



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, February 1, 2024
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 1, 2024 / 9:01 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Josette Descalzo, Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Lt. Giovanni Trejo, Christian Vasquez

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: Public comment was read into the record from Arnon Gurman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By consensus approval, the agenda was amended. Tab 3 will be presented before Tab 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting of January 4, 2024.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Commissioner Shalowitz to approve the consent calendar item as presented (5/0).

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

NOES: None.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. City Clerk – 2024 Election Update

This item was not presented due to a scheduling conflict and will be brought back at a later date.

3. Police Department Report (Presented Before Tab 2)

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo gave an update on recent private events, including the 81st Golden Globes held last month and the upcoming Vanity Fair Academy Awards party on March 10th and the LA Marathon on March 17th. Waymo will also host a training program on their driverless cars. The Commission asked if the public can access the monthly police traffic reports, if the Commission could attend the Waymo training program, how the Waymo driverless cars operate, and how the police department handles misdemeanor charges for disabled placard abuse.

4. Monthly Education Speaker Series – Behavior Change Theory and Techniques to Encourage Active Transportation

Transportation Planner Christian Vasquez introduced Thomas Stokell, CEO of Love to Ride, a non-profit dedicated to getting people more involved in bike riding. He gave a presentation on how to use different methods to positively influence people into riding their bikes more, including for their daily commute to work and back. The Commission asked about overcoming both real and perceived barriers to riding bikes.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan – Mitigation Measures

Environmental Compliance & Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo gave an update on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) implementation process, including the GHG emissions inventory, mitigation strategies, possible reduction scenarios, and the requests/feedback from City Council on the plan. He also gave an update on the recent accomplishments in relation to the plan. The Commission asked about the time frame for the Complete Streets plan to ensure deliverable progress occurs and requested adding an overview of the plan to the agenda for next month's meeting to review all deadlines, delays, and completed projects.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Climate Friendly Business District Program

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter gave a presentation on a potential Climate Friendly Business District Program designed to encourage residents to travel to commercial areas using sustainable modes of transportation and support local businesses, including potential incentives for both residents and businesses. The program is in the very early stages of development. Three locations have been identified as possible locations for the

pilot program: S. Santa Monica Blvd, S. Beverly Blvd, and Robertson Blvd. The Commission expressed their support for the program and asked about how to encourage residents to walk more for their health, such as reaching a goal of 10,000 steps a day. The Commission also asked about how many locations could be chosen for the pilot program.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

7. Project Updates and Follow-up Items

Transportation Planner Christian Vasquez gave an update on the installation of bike lanes on Beverly Blvd, which is expected to be completed in early 2024. Construction of the 5 new pedestrian crossings are expected to be completed in early 2024. The Commission asked about any updates on the first Metro station opening and about honoring former Commissioner David Seidel at the pedestrian walkway being constructed at Robertson and Chalmers.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Ignarro to include a plaque to recognize former Commissioner David Seidel for his contributions to the project crossing at Robertson & Chalmers (3/2).

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

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Schwartz requested a follow-up on honoring the city's crossing guards.

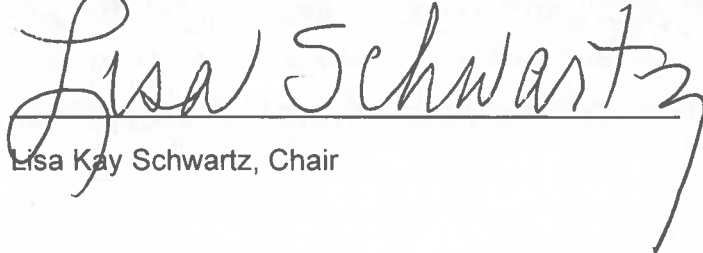
COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 1, 2024 / 10:51 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY of MARCH, 2024



Lisa Kay Schwartz, Chair