



**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison /
OpenBH Design and Operating Standards Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Special Meeting #3**

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2022
11:00 AM**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 13, 2022 11:00AM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lili Bosse; Councilmember John Mirisch; Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey; Marketing & Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery; Special Events Coordinator Magdalena Davis; Director of Public Works Shana Epstein; Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich; City Architect Mandana Motahari; City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works Daren Grilley; Assistant Director Community Development Building Official David Yelton; City Planner Timothea Tway; Associate Project Manager Public Works Ji Kim; Lorcan O'Herlihy of O'Herlihy Architects; Kevin Murray of O'Herlihy Architects; Ghazaleh Khezi of O'Herlihy Architects; President & CEO of Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Todd Johnson; David Miharooni of Brickstar Capital; Daniel Miharooni of Brickstar Capital; Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Greg Sefain; Bianca Heyward of the Beverly Hills Courier

VIA ZOOM:

Senior Management Analyst Public Works Tania Schwartz; Barbara Lazaroff of Spago Restaurant; Steve Scott Springer of Spago Restaurant; Ian Dickens of O'Herlihy Architects; Murray Fischer of Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce; Marc Esposito of Signature Party Rentals; Ramsay Edwards-McNear; An unidentified person from Caffè Roma; Vicky Mense of Xian; Steve Mayer; Robbie Anderson – Resident; Debbie Supnik; Ron Shalowitz; Preston Park; Victor Carina

1) Public Comment

- a. Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
 - Steve Mayer submitted public comment in advance which was read by Magdalena Davis.
 - Mark Elliot provided public comment.

- Robbie Anderson provided public comment.
 - Ramsay Edwards-McNear provided public comment.
 - Barbara Lazaroff of Spago Restaurant provided public comment.
 - Ian Dickenson of O’Herlihy Architects provided public comment.
- 2) Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / OpenBH Design and Operating Standards Ad Hoc Subcommittee authorizing public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determination regarding the same.
- a. New legislation (AB 361) was recently adopted allowing the OpenBH Design and Operating Standards Ad Hoc Subcommittee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.
 - The resolution was read into the record and the Liaisons unanimously approved the resolution.
- 3) Open BH Design & Operating Standards Subcommittee Stakeholder Outreach Meeting #3
- a. Project History – Mandana Motahari gave a breakdown on the history of the Open BH program starting with the temporary necessity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to give restaurants the opportunity to stay operational and to give restaurant patrons the opportunity to come out and enjoy outdoor dining within the Health Department COVID-19 guidelines. Due to the success of the Open BH program and created opportunities for expanded outdoor dining there is a strong support to make temporary parklets permanent. The two subcommittees, Open BH Design & Operating Standards Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Open BH Code Changes and Fees Ad Hoc Subcommittee, along with the critical input from the stakeholders, have been created to provide standards and regulations for the permanent Open BH program.
 - b. Existing Conditions of Parklets – Architect, Lorcan O’Herlihy, spoke about the currently existing parklets and how their set up was intended to be temporary and does not support long-term use and/or public safety, as well as the elevated aesthetics worthy of Beverly Hills. Lorcan discussed the need for compiling the framework and standards of the design elements of the parklets along with essential stakeholder input and feedback.
 - c. Project Goals – Architect/Project Manager, Kevin Murray discussed the research, design development, documentation and communication distribution of the work plan for development of design guidelines for the new parklets. The presentation of a prototype using a kit of parts will be introduced at a future on-site meeting for stakeholder assessment and ultimate adoption by the City.
 - d. Project Timeline – To take place over the next six months; a four phase plan to be delivered to the City in November 2022.

e. Small Group Workshop Breakout Sessions

- The group leaders were asked to give the main point(s) of the breakout group sessions and came back with the following:
 1. Mondana Motahari – The importance of maintenance of the parklets and the utilization of concealed safety elements in the design.
 2. Lorcan O’Herlihy – The focus and integration on safety of cars and pedestrians in and around the parklets. The desire to keep the design as aesthetically welcoming as the rest of Beverly Hills.
 3. Magdalena Davis – The potential possibility to swap the dining area with the parklet area, i.e., moving the pedestrian traffic to the location that is currently the parklets and aligning the outdoor dining tables with the restaurant, creating a “boardwalk style” look. The space, style and weather protection features should be reflective of the “high end” upscale look of Beverly Hills. Also a focus on the manner of concealment of the barriers to provide additional safety.
 4. Ian Dickenson – Identifying and applying resiliency to the material, to the operation and having each parklet specific design to be related to their context.

f. Next Steps

- Obtaining feedback and input from stakeholders is very important to the success of this program. A web based portal will be provided for stakeholders and members of the community to contribute their commentary.
- The Open BH comment box will be located at:
www.beverlyhills.org/openbh.

4) Future Agenda Items

- The Liaisons will reconvene in approximately one month’s time to determine further details.

ADJOURNMENT

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