base and relocation of the piece. The piece is a stainless steel representation of a hand with the peace sign. It is approximately 8' x 4.5' and weighs approximately 800 lbs. The piece is proposed to be installed on the front lawn of City Hall. The liaisons are asked to make a recommendation regarding this piece. It should be noted that the donation was brought to the Fine Art Commission previously. The Commission did not feel that the piece met the requirements of the fine art ordinance and as a result, turned down the donation.
Ringo Starr
Peace Garden, Beverly Hills, California.

Actual sculpture.
Since the 1960's Ringo Starr has been beloved as a musician but has also been promoting Peace & Love around the world, not only as a member of The Beatles and a solo artist, but as a humanitarian. In 2008 Ringo turned his birthday, July 7, into a celebration of Peace of love, creating an annual event that has become an international movement. Last year saw people gather at related events in over 70 countries to join him in the simple call to action: at Noon their local time they said, thought or posted #PeaceandLove, thus creating a wave of Peace and Love flow across the planet, starting in New Zealand and ending in Hawaii.

Ringo is also an artist, and some years back, he had a casting made of his hand making the peace sign. He later commissioned to turn it into a large bronze sculpture which he placed on the grounds of his estate. Seeing the large Peace sign in the beautiful natural environs gave birth to an idea:

Why not create more of these sculptures and sell them for charity? Each hand could be the center of a Peace & Love Park, where people could gather together in peace?

Each replica would be an advanced version of Ringo's original hand sculpture, constructed of polished stainless steel, making it distinctive, durable in all climates and vandal proof.

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Additional:

Cost of sculpture: $150,000 USD
Crating & shipping: Additional (Dictated by location)
Project benefits Ringo and Barbara’s charity, the Lotus Foundation (LotusFoundation.com), which exists to fund, support and participate in and promote charitable projects aimed at advancing social welfare in diverse areas including, but not limited to: substance abuse, cerebral palsy, brain tumors, cancer, battered women and their children, homelessness, animals in need and the environment.