

## **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights Mon., June 13, 2016**

Below are highlights from the June 13, 2016 mayor's cabinet meeting, a monthly meeting with the mayor and City commission chairs or their representatives. Please note that this meeting is intended to exchange information on commission activities; no official actions are taken.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Architectural Commission (AC) – Chair Andrea Gardner Apatow**

This was Chair Gardner Apatow's last meeting as chair. Very few projects have come to the AC recently. Among the future projects to be considered are the Maple Post Office renovation and the façade of the Wells Fargo building on Crescent.

#### **Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) – Vice Chair Richard Schreiber**

Ten permits were approved and six financial statements were evaluated. The city of Los Angeles issued permits for 19 events in May that were held in Beverly Hills; only 11 of these events were permitted by the City of Beverly Hills. CSC members met with the L.A. Charitable Services staff last week. An update will be provided next month. The CSC plans to propose changes to the municipal code. Letters will be sent to local hotels and event coordinators to obtain their input on encouraging charities to obtain permits.

#### **Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – Chair Lisa Greer**

Work on land-marking the clock drive-in market and a residence on Coldwater Canyon is complete and will go to the City Council on June 21. A residence that was in escrow fell out when the potential buyers learned it would be a candidate for land-marking. Properties that are being considered for land-marking include the lawn bowling field at Roxbury Park. Complete information will be sent to the RPC. El Rodeo School is undergoing repairs for earthquake safety and there are reports that the historic building will be torn down.

#### **Design Review Commission (DRC) – Vice Chair Ilene Nathan**

The DRC has approved all projects in the pipeline and likely no new projects will be ready in time for the next meeting, which may be cancelled. The DRC is in the process of evaluating properties for design review awards; and also is clarifying their case findings, which can be confusing for builders. The commission would like to count a portion of basements as part of the allowable square footage, which could help reduce the bulk and mass of homes in Beverly Hills.

#### **Fine Art Commission (FAC) – Vice Chair Alan Kaye**

Public artwork for a business on San Vicente Boulevard was approved once it was moved to a location that is more visible to the public. Jamie McCourt is offering to loan a sculpture to the City. The FAC is working on a new piece of art for purchase and a web submission form so

that members of the community can suggest public art and artists. The commission has asked for a notification process so they are aware when new money becomes available for the Fine Art Fund.

### **Health and Safety Commission (HSC) – No report**

### **Human Relations Commission – Chair Karen Popovich-Levyn**

The HRC chair read the City's civility statement. The Ambassador Program has been funded in the new City budget. The HRC is holding monthly hearings on tenant/ landlord cases; the Human Relations commission will be presenting to the Council Liaisons for review: developing a rental registry program in the City of Beverly Hills and continuing the no-cause termination as described by California State law with the addition of a relocation fee.

### **Planning Commission (PC) – Chair Alan Block**

An urgency ordinance changing how terracing affects square footage was changed into a regular ordinance and will be reconsidered June 30. Design Review oversight is needed in the hillside neighborhoods.

### **Public Works Commission (PWC) – Chair Dr. Sandra Aronberg**

The governor has declared that the drought continues in California but each City can submit their own water reduction targets. The City must submit its new goal by June 22. PWC is recommending doing away with the penalty surcharge program, which was a short-term program, in favor of a long-term system that is easier to administer but still encourages reduced water use, e.g. fines for big water users. The Public Works Services Department will be beta-testing LED lighting.

### **Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – Chair Frances Bilak**

Woofstock will be held at Roxbury Park on June 26. Music in the Mansion is June 19. Renovations of Beverly Gardens Park continue. Fiesta was held on June 12 at the Farmers' Market; Vice Mayor Nancy Krasne and Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli were among the judges; a 9-year-old girl won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Licensing requirements are being considered for personal trainers conducting classes in City parks. The commission has an agreement with the school district to start a ride-a-long bike riding safety course for children up to age 8 at Hawthorne School. The RPC is continuing to seek bike routes within the parks to allow everyone, on a scheduled basis, to ride their bikes safely. There will be a field trip on June 28 at noon, leaving from City Hall to look at the parks. (If anyone wants to go they should contact [IKneble@beverlyhills.org](mailto:IKneble@beverlyhills.org).) The entire commission expressed dissatisfaction with "landmarking" of the Lawn Bowling Green, as it would prevent utilizing that area for other needs at a future date.

**Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) – Chair Jake Manaster**

The contract for N. Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction is out to bid; once a contractor is on board, a detailed traffic mitigation program will be developed. City staff is collecting information on usage in the bike share program using GPS.

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