



**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**

May 4, 2023  
1:30 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: May 4, 2023 / 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, Minjee Hahm, 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.

Commission Specialist Karen Myron noted that the project at 333 North Rexford Drive, which had originally been noticed for this meeting, was removed from the agenda at the Applicant's request. Public notice of the project will be re-issued when it is scheduled to appear on a future agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Consideration of Minutes of the Design Review Commission special meeting of April 3, 2023.

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Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Smooke, SECONDED by Commissioner Bernstein to adopt the minutes 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**

*Citing residency less than 500 feet from the subject property, Vice Chair Smooke recused from item #2 and left the meeting room at 1:34 PM.*

**2. 723 NORTH BEDFORD DRIVE (PL2300150)**

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.

Project Planner: Minjee Hahm, Associate Planner  
Project Applicant: Hormoz Golian (Arden Investments Inc), Property Owner  
Project Representative: Hamid Gabbay (Gabbay Architects), Architect  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Bernstein, SECONDED by Commissioner Peck to adopt the resolution as amended (3-0-1-1).

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

CARRIED

*Vice Chair Smooke returned to the meeting at 1:48 PM.*

**3. 503 NORTH ELM DRIVE (PL2300132)**

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

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Design Review Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Project Planner: Minjee Hahm, Associate Planner  
Project Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. John Raanan (Elm St Investment Group LLC), Property Owner  
Project Representative: Charles Hefner, Architect  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Bernstein, SECONDED by Vice Chair Smooke to continue the item to the June 1, 2023 Design Review Commission regular meeting (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

- Vice Chair Smooke inquired about the status of the Commissioner interview schedule. Staff advised that a meeting of the City Council Liaison/Commission Standardization Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of being scheduled; the Committee is expected to discuss the interview process for Commissioners.
- **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting**
  - Chair Spann noted that Mayor Gold has some positive things planned for the next year; meeting video is available online

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- **Urban Designer Updates**
    - Urban Designer Mark Odell advised the Commission of the following:
      - The Architectural Commission currently has three projects scheduled for review at its meeting on Wednesday, May 17.
      - Several projects are in the process of review in preparation for their presentation at an upcoming Design Review Commission meeting.
4. **2023 Meeting Schedule**
- Received and filed

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: May 4, 2023 / 2:18 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2023

*Anthony Spann*

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Anthony Spann, Chair