

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

August 17, 2022 1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 17, 2022 / 1:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark Odell, Christine Delostrinos, 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.

Public Input: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Architectural Commission regular meeting of July 20, 2022.

2. RESOLUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL 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 was adopted allowing the Architectural 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 Commissioner Meyer, SECONDED by Vice Chair

Devlin to adopt all items on the Consent Calendar as presented (5-

0).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Meyer advised that item #3 is less than 500 feet from property in which he has a financial interest. As such, he recused from the item and left the room at 1:35 PM.

3. 409 NORTH BEVERLY DRIVE

Reformation (PL2200357)

Request for approval for an architectural review to allow façade modifications, a Sign Accommodation to allow multiple Business Identification Signs, minor landscaping, and a construction barricade. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Reformation
Project Representative: Michael S. Jones

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Devlin, SECONDED by Commissioner

Pynoos to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

RECUSED: Commissioner Meyer

CARRIED

Commissioner Mever returned to the meeting at 1:56 PM.

Commissioner Meyer advised that while item #4 is less than 500 feet from properties in which he has a financial interest, those properties face North Beverly Drive and North Rodeo Drive, rather than Brighton Way. Because the project is not visible from the properties in which he has a financial interest, he does not believe the project will have a measurable impact on his properties. Additionally, he advised of a financial interest in property between 500 and 1000 feet from the project site, and has taken into consideration and determined that the proposed project will not impact to his interests' development potential; income-producing potential; highest and best use; character by substantially altering traffic levels, intensity of use, parking, view, privacy, noise levels, or air quality; or market value; and he will participate in the consideration of the matter.

4. 9540 BRIGHTON WAY

Parfums de Marly (PL2200361)

Request for approval for an architectural review to allow façade modifications, a Sign Accommodation to allow multiple Business Identification Signs, and a construction barricade with lifestyle graphics. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Parfums de Marly

Project Representative: Ashok Vanmali, Gruen Associates

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Matson, SECONDED by Commissioner

Pynoos to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

CARRIED

Commissioner Meyer advised that item #5 is less than 500 feet from properties in which he has a financial interest, but those properties face North Beverly Drive, rather than North Rodeo Drive. Because the project is not visible from those properties, he does not believe the project will have a measurable impact on them, and he will participate in the consideration of this matter.

5. 401 NORTH RODEO DRIVE Bulgari (PL2200362)

Request for approval for an architectural review to allow the construction of a new three-story building with an outdoor rooftop area, and a Sign Accommodation for multiple Business Identification Signs. The Planning Commission previously adopted a Categorical Exemption for the project on December 10, 2020, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and no further environmental review is required at this time.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Bulgari Corporation of America

Project Representative: Ashok Vanmali

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Meyer, SECONDED by Chair Schreiber

to adopt the resolution as amended (4-1).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair Schreiber

NOES: Commissioner Matson

CARRIED

The Commission took a recess at 3:08 PM

The Commission reconvened at 3:16 PM.

6. 8501 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Cedars Sinai (PL2200363)

Request for approval of an architectural review for a Sign Accommodation to allow multiple Building Identification Signs. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Cedars Sinai Project Representative: Scott Hampton

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Devlin, SECONDED by Commissioner

Pynoos to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

CARRIED

7. 9701 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Polestar (PL2200364)

Request for approval of an architectural review for a Business Identification Sign. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Galpin Motors, Inc. Project Representative: Thomas S. Levyn

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Matson, SECONDED by Commissioner

Meyer to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

CARRIED

8. 139 SOUTH BEVERLY DRIVE

Dean Stockton Mural (PL2200372)

Request for approval of an architectural review for a Sign Accommodation to allow the installation of a mural. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Michael Hakim Project Representative: Warren Brand

Public Input: Michael Lushing, JR Dzubak – Beverly Hills Rotary Club

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Pynoos, SECONDED by Vice Chair

Devlin to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

CARRIED

Subsequent to the Commission's vote on item #8, Chair Schreiber noted that Commissioner Meyer's statement of participation had inadvertently been missed prior to the Commission's consideration of the item. Commissioner Meyer then advised that he has a financial interest in property between 500 and 1000 feet from the project site, and had taken into consideration and determined that the proposed project will not impact to his interest's development potential; income-producing potential; highest and best use; character by substantially altering traffic levels, intensity of use, parking, view, privacy, noise levels, or air quality; or market value; thus he participated in the consideration of the matter.

9. 449 SOUTH BEVERLY DRIVE Office Building (PL2200373)

Request for approval of an architectural review to allow façade modifications ad minor landscaping. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Hugo Rose
Project Representative: Samuel Valensi

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Meyer, SECONDED by Commissioner

Matson to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Pynoos, Meyer, Matson, Vice Chair Devlin, Chair

Schreiber

NOES: None

CARRIED

PROJECT PREVIEW

Commissioner Meyer advised that item #10 is less than 500 feet from property in which he has a financial interest. As such, he recused from the item and left the room at 4:25 PM.

10. 319 NORTH RODEO DRIVE

Dior (PL2200358)

Request for a preview of a new three-story commercial building with a rooftop restaurant, multiple Business Identification Signs including Business Identification Signs facing an alley, and a construction barricade. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a preview of the project scope is not subject to an environmental determination as no approval is granted.

Project Planner: Christine Delostrinos, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: 319 North Rodeo, LLC

Project Representative: Ashok Vanmali

Public Input: None

The Commission reviewed the project and provided preliminary feedback, but took no action on this item.

Commissioner Meyer returned to the meeting at 4:57 PM.

STUDY SESSION

No Items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

 Chair Schreiber provided brief updates from the Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Meeting video is available online.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

• Urban Designer Updates

- Urban Designer Mark Odell advised the Commission of the following:
 - The Design Review Commission will be reviewing one project at its upcoming meeting on Thursday, September 1.
 - The Restaurant Subcommittee will be meeting soon to review several new projects
 - Staff is working on scheduling meetings for the Cultural Heritage Commission's standing subcommittees.

11. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Received and filed

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 17, 2022 / 5:02 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

Jennifer Schreiber

Jennifer Schreiber, Chair