



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Property Owners Task Force Committee

TELEPHONIC VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

Beverly Hills Liaison Meeting

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, November 8, 2021
4:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: November 8, 2021 / 4:32 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmember Julian Gold; Councilmember Lester Friedman; Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap; Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery; Public Works Director Shana Epstein; Community Development Director Ryan Gohlich; City Planner Timothea Tway; Executive Assistant Adrienne Tarazon; Todd Johnson; Blair Schlecter; Greg Sefain; Dar Mahboubi; David Miharooni; Brad Adams; Bill Wiley; Yas Baravarian; Ming Kou; Matthew Burke; Bob Goldman; Sam Hakim; Jon Suematsu; Shervin Lalezary; Wally Marks; Steve Mayer.

1) Public Comment

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

- No public comment.

2.) Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Property Owners Task Force Committee authorizing public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determination regarding the same.

New legislation (AB 361) was recently adopted allowing the Property Owners Task Force Committee 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 Councilmember Friedman, SECONDED by Councilmember Gold to adopt the resolution as presented (2-0).

AYES: Councilmembers Friedman, Gold

NOES: None

CARRIED

3.) Welcome and Introductions

4.) Recap of New York Business Attraction and Retention Trip

- The Committee discussed the annual New York business retention and attraction trip in October. The delegation met with 25 businesses over the duration of the trip.

5.) Update and Discussion on Recent City Council Policy and Business Actions

a. Parking Requirements for Restaurants and Private Training Centers

- Restaurants are allowed 1 space for every 350sq of floor area regardless of restaurants size which now aligns parking requirements to be equivalent to the same as retail parking requirements.
- Restaurants are able to lease parking spaces near the restaurant to count as required spaces.
- Reduced parking fees.
- Parking requirements for private training studios/fitness uses have also changed. Smaller studios such as yoga and cycling are allowed flexibility removing restrictions that existed in the code.

b. OpenBH Program

- The City Council decided on September 21, 2021 to continue the program in its current format (no cost temporary program) through March 31, 2022 while the City Council works in two Subcommittees to discuss the long term conversion of OpenBH program participants.

c. Medical Use Ordinance

- Offices may be converted into medical use per the interim ordinance which has been extended for an additional year while a more permanent regulation is being explored.

d. Rooftop Dining

- Enclosed and open air dining is allowed on rooftops that are located in the business triangle on parcels zoned C3. They may obtain a rooftop dining permit.

e. Mixed Use Ordinance

- Allows mixed use residential above commercial along major corridors in the city outside of the business triangle provides more flexibility to property owners

- Require planning commission review and approval
- Previously did not allow residential uses in commercial zones

6.) Updates from Property Owner Task Force Members

- a. Continuing Impacts from COVID-19 on Tenants
 - Medical Ordinance has been the most helpful
 - Losing tenants due to them working remote and not needing or wanting to pay rent for an office space.
- b. Other Concerns and Opportunities
 - What will be replacing small offices or retail spaces?
 - What is the next round of business?
 - What are the visions for the future?
 - Affordable small food places.
 - Entertainment for children. Snack place.

7.) Future Agenda Items Discussion

- City Council will be discussing the possible temporary closure of Rodeo Dr. to vehicular traffic on weekend evenings from 11pm to 6am.
- City Council may explore the potential closure of N. Canon Dr.
- Councilmember Gold suggested a future agenda item regarding what the task force members expect in terms of commercial trends and to start thinking about a vision for the future of Beverly Hills commercially
- Todd Johnson mentioned the need to keep casual dining options available in the City

8.) Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

June 8, 2021 / 5:53 PM