



## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

### **DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

#### **MINUTES**

October 6, 2022  
1:30 PM

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: October 6, 2022 / 1:30 PM

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:	Commissioners Peck, Bernstein, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Spann
Commissioners Absent:	Commissioner Pressman
Staff Present:	Mark Odell, Jason Caraveo, 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 Chair and absent objection from the Commission, the agenda was approved as presented.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Consideration of Minutes of the Design Review Commission regular meeting of September 1, 2022.

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

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Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Design Review Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Smooke, SECONDED by Commissioner Bernstein to adopt all items on the Consent Calendar as presented (4-0-1).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Pressman

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 3. 353 SOUTH WETHERLY DRIVE (PL2200428)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence with basement and porte cochere 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: Jason Caraveo, Assistant Planner

Project Applicant: Jacob Levy (353 S. Wetherly Dr. LLC), Property Owner

Project Representative: Harut Sumbatyan, Gispan Design

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Smooke, SECONDED by Commissioner Bernstein to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0-1).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Pressman

CARRIED

### 4. 618 NORTH ELM DRIVE (PL2200426)

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence with basement and porte cochere located in the Central Area of the City, North 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.

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Project Planner: Jason Caraveo, Assistant Planner  
Project Applicant: Zion Zamir (Zamir Z & M Fam Trust), Property Owner  
Project Representative: Harut Sumbatyan, Gispan Design  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Smooke, SECONDED by Commissioner Bernstein to continue the item to the November 3, 2022 Design Review Commission meeting, and for the applicant team to meet with an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioner Bernstein and Vice Chair Smooke before returning to the full Commission to continue consideration of the project (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Peck, Bernstein, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Spann  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Pressman

CARRIED

**5. 2022 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

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

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Smooke, SECONDED by Commissioner Bernstein to adopt the 2022 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 Peck, Bernstein, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Spann  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Pressman

CARRIED

**STUDY SESSION**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- **Urban Designer Updates**
  - Urban Designer Mark Odell advised the Commission of the following:

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- At its upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 12, the Cultural Heritage Commission will be reviewing several potential nominees for the Golden Shield Award, as well as possible changes to the Master Architect list.
- The Architectural Commission will be reviewing nine projects at its upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 19.

**6. 2022 Meeting Schedule**

- Received and filed

**7. 2023 DRAFT Meeting Schedule**

- The April 2023 meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month to avoid a conflict with Passover. All other draft meeting dates remain unchanged.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: October 6, 2022 / 2:58 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022

*Anthony Spann*

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Anthony Spann, Chair