



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

October 7, 2021
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: October 7, 2021 / 1:31 PM

Note: Chair Pressman participated with audio only, and deferred to Vice Chair Bernstein to lead the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Smooke, Spann, Sherman, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Pressman
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Mark Odell, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron

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: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Vice Chair and absent objection from the Commission, the agenda was approved as amended, taking item #3, the resolution authorizing meetings to be held via teleconference, ahead of the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Design Review Commission regular meeting of August 5, 2021.

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

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AYES: Commissioners Smooke, Spann, Sherman, Vice Chair Bernstein,
Chair Pressman
NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. DRAFT URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

This is an informational item that provides the Design Review Commission with an overview of the final draft of the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) document.

The Commission received the staff report and Consultant's presentation, and provided feedback on the draft report. Comments provided by the Design Review Commission will be incorporated in the presentation provided to the City Council this fall. The Commission took no formal action on this item.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) AND MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE SAME

Staff Presenter: Mark Odell, Urban Designer
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Smooke, SECONDED by Commissioner Sherman to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Smooke, Spann, Sherman, Vice Chair Bernstein,
Chair Pressman
NOES: None

CARRIED

Commissioner Sherman noted that her residence is within 500-1000 feet of the property at 115 North Wetherly Drive, but has determined that the requested approval will not affect her property in the following areas: development potential; income-producing potential; highest and best use; character by substantially altering traffic levels, intensity of use, parking, view, privacy, noise levels, air quality, or market value; and she will participate in the discussion of the item.

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4. 115 NORTH WETHERLY DRIVE (PL2100309)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City, south of Santa Monica Boulevard. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Design Review Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner
Project Applicant: Ben Naim, property owner
Public Input: San Besbelli, architect

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Sherman, SECONDED by Chair Pressman to adopt the resolution as presented (4-1).

AYES: Commissioners Smooke, Sherman, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Pressman

NOES: Commissioner Spann

CARRIED

5. 2021 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REVIEW

Annual review of the Design Review Commission's Conflict of Interest Code

Public Input: None

Chair Pressman left the meeting at 3:31 PM

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Smooke, SECONDED by Vice Chair Bernstein to adopt the 2021 Conflict of Interest Code, with Exhibits A and B for the Design Review Commission of the City of Beverly Hills as presented (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Smooke, Spann, Sherman, Vice Chair Bernstein

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Pressman

CARRIED

STUDY SESSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting**
 - This item was not discussed; meeting video is available online

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- **Urban Designer Updates**

- Urban Designer Mark Odell advised the Commission of the following:
 - Ad Hoc Committee members Commissioners Smooke and Spann met recently with staff to discuss the bulk and mass guidelines, which will be used in conjunction with the residential style guide. Additional updates will be provided to the Commission at future meetings, as appropriate.

6. 2021 Meeting Schedule

- Received and filed

7. 2022 DRAFT Meeting Schedule

- Received and filed; no conflicts were noted

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: October 7, 2021 / 3:36 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

Barry Bernstein

Barry Bernstein, Vice Chair