



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

August 23, 2018
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 23, 2018 / 1:31 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Ostroff, Gordon, Shooshani, Vice Chair Block, Chair Licht
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Masa Alkire, Cindy Gordon, Karen Myron, David Snow

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: Debbie Weiss

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended, taking Communications from the Commission ahead of the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting of August 8, 2018.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Planning Commission regular meeting of August 9, 2018.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Gordon, SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Ostroff, Gordon, Shooshani, Vice Chair Block, Chair Licht

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

No items

PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW BUSINESS

No items

STUDY SESSION

3. UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING DESIGN REVIEW EXPANSION BEYOND THE CENTRAL AREA AND HILLSIDE AREA ISSUES

Receive report on the results of the City Council discussion on Design Review expansion and Hillside Area issues and provide staff direction

Project Planner: Ryan Gohlich, AICP, City Planner
Project Applicant: City Initiated Project
Public Input: Debbie Weiss

The Commission received the staff report and public comment, and discussed the next steps for these items. It was the consensus of the Commission to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to further discuss the issues to determine if changes to the Municipal Code are necessary at this time. Chair Licht named Commissioners Gordon and Shooshani as the Ad Hoc Committee members.

4. 322 FOOTHILL ROAD

Applicant-requested preview of a new three-story synagogue and potential request for a Zone Text Amendment to allow a fully automated parking facility to be used to satisfy parking requirements in the C-5 Commercial Zone.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioners Gordon and Shooshani disclosed separate conversations with Steve Webb regarding the proposed project.

Project Planner: Cindy Gordon, AICP, Associate Planner
Project Applicant: Stephen P. Webb
Public Input: Carl Steinberg – Etco Homes

The Commission received the staff report, applicant team's presentation, and public comment, and asked clarifying questions regarding the proposed project. Feedback was provided, but no formal action was taken on this item.

The Commission took a recess at 3:27 PM.

The Commission reconvened at 3:35 PM.

5. GENERAL PLAN STUDY SESSION PART THREE: HOUSING ELEMENT

Receive report from staff with information regarding the General Plan Housing Element

Project Planner: Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner
Project Applicant: City Initiated
Public Input: Steve Mayer

The Commission received the staff report and public comment, asked clarifying questions, and requested to agendaize a study session to discuss opportunities for considering alternative land uses that may help to address housing needs in the future. No formal action was taken on this item.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- The Commission discussed time limits for speakers and requested that the item be placed on a future agenda.
- Chair Licht made a statement clarifying information associated with his participation in the review of the project at 9908 South Santa Monica Boulevard.

6. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- Chair Licht mentioned brief highlights; meeting video is available online.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

• City Planner Updates

- City Planner Ryan Gohlich advised the Commission that the Zone Text Amendment for the project at 9200 Wilshire Boulevard, which the Planning Commission recently recommended for approval, is expected to be on the September 17, 2018 City Council formal meeting agenda.

7. Upcoming Projects List

- Received and filed; Commissioners requested status updates on the following projects:
 - 959 Alpine Drive
 - 100 North Crescent Drive
 - 128 and 130 South Carson Road

8. 2018 Meeting Schedule

- Received and filed; the meeting on September 13, 2018 will have both afternoon and evening sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 23, 2018 / 4:24 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2018



Andy Licht, Chair