



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280A

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, January 4, 2024
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 4, 2024 / 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Shalowitz, Ignarro, Vice Chair Afra-Maghen, Chair Schwartz

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shana Epstein, Martha Eros, Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Ilene Knebel, Renato Moreno, Genevieve Row

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items 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 Comment: Emailed comment was read into the record from Steve Mayer.

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 Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting of November 2, 2023.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Ignarro to approve the consent calendar item as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Shalowitz, Ignarro, Chair Schwartz

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Afra-Maghen.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Police Department Report

Lieutenant Renato Moreno gave an update on activities related to the Police Department's Traffic Division during the month of December, including a DUI checkpoint held on December 15. He also gave an update on street closures for the upcoming 81st Golden Globe Awards. The commission asked about the New Year's Eve checkpoint, virtual driver's licenses, disabled placards, and the alternate routes for the Golden Globes shutdown.

3. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Transit and Bikeway Accessibility

Matt Johnson, AICP (Capital Project Manager and Bikeways Coordinator for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation), gave a presentation on public transit and bikeway accessibility and ways to create safe traveling for both bicyclists and public transit riders, including accommodations for blind travelers. The Commission asked about how funding for the projects worked and tactile warning services for the visually impaired.

4. Planning Quarterly Report

Principal Planner Cindy Gordon gave an update on the open dining area plan being adopted by the City Council as a permanent feature. The Commission asked about changes to the process of applying for an outdoor dining permit, the differences between outdoor dining and parklets, and for any updates on the city's housing element.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Proposed Parking Updates to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code

Public Works Director Shana Epstein introduced Lieutenant Moreno and Allison von Ebers from Dixon Parking Consultant. They gave an update on a series of proposed changes to the Municipal Code in relation to parking and streets. The Commission asked about mobile payments for parking meters, service worker permits, and whether coins can still be used for parking meters. Additional comments were offered by Parking Services Manager Genevieve Row and Lead Parking Officer Mike Liang.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

6. Proposed Agenda Items February – June 2024

Transportation Planner Martha Eros gave a presentation on proposed agenda items for the Commission for the upcoming February through June meetings. The Commission asked about school zone projects and potential items on electronic scooters/bike shares.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

7. Project Updates and Follow-up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided an update on multiple projects, including the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program, grant-funded pedestrian crossings, and the traffic calming demonstration on Clifton Way. The Commission asked about improving the readability of the flyer for the proposed "HAWK" pedestrian crossing.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Schwartz asked about honoring the city's crossing guards with a presentation for their work. She also asked the Commission about rescheduling or canceling the July meeting since it is scheduled for July 4. The Commission thanked Commissioner Shalowitz for his service as Chair in 2023.

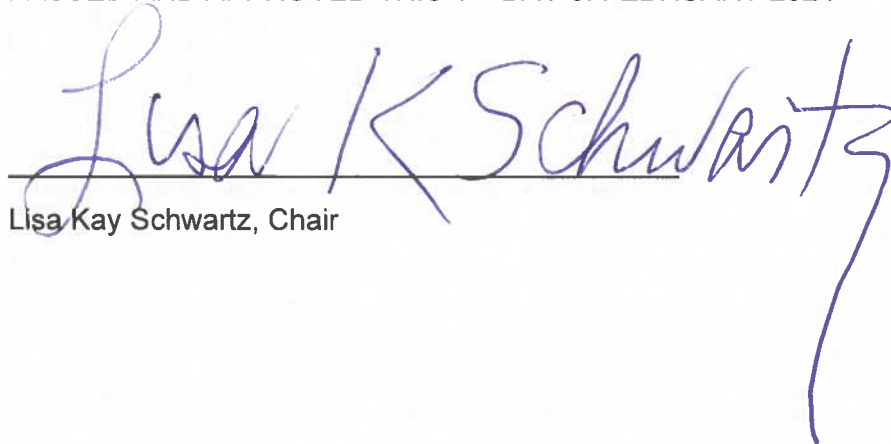
COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Public Works Director Shana Epstein gave an update on the proposed restructuring for water rates and wastewater rates. The changes would measure volumetric use and be implemented over the course of five years.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 4, 2024 / 11:20 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY of FEBRUARY 2024

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lisa Kay Schwartz", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Schwartz" being particularly prominent.

Lisa Kay Schwartz, Chair