



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Planning Conference Rooms 101 & 102

Sunshine Task Force Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
5:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: September 28, 2016 / 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Mayor John A. Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Charles Aronberg, M.D., Sonia Berman, Woody Clark, Judie Fenton, Fred Fenster, Murray Fischer, Marilyn Gallup, Marcia Hobbs, Stella Sarraf, Gloria Seiff, Victoria Talbot, Joseph Tilem, Steve Webb, Myra Lurie, Thomas White, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs Cheryl Friedling, Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, Management Analyst Michelle Ramos-Vergara

1) Oral Communications

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

None.

2) City Fact Check Site

This item was not discussed.

3) Legislative Advocate Form – Report from Subcommittee

- Mayor Mirisch asked the attendees to discuss Mr. Fred Fenster's proposed update regarding the Legislative Advocate Form.
- Mr. Steve Webb explained his perspective on the role and definition of lobbyists. He stated that meetings conducted prior to formally lobbying on behalf of his clients was necessary in order to understand the scope of a project before lobbying Council and Commissioners. He also expressed that because of competition, disclosing specific details (such as addresses) and how much he is paid is a concern. Mr. Murray Fischer and Mr. Joseph Tilem expressed their concerns that as is written, the proposal would require lobbyists to document simple inquiries made to staff. Mr. Tilem stated that only substantial information and/or communications should be reported.

- The attendees agreed that “substance” as written in number two of the proposal is defined as topics of discussion.
- The attendees debated on when communications regarding lobbied projects should be reported and who should be responsible for reporting.
- Further discussion included on whether all inquiries to City staff should be reported and that calls initiated by City staff should be logged by the City staff member. Councilmember Bosse stated that she felt that City staff should log all communication received from lobbyists. Assistant City Manager George Chavez asked for clarification on which City staff should log communication and indicated that the IT Department will need to identify the technology required to implement the idea.
- The attendees attempted to discuss each bullet point listed in the proposal. It was decided that the discussion should be carried over to the next meeting and that attendees should expect to meet for about two hours. Mr. Fischer requested that Mr. Fenster also include him in the drafting of the proposal. Mayor Mirisch asked the attendees to review the existing proposal and to send any comments to Mr. Fenster or to Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed.

4) Discussion of Other Initiatives

None.

5) Adjournment

Date / Time: September 28, 2016 / 6:07 pm