



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

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

January 13, 2022
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 13, 2022 / 1:31 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Ross, Demeter, Ostroff, Vice Chair Hudnut, Chair Licht
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Timothea Tway, Cindy Gordon, Chloe Chen, 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.

Public Input: A letter from an undisclosed sender was read into the record.

The referenced letter was regarding the Spring Place project, which had previously received Planning Commission approval. Staff is currently investigating the concerns noted in the letter, and will place the item on a future agenda as appropriate, in accordance with the conditions of approval as granted by the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair and absent objection from the Commission, the agenda was approved as amended, noting that Guest Speaker Joel Kotkin has been rescheduled for the March 10, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting of December 9, 2021.

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Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ross, SECONDED by Vice Chair to adopt the minutes as presented (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Ross, Ostroff, Vice Chair Hudnut, Chair Licht

NOES: None

NO VOTE: Commissioner Demeter

CARRIED

2. RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING 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

Recent legislation adopted allowing the Planning 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 Hudnut, SECONDED by Commissioner Ostroff to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Ross, Demeter, Ostroff, Vice Chair Hudnut, Chair Licht

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

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

None

STUDY SESSION

- **GUEST SPEAKER – JOEL KOTKIN, AUTHOR AND PRESIDENTIAL FELLOW IN URBAN FEATURES AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY**

Informational presentation on affordable housing policies.

This item was rescheduled for the March 10, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

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3. SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

An informational report on the City of Beverly Hills Safety Element Update process and proposed changes.

Ex Parte Communications: None

Project Planner: Chloe Chen, Associate Planner
Project Applicant: City Initiated
Public Input: None

The Commission received the staff report and presentation, which is a follow-up to the information presented at the November 18, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. After receiving input from the public and appropriate state agencies, staff will make any necessary updates to the document, and return to the Planning Commission with a final draft. No formal action was taken on this item. The most up-to-date information is available on the project webpage at www.beverlyhills.org/safetylementupdate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Ostroff noted the variety of City pins in existence, and inquired about the possibility of creating a Planning Commission pin.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

• City Planner Updates

- City Planner Timothea Tway advised the Commission of the following:
 - At the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, staff will present ordinances extending interim ordinances regarding (1) the adjustment of lot lines that are between jurisdictional boundaries, and (2) providing objective standards for Senate Bill 9 projects in single-family residential zones.
 - The Planning Division recently welcomed new Associate Planners Alexandria Smille, Minjee Hahm, Kaitlin McCafferty, and Didier Murillo.

4. Current Planning Projects List

- Received and filed

5. Building Permit Report –December

- Received and filed

6. 2022 Meeting Schedule

- Received and filed; the January 27 meeting has been cancelled

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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 13, 2022 / 2:25 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

Andrew Licht

Andrew Licht, Chair