



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
4th Floor Conference Room A
Sunshine Task Force Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 19, 2018
4:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: December 19, 2018 / 4:02 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., Councilmember Robert Wunderlich, Ed Brown, Linda Brown, Jerry Dobkin, Mark Elliot, Marcia Hobbs/The Beverly Hills Courier, Julia Joseph, Steve Mayer, Stella Sarraf, Debbie Weiss, Thomas White

Staff: Assistant City Manager George Chavez, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene, Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez

1) Public Comment

a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any items not listed on the agenda.

1. Debbie Weiss
2. Jerry Dobkin

2) Follow Up Items From the Last Meeting

• Council direction not being followed/failure to follow the General Plan – Ronald Richards to provide suggestions on how to address issue

- Item carried over to the next meeting.

• Update on when Planning Commission is scheduled to discuss the basement ordinance in the flats

- Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene provided an update and stated that this item will be taken by the Planning Commission around March 2019.

3) Use of the discretionary process in planning

Thomas White briefly explained what the item is about – that it is staff's responsibility to protect the residents' quality of life but instead staff is assisting developers get what they want instead of

protecting the City's best interests. Debbie Weiss commented that in some occasions, she has seen staff fail to properly apply the code, such as with the 1260 Lago Vista project.

Ms. Healy Keene distributed a list of current development activity projects showing addresses of projects, a brief description of the project, date filed, the planner in charge, contacts, and activities currently going on or was done on the project.

Councilmember Wunderlich and Mayor Gold asked staff to present at the next meeting a list of projects showing the project status at different stages, with information on the following: whether the project is code compliant or not, the allowable FAR and what was approved, what the developer wanted and what was approved, planner in charge, and a list of lobbyists for the project. The Council liaisons asked to look back a span of three years to see the pattern of approval for projects.

Ms. Weiss pointed out that the information for 1184 Loma Linda on the handout is outdated and should be taken out.

- 4) Adjournment
Date / Time: December 19, 2018 / 5:10 pm